BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED

Registered Nurse License Number 726665 §

An investigation by the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, produced evidence indicating that SOOSAN ANIL, Registered Nurse License Number 726665, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, may be subject to discipline pursuant to Sections 301.452(b)(10)&(13) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.

An informal conference was conducted on July 28, 2015, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent appeared in person.

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 Nursing Diploma from India on March 31, 1986. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on April 13, 2006.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

5/1986 - 4/1988 Staff Nurse St. John's Medical College Hospital Bangalore, India

5/1988 - 7/1988 Unknown

8/1988 - 12/1988 Staff Nurse Batra Hospital and Medical Research Center

New-Delhi, India

Executive Director of the Board

accurate, and true copy of the document whic is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

 1/1989 - 1/1993	Staff Nurse	Al-Majardah General Hospital
		Abha, Saudi Arabia
2/1993 - 9/1999	Unknown	
10/1999 - 10/2004	Staff Nurse	Jubilee Memorial Hospital Kerala, India
11/2004 - 5/2005	Unknown	
6/2005 - 11/2005	Staff Nurse	Narayana Hrudayalaya Institute of Cardiac Sciences Bangalore, India
12/2005 - 5/2006	Unknown	
6/2006 - 11/2011	Staff RN	St. David's South Austin Medical Center Austin, Texas
2/2012 - 11/2014	Staff RN	Seton Medical Center of Austin Austin, Texas
11/2014 - 2/2015	Staff RN	Cedar Park Regional Medical Center Cedar Park, Texas
3/2015 - Present	Staff RN	Lakeway Regional Medical Center Lakeway, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff Registered Nurse (RN) with Seton Medical Center, Austin, Texas, and had been in that position for one (1) year and nine (9) months.
- 7. On or about December 9, 2013, while employed as a Staff Registered Nurse (RN) with Seton Medical Center, Austin, Texas, Respondent falsely documented a heart rate she did not assess in the medical record of Patient Medical Record Number 694882. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient by denying other caregivers complete information on which to base their care.
- 8. On or about September 25, 2014, while employed as a Staff Registered Nurse (RN) with Seton Medical Center, Austin, Texas, Respondent failed to notify the physician that Patient Medical Record Number 573030 had blood glucose levels of 53 mg/dl and 48 mg/dl and failed to document her assessments and interventions. Additionally, Respondent provided the patient cranberry juice and orange juice with three packets of sugar diluted with water without a physician's order. Respondent's conduct deprived the physician of the opportunity

to institute timely medical interventions to stabilize the patient and placed the patient at risk for complications associated with hypoglycemia.

9. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states her clinical assistant charted a heart rate of 140s, except for a heart rate of 150 at 0400. She states she felt the clinical assistant must have made a mistake with the heart rate of 150 at 0400, so she changed it to 140. Regarding Patient Medical Record Number 573030, Respondent states the patient was admitted for multiple gastrointestinal problems and was receiving total parenteral nutrition, with insulin. She states the patient had an order for clear liquids only and did not show signs of hypoglycemia. Respondent states an accucheck was ordered for every six hours and that the patient's blood glucose levels were low with both checks. She states she administered cranberry juice after one check and orange juice with three packets of sugar diluted with water after the other check.

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 §§217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(D),(1)(M),(1)(P)&(3)(A) and 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)&(4).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 726665, heretofore issued to SOOSAN ANIL, 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.

TERMS OF ORDER

I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of **WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS AND A FINE** in accordance with the terms of this Order.

A. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

- B. This Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state without first obtaining the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the nurse licensure compact party state where Respondent wishes to work.

II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT agrees to comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 *et seq.*, and this Order.

III. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

- A. A Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.
- B. A Board-approved course in physical assessment with a didactic portion of not less than six (6) hours and a clinical component of not less than twenty-four (24) hours. Both the didactic and clinical components must be provided by the same Registered Nurse. The course's content shall include physical assessment of all body systems. The clinical component SHALL include physical assessment of live patients in a clinical setting; Performing assessments on mock patients or mannequins WILL NOT be accepted. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources

to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. Successful completion of this course requires RESPONDENT to successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course.

- C. A Board-approved course in nursing documentation that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.
- **D.** The course <u>"Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills,"</u> a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension.

In order to receive credit for completion of this/these course(s), RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form or SHALL submit the continuing education certificate, as applicable, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office. RESPONDENT SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is not being offered by a preapproved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.

IV. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

V. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as a nurse, providing direct patient care in a licensed healthcare setting, <u>for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours</u> <u>per month</u> for four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) quarterly periods of employment as a nurse have elapsed. Any quarterly period without continuous employment with the same employer for all three (3) months <u>will not</u>

count towards completion of this requirement. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of a registered nurse (RN) or a vocational nurse (LVN) license, as appropriate, will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement.

- A. Notifying Present and Future Employers: RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, prior to accepting an offer of employment.
- B. Notification of Employment Forms: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment form" to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- C. Indirect Supervision: RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- Possing Performance Evaluations: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for four (4) quarters [one (1) year] of employment as a nurse.

VI. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed

from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order.

I waive representation by counsel. 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 when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including possible revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 11 day of September, 2015.

SOOSAN ANIL Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of __

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 11th day of September, 2015, by

SOOSAN ANIL, Registered Nurse License Number 726665, and said Order is final.

Effective this 22nd day of October, 2015,

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board