

IN THE MATTER OF
PERMANENT REGISTERED NURSE
LICENSE NUMBER 677159
ISSUED TO SUZANNE MARIE CARROLL,
RESPONDENT

§ BEFORE THE TEXAS
§
§ BOARD OF NURSING
§
§ ELIGIBILITY AND
§ DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: SUZANNE MARIE CARROLL
229 SUMMER WOOD DR
SULPHUR, LA 70663

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on **May 10, 2016**, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by

reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 677159, previously issued to SUZANNE MARIE CARROLL, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 10th day of May, 2016.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:



KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment: Formal Charge filed April 4, 2016.

d17r(2014.12.05)

Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 677159
Issued to SUZANNE MARIE CARROLL
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 12th day of May, 20 16 a true and correct
copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as
follows:

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
SUZANNE MARIE CARROLL
229 SUMMER WOOD DR
SULPHUR, LA 70663



BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

In the Matter of	§	BEFORE THE TEXAS
Permanent Registered Nurse	§	
License Number 677159	§	
Issued to SUZANNE MARIE CARROLL,	§	
Respondent	§	BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, SUZANNE MARIE CARROLL, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 677159, 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 December 7, 2015, Respondent's Louisiana registered nurse license was Summarily Suspended by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A copy of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing's Notice of Summary Suspension of License dated December 7, 2015, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this pleading. On or about February 15, 2016, the Summary Suspension was Continued through a Consent Order issued by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A copy of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing's Consent Order dated February 15, 2016, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this pleading.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(8), 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 and TEX. OCC. CODE Ch. 53. 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.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely

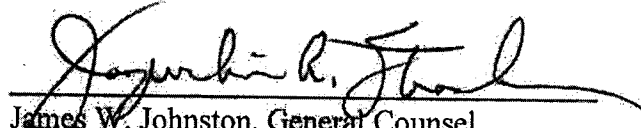
on adopted Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct; on adopted policies related to Substance Use Disorders and Other Alcohol and Drug Related Conduct; and related to Behavior Involving Fraud, Theft, and Deception, which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

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.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order(s) which is/are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Louisiana State Board of Nursing's Notice of Summary Suspension of License dated December 7, 2015, and Louisiana State Board of Nursing's Consent Order dated February 15, 2016.

Filed this 4th day of April, 2016.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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Attachments: Louisiana State Board of Nursing's Notice of Summary Suspension of License dated December 7, 2015, and Louisiana State Board of Nursing's Consent Order dated February 15, 2016.

D(2015.11.18)

Louisiana State Board of Nursing

17373 Perkins Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70810
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By Regular and Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested

December 7, 2015

Ms. Suzanne Bock Carroll
229 Summerwood Drive
Sulphur, LA 70663

Dear Ms. Carroll:

It has come to the attention of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing that you have been involved with incidents which could affect patient safety, specifically:

1. On or about September 16, 2013, Respondent was arrested by the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office for Attempted Suicide and transported to the Lake Charles Memorial Hospital after Respondent sent a text message stating "goodbye I'm leaving this world".
2. On January 15, 2014, Respondent submitted her 2014 Registered Nurse Renewal and failed to disclose her arrest by the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office for Attempted Suicide.
3. On or about April 16, 2015, Respondent was arrested by the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office for Prohibited Acts Schedule II and Prohibited Acts Drug Paraphernalia. The following items were found in Respondent's possession:
 - A pill bottle containing a white crystal substance, suspected to be Methamphetamine;
 - A glass smoking device which was still warm;
 - A plastic bag with white crystal substance; and
 - A prescription for 15 Acetaminophen Hydrocodone Capsules which were still packaged. When Respondent was asked why she had pills that did not belong to her in her vehicle, Respondent stated that she was a Hospice Nurse and the capsules belonged to a patient.

On May 4, 2015, a Bill of Information was filed charging Respondent with Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance II (Methamphetamine) and Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (Acetaminophen Hydrocodone). On or about September 3, 2015, the charges were accepted by the Fourteenth Judicial District Attorney's Office and Respondent was recommended to the District Attorney's Pre-Trial Diversion Program. Respondent was placed on supervised probation for 12 months and was ordered to submit to a substance abuse evaluation and complete 40 hours of community service.

