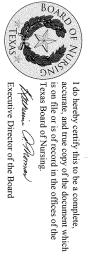
#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of \$
Registered Nurse License Number 619767 \$
& Vocational Nurse License Number 100398 \$
issued to STEPHEN F. RACE \$



#### ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 619767 and Vocational Nurse License Number 100398, issued to STEPHEN F. RACE, 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 is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas. Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is in delinquent status.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
- 3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Central Texas College, Austin, Texas, on December 22, 1982. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 25, 1983. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from The University of Texas, Austin, Texas, on May 1, 1995. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 7, 1995.
- 4. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.

- 5. On or about December 18, 2012, Respondent was issued an Agreed Order by the Board which required him to participate in and successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN). Respondent has not successfully completed the terms of the Order. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated December 18, 2012, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 6. On or about June 17, 2013, Respondent was issued the sanction of an Enforced Suspension by the Board. Respondent has not successfully completed the terms of the Order. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated June 17, 2013, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 7. On or about September 18, 2015, Respondent became noncompliant the Agreed Order issued to him by the Texas Board of Nursing on June 17, 2013. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with all requirements of the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) participation agreement in that he failed to meet TPAPN work requirements. Stipulation Number Three (3) of the Agreed Order dated June 17, 2013, reads, in pertinent part:

"RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term..."

On or about September 18, 2015, Respondent was dismissed from TPAPN and referred to the Texas Board of Nursing.

- 8. Formal Charges were filed on November 19, 2015.
- 9. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on November 20, 2015.
- 10. On February 5, 2016, 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 February 2, 2016, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 11. 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.
- 12. 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(9) & (11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(1) & (10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 619767 and Vocational Nurse License Number 100398, heretofore issued to STEPHEN F. RACE, 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.
- 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.

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### **ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 619767 and Vocational Nurse License Number 100398, heretofore issued to STEPHEN F. RACE, 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 professional or vocational nursing, use the title of "registered nurse" or "vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying himself as a registered nurse or vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse or 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 5th day of February, 2016.

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By:

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

# To Texas Board of Nursing and Investigator Paul Longoria

From Stephen F. Race, RN

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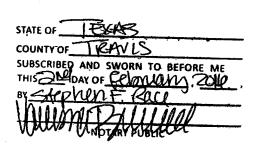
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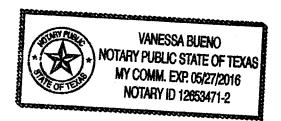
Dear Members, Director, and Mr. Longoria

On this day Feb 2, 2016, I relinquish, that is, surrender my lience as an RN. I wish to thank you and Mr. Longeria Ofor a long, fair, caring effort to guide me to renewing proper legal prudice of nursing since I reported my past failure to report DWIS on my license renewal applications. I reported this when I began my permanent addiction recovery on April 3 of 2013. Your conclusion that I howen't futilled TPAPN's return to work requirements or agreement with you revoke my license is a reasonable. My desire to return to nursing within a year is great, thu. I never worked as a nurse under the influence of either alchohol or drugs, and never was found to or in fact did take any patient-intended drug from a medical workplace and passed every drug test for TPAPN. Within a year I will communicate to you my efforts to develope and share a nursing core plan to help addicts recuer, and preparations to combine nursing and counselling work on behalf of addicts striving to care for themselves in receivery. I will ask for direct Board supervision instead of by an organization that presses religion and narcotic supervision that do not This second page is primarily to insure proper space for a notory to seal my statement to you.

I, Stephen F. Race, RN, do voluntarily relinquish, surrender my license to practice Registered Nursing, as of Feb 2, 2016.

Signer, & Ram





P.S. provided I remained available for breath, hair, urine, or blood testing for drugs and alchahol without notice, I would ask you not to direct employers to him me only to have other nurses give all my ordered controlled substances! So much for every prospective rehab nurses position where a 2nd nurse simply isn't on duty! I'm an alchaholic, not a down coldict! Why not make me carry a few new, disposable alchaholic breath testers?

### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 619767	§ 8	AGREED
& Vocational Nurse License Number 100398	§ §	
issued to STEPHEN F RACE	§	ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of STEPHEN F RACE, Registered Nurse License Number 619767, and Vocational Nurse License Number 100398, 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)(2),(9)&(10) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on October 2, 2012.

### **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 representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas. Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is in Delinquent status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Central Texas College, Austin, Texas, on December 22, 1982 and Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from University of Texas, Austin, Texas, on May 1, 1995. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 25, 1983. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 7, 1995.

- 5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. On or about March 23, 2007, Respondent submitted a License Renewal Form to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, in which he provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that he answered "No" to the question:

"Have you ever been convicted, placed on community supervision whether or not adjudicated guilty, sentenced to serve jail of prison time or granted pre-trial diversion, or plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, received a court order whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrests whether or not on appeal (excluding minor Class C traffic violations)? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudication with or without a finding of guilt. Please note that DUIs, DWIs, and PIs must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations. One time minor in possession [MIP] or minor in consumption [MIC] does not need to be disclosed; therefore, you may answer "No." If you have two or more MIPs or MICs, you must answer "Yes". You may answer "No" if you have previously disclosed a criminal matter otherwise responsive to this question in a renewal and/or licensure form."

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about February 9, 2006, Respondent was arrested Travis County Sheriff's Office, Austin, Texas, and subsequently charged with DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on February 9, 2006, in the County Court at Law No. 7, Travis County, Texas, under Cause No. 724741. Charge was still pending at the time of Renewal.

- 7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states following his wife's death in 2006, he became an alcoholic. The arrest for DWI resulted in a dismissal; however, he plead Guilty to Failure to Display Driver's License. He attended AA for several months but stopped the program and continued to drink on his days off from nursing. Respondent admits he did not report this history on his 2007 license renewal.
- 8. On or about August 22, 2008, Respondent plead Guilty and was convicted of ELUDING, a Class B misdemeanor offense December 1, 2007, in the 403rd District Court, Travis County, Texas, under Cause No. D-1-DC-07-207142. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Travis County Jail for a period of two (2) days and ordered to pay court costs.
- 9. In response to Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent states he pled Guilty to a misdemeanor offense. He was trying to park his car and he assumed when he heard a man yell, "Hey!" that he was doing something wrong. He instantly assumed that he was obstructing the attempted start up of the ambulance, whipped his car around and entered the alley. Soon a police officer approached and accused him of recognizing and evading him then choosing his parking place to hide from him. He was informed that the officer's truck was a police car not an ambulance. He was then arrested.

- 10. On or about February 17, 2009, Respondent submitted a Licensed Renewal Form to the Texas Board of Nursing in which he provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that he answered "No" to the question: "Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:
  - been convicted of a misdemeanor? A.
  - B. been convicted of a felony?
  - C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
  - received deferred adjudication? D.
  - been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether E. or not adjudicated guilty?
  - been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement? F.
  - been granted pre-trial diversion? G.
  - been arrested or have any pending criminal charges? H.
  - been cited or charged with any violation of the law? I..
  - been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of J. military judgment/punishment/action?"

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about August 22, 2008, Respondent plead Guilty and was convicted of ELUDING, a Class B misdemeanor offense December 1, 2007, in the 403rd District Court, Travis County, Texas, under Cause No. D-1-DC-07-207142.

- In response to Finding of Fact Number Ten (10), Respondent admits he did not report the 11.
- On or about August 18, 2011, Respondent plead Nolo Contendere and was convicted of 12. DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on September 30, 2010, in the County Court at Law No. 6, Travis County, Texas, under Cause No. C1CR10217651. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Travis County Jail for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days; however, imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of eighteen (18) months and ordered to pay a fine.
- In response to Finding of Fact Number Twelve (12), Respondent states he was arrested on 13. September 30, 2010, for DWI. He remains sober and will continue to attend AA an work the twelve (12) steps since October 5, 2010.
- The Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact was reportable 14. under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
- The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of 15. impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical

16. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.455, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(2), (9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 619767, and Vocational Nurse License Number 100398, heretofore issued to STEPHEN F RACE, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

#### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT, in lieu of the sanction of Revocation under Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code, SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN):

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to TPAPN and SHALL, within ninety (90) days following the date of entry of this final Order, sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) payable to TPAPN.

