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*Patricia A. Johnson*  
Executive Director of the Board

**In the Matter of  
Permanent Advanced Practice Registered  
Nurse License Number AP113852,  
Permanent Registered Nurse  
License Number 570251 &  
Permanent Vocational Nurse  
License Number 127601  
Issued to ANGELA O. OBINNA,  
Respondent**

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**BEFORE THE TEXAS**

**BOARD OF NURSING**

**ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

**TO: ANGELA O. OBINNA  
10011 LINEHALL DR  
SUGARLAND, TX 77498**

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing was held on February 1, 2016 at 333 Guadalupe, Room 3-460, Austin, Texas, in which the Temporary Suspension of Permanent Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP113852, Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 570251, and Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 127601, issued to ANGELA O. OBINNA was considered pursuant to Section 301.455, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE. Staff of the Texas Board of Nursing appeared and presented information and evidence concerning the conduct of ANGELA O. OBINNA and whether her continued practice as a nurse would constitute a continuing and imminent threat to the public welfare.

After review and due consideration of the evidence and information presented, the Board finds that the following charges are substantiated:

**Charge I.**

On or about August 1, 2014, through November 19, 2015, while practicing as a Family Nurse Practitioner at TIG Healthcare and Diagnostic Clinic, Houston, Texas, Respondent prescribed approximately 6,033 controlled substances, including large numbers of dangerous cocktails of controlled substances. Respondent's practice fell below the minimum standard of care in that she continually prescribed these dangerous cocktail drugs without regard to therapeutic benefit.

Respondent repeatedly prescribed the same strength, dose, and quantity of controlled substances to patients, indicating a failure to individually assess each patient and develop an appropriate treatment plan in response to each patient's individual assessment.

Failure to develop a treatment plan that corresponds to a patient's individual assessment is below the minimum standard of care. Additionally, prescribing the maximum doses of controlled substances in such large quantities falls below the minimum standard of care because when mixed together in such unsupported quantities these Central Nervous System (CNS) depressants have greater risks than therapeutic benefit. Respondent's care is an imminent threat to public safety as her conduct puts patients at risk and falls below the minimum standard of care.

Further, Respondent failed to conduct appropriate assessments to justify her prescribing practices and/or exploring/ordering other treatment options in lieu of prescribing dangerous controlled substances to her patients. Further, Respondent failed to collaborate, and/or completely/accurately document collaboration with a delegating/collaborating physician in the patients' medical records; failed to appropriately monitor Respondent's patients for abusive and/or drug seeking behavior; and failed to completely/accurately document in the patients' medical files. Respondent's conduct, as outlined above, affected the following patients: AA, AD, AJ, AR, BH, CD, DH, DS, IK, JH, JRH, KS, LC, MN, MP, MS, RL, ST, TA, and WK.

## **CHARGE II.**

On or about November, 2015, while practicing as a Family Nurse Practitioner at TIG Healthcare and Diagnostic Clinic, Houston, Texas, Respondent provided pre-signed prescriptions for patients, including prescriptions signed by her delegating physician, to unlicensed personnel to fill out what medications to be prescribed. Further, Respondent admitted on November 24, 2015, to pre-signing the prescriptions and giving them to an unlicensed coworker during an interview.

The Texas Board of Nursing further finds that, given the nature of the charges, the continued

practice of nursing by ANGELA O. OBINNA constitutes a continuing and imminent threat to public welfare and that the temporary suspension of Permanent Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP113852, Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 570251, and Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 127601, is justified pursuant to Section 301.455, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP113852, Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 570251, and Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 127601, issued to ANGELA O. OBINNA, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are, hereby SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY in accordance with Section 301.455, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a probable cause hearing be conducted in accordance with Section 301.455(c) not later than seventeen (17) days following the date of the entry of this order, and a final hearing on the matter be conducted in accordance with 301.455(d) not later than the 61<sup>st</sup> day following the date of the entry of this order.