Grounds for disciplinary proceedings against a Registered Nurse are specified in La. R.S. 37:921 and authorizes the Board to probate, limit, restrict or revoke any license issued to Respondent on any of the following grounds:

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Suzanne Bock Carroll
Notice of Summary Suspension of License
December 7, 2015

- Respondent has demonstrated actual or potential inability to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to individuals because of use of alcohol or drugs; or has demonstrated inability to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to individuals because of illness or as a result of any mental or physical condition. La. R.S. 37:921 (4);
- Respondent failed to practice nursing in accordance with the legal standards of nursing practice; L.A.C. 46:XLVII.3405 (a);
- Respondent failed to utilize appropriate judgment; L.A.C. 46:XLVII.3405 (c);
- Respondent violated the confidentiality of information or knowledge concerning the patient; L.A.C. 46:XLVII.3405 (e);
- Respondent has demonstrated improper use of drugs, medical supplies or equipment, patient's records, or other items; L.A.C. 46:XLVII.3405 (h);
- Respondent misappropriated items of an individual, agency, or entity; L.A.C. 46:XLVII.3405 (i); and
- Respondent attempted to or obtained a license (including renewals), permit or permission to practice as a registered nurse, nurse applicant, or student nurse by fraud, perjury, deceit or misrepresentation; L.A.C. 46:XLVII.3405 (v).

La. R.S. 37:925 authorizes the Board to impose a fine of up to \$5,000.00 for each count or separate offense and to assess all costs of the proceedings including but not limited to the costs of investigation and disciplinary proceedings.

The health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Louisiana are threatened by this conduct. The seriousness of this conduct constitutes a threat to the safety of patients and to allow nursing practice in Louisiana to continue in light of the above would constitute a serious risk to the public's health, safety, and welfare. Since these allegations are directly related to safe patient care, the board has determined that summary suspension of your license to practice nursing in the state of Louisiana is in order.

Therefore, your Louisiana RN license is summarily suspended.

Additionally, within 14 days, please submit the following to the Board office:

- A written statement that addresses the allegation(s) and provides information regarding the circumstances surrounding the incidents alleged; and
- A completed employment questionnaire (enclosed).

Pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:961.C:

If the agency finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order, summary suspension of a license may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action. These proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined.

This will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) as F2 Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance Abuse, H1 Narcotics Violation or Other Violation of Drug Statutes and 99, Other – Pending Criminal Matter.

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NPDB Narrative: Registrant's license was summarily suspended on December 7, 2015, as the public health safety, or welfare required emergency action after Respondent was arrested for attempted suicide, failed to disclose said arrest on her 2014 renewal application and entered a pre-trial diversion program after she was arrested for possession of controlled substances and a patient's medication was found in her vehicle.

The Board will file a formal complaint for further action and will schedule an administrative hearing on February 17, 2016, at the Board office located at 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. At the administrative hearing, the Board will also consider the matter of ratification of staff action to summarily suspend your license.

Should you have any questions, or you would like the opportunity to meet with Board staff to discuss this matter, you may contact Wanda Matthews, Director of Hearings, at 225-755-7552.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING



Karen C. Lyon, PhD, APRN, ACNS, NEA
Executive Director

Enclosures

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LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

IN THE MATTER OF:
SUZANNE BOCK CARROLL
119 SUNDLER WOOD DR
SULPHUR, LA 70453

END 2882
CONSENT ORDER

TERMS AGREED TO BY LICENSEE

SUZANNE BOCK CARROLL, (Respondent), voluntarily agree to sign and have witnessed consent order for the purpose of avoiding formal administrative proceedings with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

SUZANNE BOCK CARROLL, declare that I freely, knowingly and voluntarily enter into this agreement. I understand that I have a right to a hearing in this matter and I freely waive such right. I understand that I have a right to be represented by counsel prior to entering into this agreement.

It is found that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing makes the following FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. On or about July 21, 1994, Respondent was licensed by examination to practice as a Registered Nurse in Louisiana.

