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Sharon Sanders
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of Permanent Certificate §
Number 601447 issued to § AGREED ORDER
ADRIANNE DAWN LOPEZ §

An investigation by the Board produced evidence indicating that ADRIANNE DAWN LOPEZ, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, may have violated Article 4525(b)(9), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

An informal conference was held on September 10, 1996, at the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners, in accordance with Article 4524C, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

Respondent appeared in person. Respondent was notified of her right to be represented by legal counsel and elected to waive representation by counsel. In attendance were Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director; Sharon Sanders, Assistant Attorney General; Anthony L. Diggs, Supervising Investigator; and Diane E. Burell, Investigator.

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.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this order.
3. Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in Texas is in delinquent status.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas in December of 1993.

5. Respondent's professional employment history includes:

10/94 - 1/96

Staff Nurse

Golden Plains Community Hospital

Borger, Texas

2/96 - present

Director of Nursing

Borger Healthcare Center

Borger, Texas

6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with Golden Plains Community Hospital, Borger, Texas, and had been in this position for one (1) year.

7. On or about October 19, 1995, while employed with the aforementioned facility, Respondent failed to insure proper placement of a Foley catheter in patient #1042176 before inflating the catheter bulb. The patient had been admitted with a history of Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate and was complaining of pain with attempted Foley catheter insertions. After obtaining no urine output from this patient for several hours, the Foley was removed and bright red blood was noted at the urethral opening. A second catheter was inserted by another staff member who was assisting Respondent, and again Respondent failed to insure proper placement of the catheter before inflating the catheter's bulb. The patient complained again of pain during inflation of the bulb. Shortly after this, the patient was assisted from the bed to have a bowel movement, and his catheter bag immediately filled with bright red blood.

Patient was transferred to the Special Care Unit and subsequently underwent surgery for repair of traumatic injury to ureter and ultimately had to have a suprapubic catheter.

8. Respondent's performance evaluation, subsequent to the aforementioned incident, was an 81 out of a possible score of 82.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Article 4525, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.

2. Notice was served in accordance with law.

3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violations of Article 4525(b)(9), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.13 (2) and (3).

- 4 The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Article 4525(b), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., to take disciplinary action against license number 601447, heretofore issued to ADRIANNE DAWN LOPEZ.

AGREED SANCTIONS

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a Reprimand with Stipulations, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Art. 4515 et. seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 et. seq. and this order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that RESPONDENT SHALL comply with the following stipulations for one (1) year:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-size license issued to ADRIANNE DAWN LOPEZ, to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners within ten (10) days of the date of this order for appropriate notation.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL within one (1) year of entry of this order, submit a research paper discussing urinary catheterization including nursing intervention. The research paper shall be a minimum of ten (10) pages, and of a quality which is acceptable for publication containing at least ten (10) references from current scholarly journals.

THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF THIS ORDER MAY ONLY BE SERVED WHILE RESPONDENT IS EMPLOYED AS A REGISTERED NURSE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL PRACTICE SETTING.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in professional nursing of this order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a copy of this order to each present employer within five (5) days of notification of this order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all potential employers in professional nursing of this order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a copy of this order to each potential employer prior to employment.

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in professional nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form to the Board's office within ten (10) days of notification of this order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each potential employer to submit the Notification of Employment form to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a professional nurse.

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT's capability to practice professional nursing. These reports shall be completed by the registered nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. These reports shall be submitted to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) months for one (1) year of employment as a professional nurse.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this order, RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

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 violations alleged. By my signature on this order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Agreed Sanctions, and any stipulation of this order to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I consent to the issuance of the Agreed Sanctions. I waive judicial review of this order. I understand that this order is subject to ratification by the Board. When the order is ratified, the terms of this order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 24 day of February, 19 97.

Adrienne Dawn Lopez
ADRIANNE DAWN LOPEZ

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of February, 1997.

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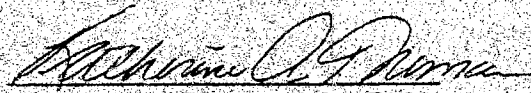
Mary Harrington

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My commission expires: 3-24-98

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 24th day of February, 19 97, by ADRIANNE DAWN LOPEZ, license number 601447, and said order is final.

Effective this 29th day of April, 19 97



Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board