Entered this 1st day of February, 2016.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:   
KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

<b>In the Matter of</b>	§	<b>BEFORE THE TEXAS</b>
<b>Permanent Advanced Practice Registered</b>	§	
<b>Nurse License Number AP113852 with</b>	§	
<b>Prescription Authorization Number 6149,</b>	§	
<b>Permanent Registered Nurse</b>	§	
<b>License Number 570251 &amp;</b>	§	
<b>Permanent Vocational Nurse</b>	§	
<b>License Number 127601</b>	§	
<b>Issued to ANGELA O. OBINNA,</b>	§	
<b>Respondent</b>	§	<b>BOARD OF NURSING</b>

**FORMAL CHARGES**

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, ANGELA O. OBINNA, is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse holding License Number AP113852 with Prescription Authorization Number 6149, which is in current status at the time of this pleading, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 570251, which is in current status at the time of this pleading, and is a Vocational Nurse holding License Number 127601, which is in delinquent status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

**CHARGE I.**

On or about August 1, 2014, through November 19, 2015, while practicing as a Family Nurse Practitioner at TIG Healthcare and Diagnostic Clinic, Houston, Texas, Respondent prescribed approximately 6,033 controlled substances, including large numbers of dangerous cocktails of controlled substances. Respondent's practice fell below the minimum standard of care in that she continually prescribed these dangerous cocktail drugs without regard to therapeutic benefit. Respondent repeatedly prescribed the same strength, dose, and quantity of controlled substances to patients, indicating a failure to individually assess each patient and develop an appropriate treatment plan in response to each patient's individual assessment.

Failure to develop a treatment plan that corresponds to a patient's individual assessment is below the minimum standard of care. Additionally, prescribing the maximum doses of controlled substances in such large quantities falls below the minimum standard of care because when mixed together in such unsupported quantities these Central Nervous System (CNS) depressants have greater risks than therapeutic benefit. Respondent's care is an imminent threat to public safety as her conduct puts patients at risk and falls below the minimum standard of care.

Further, Respondent failed to conduct appropriate assessments to justify her prescribing practices and/or exploring/ordering other treatment options in lieu of prescribing dangerous controlled substances to her patients. Further, Respondent failed to collaborate, and/or completely/accurately

document collaboration with a delegating/collaborating physician in the patients' medical records; failed to appropriately monitor Respondent's patients for abusive and/or drug seeking behavior; and failed to completely/accurately document in the patients' medical files.

Respondent's conduct, as outlined above, affected the following patients: AA, AD, AJ, AR, BH, CD, DH, DS, IK, JH, JRH, KS, LC, MN, MP, MS, RL, ST, TA, and WK.

Respondent's conduct violates the following Sections of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE: Chapters 221 and 222, and Sections: 217.11(1)(A),(B),&(C), and (4); 217.12(1)(A)&(B), and (4); 221.13(a)&(b); 222.8(a) and (b)(2)&(3), & 228.1(c),(d). Respondent's non-therapeutic prescribing practices constitute grounds for disciplinary action under Section 222.10(a)(1) of the Texas Administrative Code and Section 301.452(b)(1),(10)&(13) of the Texas Occupations Code. The Board has authority to take disciplinary action under Section 301.453 of the Texas Occupations Code.

## **CHARGE II.**

On or about November, 2015, while practicing as a Family Nurse Practitioner at TIG Healthcare and Diagnostic Clinic, Houston, Texas, Respondent provided pre-signed prescriptions for patients, including prescriptions signed by her delegating physician, to unlicensed personnel to fill out what medications to be prescribed. Further, Respondent admitted on November 24, 2015, to pre-signing the prescriptions and giving them to an unlicensed coworker during an interview.

Respondent's conduct violates the following Sections of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE: 217.11(1)(A),(B),(C),&(M) and (4); 217.12(1)(A),(B),(C),(D),(F), (4),(6),&11(B); 221.13(a); and 222.8(a) and (b)(2)&(3). Respondent's non-therapeutic prescribing practices constitute grounds for disciplinary action under Section 222.10(a)(1) of the Texas Administrative Code and Section 301.452(b)(1),(10)&(13) of the Texas Occupations Code. Respondent's conduct also violates 37 TEX. ADMIN. CODE SECTION 13.185(b)(2)&(b)(4). The Board has authority to take disciplinary action under Section 301.453 of the Texas Occupations Code.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov).

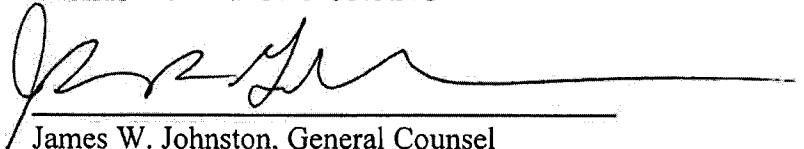
NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on adopted policies related to Behavior Involving Lying and Falsification; and related to Behavior Involving Fraud, Theft, and Deception, which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints;

Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, [www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, located at 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.33(b), which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, [www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov).

Filed this 1st day of February, 2016.

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