- (2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN participation agreement to the Texas Board of Nursing.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep all applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas current.
- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, Section §§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.

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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license(s) is/are encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further disciplinary action including EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice 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 violation(s) alleged herein. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Conditions One (1) through Four (4) of this Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, and 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 revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 18th day of 1000mbs, 2012.

STEPHEN F RACE, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of DECEMBER 20 12

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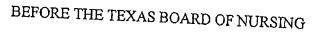
Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

Entered and effective this 18 day of December, 2012.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board





I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document was on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.

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\*\*Executive Director of the Board\*\*

In the Matter of
Registered Nurse License Number 619767
& Vocational Nurse License Number 100398
issued to STEPHEN F. RACE

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ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of STEPHEN F. RACE, Registered Nurse License Number 619767, and Vocational Nurse License Number 100398, 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)(1) & (10) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on May 15, 2013.

## 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 representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent's licenses to practice vocational and professional nursing in the State of Texas are currently in delinquent status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Central Texas College, Austin, Texas, on December 22, 1982. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 25, 1983. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from The University of Texas, Austin, Texas, on May 1, 1995. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 7, 1995.

- Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
- On or about December 18, 2012, Respondent was issued an Agreed Order by the Board which required him to participate in and successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN). A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated December 18, 2012, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- On or about May 6, 2013, Respondent became noncompliant with the Agreed Order issued to him by the Texas Board of Nursing on December 18, 2012. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to enroll in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN). Stipulation Number One (1) of the Agreed Order December 18, 2012, states:

"RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to TPAPN and SHALL, within ninety (90) days following the date of entry of this final Order, sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) payable to TPAPN."

On or about May 6, 2013, Respondent was dismissed from TPAPN and referred to the Texas Board of Nursing.

- 8. Respondent's last known date of sobriety is unknown.
- 9. Regarding the conduct outlined in Finding of Fact Number Seven, Respondent states that a relapse threatened his DWI probation, and he entered treatment but failed to discuss this with TPAPN or the Board and overlooked a deadline for TPAPN entry. Respondent submitted a Certificate of Achievement, dated May 13, 2013, for completion of the Men's Awakening Program at Austin Recovery.
- 10. The Respondent's conduct described in the preceding Findings of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
- 11. 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.
- 12. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact resulted from or was significantly influenced by Respondent's substance use disorder.
- 13. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(9) & (11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(1) & (10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 619767, and Vocational Nurse License Number 100398, heretofore issued to STEPHEN F. RACE, up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 5. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that Registered Nurse License Number 619767, and Vocational Nurse License Number 100398, previously issued to STEPHEN F. RACE, to practice nursing in Texas is/are hereby SUSPENDED and said suspension is ENFORCED until Respondent complies with Stipulation Numbers One (1) and Two (2):

- (1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to and be accepted into the TPAPN and complete the enrollment process, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) payable to TPAPN.
- (2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN participation agreement to the Texas Board of Nursing.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, upon verification of compliance with Stipulation Numbers One (1) and Two (2), the SUSPENSION will be stayed, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the TPAPN:

- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep all applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas current.
- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.

RESPONDENT SHALL pay all re-registration fees, if applicable, and RESPONDENT'S licensure status in the State of Texas will be updated to reflect the applicable conditions outlined herein.

RESPONDENT SHALL 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.

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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further disciplinary action including EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that 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. I acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Stipulation Numbers One (1) through Four (4) of this Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, and 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 revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 17 day of _	Tune	.20 /2
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STEPHEN F. RACE, Resp	ondent	

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MARC ALAN POWELL
My Commission Expires
June 15, 2016

Marc Alan Powell
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept and enter the Agreed Order that was signed on the 17th day of June, 20 13, by STEPHEN F. RACE, Registered Nurse License Number 619767, and Vocational Nurse License Number 100398, and said Order is final.

Effective this 17th day of June, 20 13.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf of said Board