### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



**AGREED** 

In the Matter of

§ Vocational Nurse License Number 147112 §

issued to KIMBERLEY LEE PARKER ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of KIMBERLEY LEE PARKER, Vocational Nurse License Number 147112, 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)&(13), 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 January 25, 2016.

#### **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 vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Lonestar College - Kingwood. Kingwood, Texas, on December 16, 1993. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on June 1, 1994.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

6/1994 - 8/1996

Unknown

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

9/1996 - 2/1998	Staff Nurse	Burmont Nursing Center Liberty, Texas
2/1998 - 6/1998	Staff Nurse	Bering Care Center Houston, Texas
7/1998 - 3/1999	Unknown	
4/1999 - 10/1999	Staff Nurse	Department of Federal Occupational Health
10/1999 - 5/2001	Staff Nurse	Concentra Medical Centers Mobile Division Houston, Texas
5/2001 - 5/2012	Staff Nurse	Garden Terrace - Life Care Centers Houston, Texas
6/2012 - Present	Director of Healthcare	Autumn Leaves of Meyerland Houston, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Director of Healthcare with Autumn Leaves of Meyerland, Houston, Texas, and had been in that position for three (3) years.
- 7. On or about June 18, 2015, and June 19, 2015, while employed as the Director of Healthcare with Autumn Leaves of Meyerland, Houston, Texas, Respondent failed to assess Resident DM after unlicensed staff notified her that the resident had fallen on two (2) occasions. Respondent's conduct was likely to harm the resident from unrecognized complications of falling, including fracture, head injury, and stroke.
- 8. On or about June 18, 2015, and June 19, 2015, while employed as the Director of Healthcare with Autumn Leaves of Meyerland, Houston, Texas, Respondent failed to ensure that the physician and family members had been notified that the aforementioned Resident DM had fallen on two (2) occasions. Respondent's conduct was likely to harm the resident in that it deprived the physician and family of information required to implement timely interventions, including possible transfer to the hospital for evaluation.
- 9. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that she received a call from the care giver stating the resident had fallen in the shower and that the

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details of her assessment was that his cognitive function was unchanged and the incident did not require an emergency response. Respondent instructed the care giver to fill out an incident report and to have the 1<sup>st</sup> shift Med Passer contact the family to determine if they wanted the resident transferred for further evaluation. Respondent states she arrived at the community at approximately 8:15am and it was not until over a week later that she discovered her instructions were not followed. Regarding Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent states that at 9:30 pm she received a call from the care giver stating the resident was found on the floor of his room and that the details of her assessment was that his cognitive function was unchanged and the incident did not require an emergency response. Respondent states she instructed the Med Passer to contact the family to determine if they wanted the resident transferred for further evaluation. Respondent states she was on PTO from June 20 - 29 and upon her return she learned the family had requested a service plan meeting regarding their concerns.

#### 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  $\S217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M),(1)(P)\&(2)(A)$  and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE  $\S217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)\&(4)$ .
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 147112, heretofore issued to KIMBERLEY LEE PARKER.
- 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. <u>A Board-approved course in physical assessment</u> with a didactic portion of not less than six (6) hours and a clinical component of not less than twenty-four (24) hours. Both the didactic and clinical components must be provided by the same Registered Nurse. The course's content shall include physical assessment of all body systems. The clinical component SHALL

include physical assessment of live patients in a clinical setting; Performing assessments on mock patients or mannequins WILL NOT be accepted. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. Successful completion of this course requires RESPONDENT to successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course.

C. The course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," 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, for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month 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 will not count towards completion of this requirement. 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 and will not count towards completion of this requirement.

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. Incident Reporting: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to immediately submit any and all incident, counseling, variance, unusual occurrence, and medication or other error reports involving RESPONDENT, as well as documentation of any internal investigations regarding action by RESPONDENT, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office.
- D. Nursing 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 waive representation by counsel. 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.

my noncompliance.	
	Signed this 2 day of MARCH, 2016.
	KIMBERLEY LEE PARKER, Respondent
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Sworn to and subscribed before m	e this 2 day of March , 20 16.

**SEAL** 



Notary Public in and for the State of \_\_\_\_\_\_

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>2nd</u> day of <u>March</u>, 20 16, by KIMBERLEY LEE PARKER, Vocational Nurse License Number 147112, and said Order is final.

Effective this 21st day of April, 2016.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board