2. On or about September 16, 2013, Respondent was taken into protective custody by the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office for attempted suicide and transported to the Lake Charles Memorial Hospital after Respondent sent a text message stating "goodbye I'm leaving this world".

3. On or about April 16, 2015, Respondent was arrested by the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office for suspected Prohibited Acts Schedule II and Prohibited Acts Drug Paraphernalia. The following items were found in Respondent's possession:

- A pill bottle containing a white crystal substance, suspected to be Methamphetamine
- A pipe smoking device which was still warm
- A plastic bag with white crystal substance and
- 12 Oxycodone/Hydrocodone Capsules which were still packaged. When Respondent was asked where she had pills that did not belong to her in her vehicle, Respondent stated that she was a Hospice Nurse and the capsules belonged to a patient.

On May 6, 2015, a Bill of Information was filed charging Respondent with Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substances II (Methamphetamine) and Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (Oxycodone/Hydrocodone). On or about September 3, 2015, the charges were accepted by the Fourteenth Judicial District Attorney's Office and Respondent was recommended to the District Attorney's Pre-Trial Diversion Program. Respondent was placed on supervised probation for 12 months and was ordered to submit to a substance abuse evaluation and complete 40 hours of community service.

On December 7, 2015, finding that the health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of Louisiana was threatened by Respondent's conduct, Respondent's Registered Nurse License was summarily suspended.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

IN THE MATTER OF:
SUSANNE JACK CARROLL
225 NINTH STREET DR
SHELBYVILLE, LA 70663
RESPONDENT

ANOTHER
CONSENT ORDER

TERMS AGREED TO BY LICENSEE

In full and complete submission of this Consent Agreement, I do not offer any defense to the **FINDINGS OF FACT** entered by the Board pursuant to L.A.S. 37:911 et seq. I have admitted all of the above facts; however, in an effort to facilitate resolution of this matter I agree that there is sufficient evidence upon which to predicate a finding of violation of the provisions of L.A.S. 37:911. I agree that the Board may treat the allegations of fact and law as true, which finding shall have the same force and effect as if evidence and argument were presented in support of the allegations and, based thereon, the Board found the allegations to be true. I voluntarily waive any right to contest these findings in any subsequent proceedings before the Board. I understand that this Consent Order shall constitute a public record and is being filed with the Board. I understand that this will be reported in National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB) as a Pending Criminal Matter.

NPDB Narrative: By Consent Order, Respondent agreed to the license summary suspension of December 7, 2015, and to continued suspension with the opportunity to request reinstatement of license after Respondent was placed in protective custody for attempted suicide and entered a pre-trial diversion program after she was arrested for possession of contraband substances and a patient's medication was found in her vehicle.

I further acknowledge and attest that I have fully cooperated with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing in resolving this matter and intend to comply with all stipulations of this Order.

In order to avoid further administrative proceedings, I hereby consent to accept and abide by the following **ORDER** of the Board: Respondent agreed to the license summary suspension of December 7, 2015, and to continued license suspension with opportunity to apply for license reinstatement after completion of the following stipulations, submission to the reinstatement application process and receipt of approval from Board staff.

1. Refrain from working in any capacity as a Registered Nurse. Failure to do so shall cause further disciplinary action and/or criminal charges.
2. Submit to comprehensive inpatient psychiatric, psychological, and substance abuse evaluations, at Respondent's expense, at a board-recognized evaluation and treatment center. Shall authorize and cause a written report of the said evaluation to be submitted to the Board. Shall include the entire evaluation report including diagnosis, course of treatment, prescribed or recommended treatment, prognosis, and professional opinion as to Respondent's capability of practicing nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients.
3. Shall submit all parts of this agreement to each evaluator prior to the start of the evaluations in order for the evaluation to be deemed valid.
4. Respondent hereby consents to the release of the following by board staff to Respondent's above-described evaluations: Any and all information, documents and other records related to conditions, diagnoses and matters described in this document.



