BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of \$\ \text{Vocational Nurse License Number 309458} \text{\$\ \text{s}\$} issued to HAILEY RENEE WHITEHEAD \$\ \text{\$\ \text{\$}}\$

De Texas Board of Nursing.

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Executive Director of the Board

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 309458, issued to HAILEY RENEE WHITEHEAD, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is currently in delinquent status.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
- 3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas, on August 9, 2012. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 11, 2012.
- 4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

09/12 - 01/13

LVN

Bonner Place

Jacksonville, Texas

02/13 - 04/13

Unknown

05/13 - Unknown

LVN

Bonner Place

Jacksonville, Texas

- 5. On or about May 14, 2013, while employed with Bonner Place Nursing Home, Jacksonville, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice vocational nursing in that she admitted to substance abuse. On or about June 10, 2013, Respondent entered into the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) and was diagnosed with polysubstance dependence. On or about February 25, 2014, Respondent was dismissed from TPAPN due to noncompliance with some of the requirements of her participation agreement and referred to the Texas Board of Nursing. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.
- 6. Formal Charges were filed on October 17, 2014.
- 7. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on October 21, 2014.
- 8. On November 18, 2014, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated November 15, 2014, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 9. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
- 10. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.

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(5)&(9).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(9), (10) & (12), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 309458, heretofore issued to HAILEY RENEE WHITEHEAD, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.

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- 6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC§§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 309458, heretofore issued to HAILEY RENEE WHITEHEAD, to practice

nursing in the State of Texas, is/are accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

- 1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title of "vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse during the period in which the license/s is/are surrendered.
- 2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
- 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.

Effective this 18th day of November, 2014.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN Executive Director on behalf

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of said Board

ATTIVIE Paul Longoria (BON)

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TO Whom it may concern,

I, Hailey Penee Whiteheld, Wis am voluntary
Surrendering my nursing license. If

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COUNTY OF MANGER

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me the 15 day of November 20 14

By Hailey Whitehead

Notary Public MALLA WALLA

My Commission Expires: 21/2/2018

