BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of §

Registered Nurse License Number 772928

issued to KRYSTLE LYNN ALEXANDER

AGREED § ORDER

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of KRYSTLE LYNN ALEXANDER, Registered Nurse License Number 772928, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on November 10, 2015.

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 an Associate Degree from Odessa College, Odessa, Texas, on May 15. 2009. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 16, 2009.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

2006 - 2009

CNA

Medical Center Hospital Odessa, Texas

772928:155 C10 Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

2009 - 2011	RN	University Medical Center Lubbock, Texas
2010 - 2011	RN	Crdentia Healthcare Staffing Lubbock, Texas
2011	RN	Trustaff San Antonio, Texas
2011	RN	Valley Healthcare Systems Denton, Texas
2011	RN	Staff Quest, Inc. Dallas, Texas
2011 - 2012	RN	Criticare Dallas, Texas
2012 - 3/2013	RN	UT Southwestern Medical Center Dallas, Texas
3/2013 - 8/2013	RN	Criticare Dallas, Texas
8/2013 - Present	RN	Quest Group Dallas, Texas

6. On or about February 28, 2013, Respondent was arrested by the Plano Police Department, Plano, Texas, and subsequently charged under Cause No. 004-82795-2013 for RESIST ARREST SEARCH OR TRANSPORT, a Class A misdemeanor offense.

On or about August 2, 2013, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty or Nolo Contendere to RESIST ARREST SEARCH OR TRANSPORT, a Class A misdemeanor offense committed on or about February 28, 2013, in the County Court at Law No. 4, Collin County, Texas, under Cause No. 004-84702-2013. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred, without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of eighteen (18) months and ordered to pay a fine and court costs. Furthermore, on or about July 30, 2013, Cause No. 004-82795-2013 was dismissed for the reason: "This case has been refiled as cause number 004-84702-2013."

7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states that on February 28, 2013,

she had dinner and cocktails at a restaurant with friends, and they were asked to leave the facility. Once the officer arrived he forcibly attempted to arrest Respondent without explanation. Respondent states she was taken to jail and charged with assault of a public servant. Respondent adds that the original charge was dismissed and she agreed to the deferment of the resisting arrest charge. On August 20, 2013, Respondent was placed on probation and has been compliant with randomized drug and alcohol screens, paying court costs and probation fees, anger management courses, and community service hours.

- 8. Formal Charges were filed on September 3, 2015.
- 9. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on September 8, 2015.

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(13).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 772928, heretofore issued to KRYSTLE LYNN ALEXANDER.
- 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** 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. 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 <u>not</u> being offered by a preapproved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at <u>www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</u>.

IV. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as a nurse in the State of Texas, providing direct patient care in a licensed healthcare setting, <u>for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours 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 count towards completion of this requirement</u>. 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 <u>and will not count towards completion of this requirement</u>.

- 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.

Pursing 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.

V. 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 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 19	day of November 2015
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KRYSTLE LYN	N ALEXANDER, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this laday of November , 20

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Notary Public in and for the State of

KAYE ELLEN EARLEY
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires
November 07, 2018

Approved as to form and substance.

Deborah Goodall, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 19th day of November 2015

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 19th day of November, 2015, by KRYSTLE LYNN ALEXANDER, Registered Nurse License Number 772928, and said Order is final.

Effective this 21st day of January, 2016.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board