BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of

§ AGREED

Registered Nurse License Number 226557

§

issued to ANN PATTERSON MILLER

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of ANN PATTERSON MILLER, Registered Nurse License Number 226557, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
- 2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from University of Texas-Austin, Austin, Texas on December 1, 1971. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 1, 1972.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1971-1974

RN

Christus Santa Rosa and Nix Hospital

San Antonio, Texas

9/74-8/12

RN/WHNP

Office of Dr. William Peche

San Antonio, Texas

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

9/2012-Present

WHNP

Institute for Women's Health San Antonio, Texas

6. On or about April 1987 through October 2014, Respondent represented herself as and practiced as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner and prescribed dangerous medications to patients without having obtained authorization and/or licensure as an Advanced Practice Nurse with Prescription Authorization from the Texas Board of Nursing, as required. Respondent's conduct was deceptive and exposed the patients unnecessarily to a risk of harm.

On or about February 20, 2015, Respondent was directed to immediately CEASE AND DESIST from representing herself as an APRN and/or from the practice of advanced practice registered nursing in the State of Texas via Board correspondence. A copy of the Board correspondence, dated February 20, 2015, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

- 7. Respondent states it was her belief and understanding that she was grandfathered in as an advanced nurse practitioner when the changes were made to the Nurse Practice Act because she obtained certification from the National Certification Corporation in 1981.
- 8. Respondent, by his/her signature to this Order, expresses his/her desire to voluntarily surrender his/her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(E)&(11)(B) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §221.4(a),(b)&(c) [effective March 1987], and §221.4(a),(b)&(e) [effective January 2000] and §221.2(c) [effective February 25, 2001 and amended May 15, 2005].
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 226557, heretofore issued to ANN PATTERSON MILLER, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

- 5. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.
- 6. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
- 7. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 8. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

TERMS OF ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of Registered Nurse License Number 226557, heretofore issued to ANN
PATTERSON MILLER, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Texas Board
of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

- 1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional/registered nursing, use the title "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself/himself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
- 2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
- 3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that Thave the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 19 day of October 20 15.
(Inn Miller)
ANN PATTERSON MILLER, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of October, 2018.

SEAL Require Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

Notary Public, State of Texas My Commission Expires August 13, 2018

KATE CROFT-WALSH, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 19th day of October , 2015.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of

the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License

Number 226557, previously issued to ANN PATTERSON MILLER.

Effective this <u>19th</u> day of <u>October</u>, <u>2015</u>.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board