BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED ORDER

Vocational Nurse License Number 223713 § FOR

issued to CARMEN IRIS CHIESA-LENARD § KSTAR PILOT PROGRAM

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CARMEN IRIS CHIESA-LENARD, Vocational Nurse License Number 223713, 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 March 24, 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 Victoria College, Victoria, Texas on August 14, 2009. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September, 10, 2009.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

2009/2014

Staff Nurse, LVN

Czech Catholic Home El Campo, Texas

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

12/2014 - Present

Staff Nurse, LVN

Angels Care Home Health Wharton, Texas

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff Licensed Vocational Nurse, with Angels Care Home Health, Wharton, Texas, and had been in that position for Nine (9) months.
- 7. On or about September 13, 2015, while employed as a Staff Licensed Vocational Nurse, with Angels Care Home Health, Wharton, Texas, Respondent administered an insulin injection to Resident HB, a resident of an assisted living facility who was not her patient or a patient of Angels Care Home Health. Additionally, Respondent failed to document the injection in the patient's facility medical record. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the resident from adverse effects associated with hypoglycemia, to include dizziness, trembling, lack of coordination, mental confusion, and irritability.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7) Respondent states she was in the assisted living facility to administer an insulin injection to an Angels Care Home Health patient. Respondent states that after administering the injection, a facility employee asked her if she was going to administer an insulin injection to another patient. Respondent states she asked the employee if the patient was an Angels' patient and the employee replied yes. Respondent states the employee handed her the insulin, she checked the MAR (medication administration record), went into the patient's room, introduced herself to the patient, administered the insulin, disposed of the syringe, and documented in the medical record.

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 §§217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)&(1)(D) and 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)&(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 223713, heretofore issued to CARMEN IRIS CHIESA-LENARD.
- 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. KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, TRAINING, ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH (KSTAR) PILOT PROGRAM

IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the Knowledge, Skills, Training, Assessment and Research (KSTAR) Pilot Program and RESPONDENT SHALL:

(A) Within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order, apply to and enroll in the KSTAR Pilot Program, including payment of any fees and costs, unless otherwise agreed in writing;

- (B) Submit to an individualized assessment designed to evaluate RESPONDENT'S nursing practice competency and to support a targeted remediation plan;
- (C) Follow all requirements within the remediation plan, if any;
- (D) Successfully complete a Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics as part of the KSTAR Pilot Program; and
- (E) Provide written documentation of successful completion of the KSTAR Pilot Program to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office.

IV. FURTHER COMPETENCY ISSUES AND VIOLATIONS

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT'S individualized KSTAR Pilot Program assessment identify further competency issues and violations of the Nursing Practice Act, including inability to practice nursing safely, further disciplinary action, up to and including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, may be taken based on such results in the assessments.

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.

Signed this day of MAN	, 20 \ \ \ .
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CARMEN IRIS CHIESA-LENARD Re	spondent

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EVON MARTINEZ

Notary Public, State of Texas

My Commission Expires

September 6, 2017

Notary Public in and for the State of TEXOS.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 9th day of May, 2016, by CARMEN IRIS CHIESA-LENARD, Vocational Nurse License Number 223713, and said Order is final.

Effective this 14th day of June, 2016.

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board