Respondent

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

IN THE MATTER OF:
SUZANNE BOCK CARROLL
215 SUMMIT WOOD DR
SULPHUR, LA 70663
RESPONDENT

LN078682
CONSENT ORDER

TERMS AGREED TO BY LICENSEE

1. I hereby consent to all recommendations, penalties of the discipline, physician, or nursing board, and agree to have submitted evidence of continued compliance with all recommendations from the respective professionals. If monitoring is recommended, license suspension with any and probation shall be required and Respondent must work and practice nursing in the State of Louisiana during this monitoring time period. This stipulation shall continue until Respondent is fully discharged by the respective professionals and must be approved by the Board staff.
2. If any evaluations give any treatment recommendations or findings in future concern the patient safety, shall meet with Board or Board staff. Must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that Respondent poses no danger to the practice of nursing as to the public and that Respondent can safely and competently perform the duties of a Registered Nurse. If the Board subsequently approves Respondent a period of probation, along with supportive conditions or stipulations, will be required to ensure that patients and the public are protected.
3. Respondent with chemical dependency must immediately sign Recovering Nurses Program (RNPP) agreement and must have submitted evidence of compliance with all program requirements for a minimum of 3 years.
4. Respondent agrees to execute a written authorization, along with execution of this Consent Order, allowing the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, and any authorized designers thereof, to access, prescription monitoring information submitted to, or maintained by, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy through its Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) for the purpose of monitoring compliance with this Order and to determine fitness and ability to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety. Respondent shall cause to be submitted a completed authorization release form to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and shall cause information and reports to be sent to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing; such written authorization to be effective for the duration of this Order. Respondent's signature may also be required during this time period duration to provide to the Board staff copies of prescription monitoring information maintained by the Board of Pharmacy.
5. Before reinstatement of license(s), shall submit to supervised random drug testing (alcohol and/or other drug substances) for a minimum of six (6) months through an LSNB approved laboratory (body fluids: urine, blood, saliva) and/or hair may be required which must all be negative. Additional screenings may be requested by Board staff. Written reports of same shall be submitted to the Board.
6. Submit certified copies of all criminal charges. Have resolved any and all pending criminal charges, probation, parole including any pre-trial diversion programs prior to request for reinstatement.
7. Immediately (within 72 hours) inform the Board in writing of any change in address.
8. Within four (4) months after reinstatement of license, submit payment of \$200.00 to the Board as cost of Consent Order, at a rate of \$50.00 per month.
9. Within twelve (12) months after reinstatement of license, submit payment of \$1,200.00 to the Board as fine, at a rate of \$100.00 per month.
10. Not have any further subsequent criminal violations or convictions, or violations of any health care regulations reported to the Board related to this or any other incidents.
11. Failure to comply with this above order shall result in further disciplinary action.

[Signature]
Initials

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

IN THE MATTER OF:
SUZANNE BOCK CARROLL
A STAINEDWOOD DR
NURSE
RESPONDENT

UNOUSTED
CONSENT ORDER

TERMS AGREED TO BY LICENSEE

I agree that if I request reinstatement of my license, I must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that I pose no danger to the practice of nursing or to the public and that I can safely and competently perform the duties of a registered nurse. The Board, in reinstating my license, will require a period of PROBATION along with supportive conditions or stipulations, to ensure that patients and the public are protected.

I further acknowledge that the only promises or representations made to me by the Board or its representatives are that, upon receipt of proper proof and evidence of my rehabilitation, the Board will give due consideration to a formal request for reinstatement of license at such time as is allowed by law. I fully understand that as a condition for reinstatement, I must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that I am capable of safely and competently resuming the practice of nursing in accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana.

SUZANNE BOCK CARROLL, understand that this agreement is effective immediately upon signature of the Executive Director. It is also understood that this agreement does not preclude the Board of Nursing from requiring a formal hearing of my case. I further understand that should the Consent Agreement not be accepted by the Board, I agree that presentation to and consideration of the Consent Agreement, the documentary evidence and information by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from participating in hearings or other proceedings pertaining to these or other matters regarding the Respondent.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____

Suzanne B. Carroll
SUZANNE BOCK CARROLL

William M. Crow
Witness

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Karen C. Lyon 2/15/16
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, APRN, ACNS, NEA
Executive Director

Date

[Signature]
10/1/16