#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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xecutive Director of the Board

In the Matter of	§	AGREED
Registered Nurse License Number 652353	§	
issued to CHANDA EASTRIDGE REIFEL	§	
A.K.A. CHANDA EASTRIDGE BAUGUS	§	
A.K.A. CHANDA S. BAUGUS	§	
A.K.A. CHANDA SUE KRAUSS,	§	ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CHANDA EASTRIDGE REIFEL A.K.A. CHANDA EASTRIDGE BAUGUS A.K.A. CHANDA S. BAUGUS A.K.A. CHANDA SUE KRAUSS, Registered Nurse License Number 652353, 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),(3)&(10), 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 21, 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 professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree from Grayson County College, Denison, Texas, on May 1, 1998. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 30, 1998.

5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

6/1998 - 8/1998	Unknown	
9/1998 - 1/2000	Director of Nursing	Avalon Home Health Baytown, Texas
1/2000 - Present	Administrator/Alternate Director of Nursing	Advantx Home Care, Inc. Sherman, Texas

- 6. On or about April 21, 2003, Respondent entered a plea of guilty and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class B misdemeanor offense, in the County Court at Law No. 2, Grayson County, Texas, under Cause No. 2002-2-2238. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Grayson County Jail for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days; however, imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of two (2) years and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
- 7. On or about September 26, 2008, Respondent entered a plea of guilty and was convicted of PUBLIC INTOXICATION, a Class C misdemeanor offense, in the Justice of the Peace Court-1, Grayson County, Texas, under Cause No. 205907-JP1. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
- 8. On or about September 29, 2009, Respondent entered a plea of no contest and was convicted of PURCHASE FURNISH ALCOHOL TO A MINOR, a Class A misdemeanor offense, in the County Court at Law #1, Grayson County, Texas, under Cause No. 2009-1-196-CR. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to serve three hundred sixty-five (365) days in the Grayson County Jail; however imposition of the sentence of confinement was probated for eighteen (18) months.
- 9. On or about September 29, 2009, Respondent entered a plea of guilty and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class A misdemeanor offense, in the County Court at Law #1, Grayson County, Texas, under Cause No. 2009-1-314. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to serve three hundred sixty-five (365) days in the Grayson County Jail; however imposition of the sentence of confinement was probated for eighteen (18) months.
- 10. On or about January 6, 2011, Respondent entered a plea of guilty and was convicted of PUBLIC INTOXICATION, a Class C misdemeanor offense, in the Justice of the Peace Court-1, Grayson County, Texas, under Cause No. 214420-JP1. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

11. On or about January 24, 2012, Respondent submitted an online renewal document to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the following questions:

"Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:

- A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
- C. pled nolo contendere, no contest or guilty?
- I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about January 6, 2011, Respondent entered a plea of guilty and was convicted of PUBLIC INTOXICATION, a Class C misdemeanor offense, in the Justice of the Peace Court-1, Grayson County, Texas, under Cause No. 214420-JP1. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

- 12. On or about February 11, 2012, Respondent entered a plea of nolo contendere and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED, a Class C misdemeanor offense, in the Justice of the Peace Court-1, Grayson County, Texas, under Cause No. 217856-JP1. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
- On or about October 13, 2012, Respondent was arrested by the Grayson County Sheriff's Office in Sherman, Texas for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, 3rd OR MORE, a third degree felony offense. On or about October 10, 2014, Respondent entered a plea of guilty to this charge and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, 3rd OR MORE, in the 15th Judicial District Court; Grayson County, Texas, under Cause No. 062575. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for a period of five (5) years; however imposition of the sentence of imprisonment was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of sixty dollars (\$60), along with a fine and court costs. Respondent has not completed the period of supervision.
- 14. On or about January 8, 2014, Respondent submitted an online renewal document to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the following questions:

"Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:

- B. been convicted of a felony?
- C. pled nolo contendere, no contest or guilty?
- E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation whether or not adjudicated guilty?

- F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time?
- H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about October 13, 2012, Respondent was arrested by the Grayson County Sheriff's Office in Sherman, Texas for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, 3<sup>rd</sup> OR MORE, a third degree felony offense and that on or about October 10, 2014, Respondent entered a plea of guilty to this charge and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, 3<sup>rd</sup> OR MORE, in the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court; Grayson County, Texas, under Cause No. 062575. Respondent also failed to disclose that as a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for a period of five (5) years; however imposition of the sentence of imprisonment was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of sixty dollars (\$60), along with a fine and court costs.

15. On or about January 8, 2014, Respondent submitted an online renewal document to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the following question:

"In the past 5 years, have you been addicted or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug? (You may answer "no" if you have completed and/or are in compliance with TPAPN)."

Respondent failed to disclose that in or about November 2013 she entered treatment briefly at La Hacienda Treatment Center in Kerrville, Texas. This facility is a treatment program for alcoholism and drug addiction. Respondent also failed to reveal that in or about June 2013 she also sought and obtained treatment for her admitted alcoholism/alcohol addiction at Life Management Resources, a facility located in the Dallas, Texas area which is expressly designed for drug and alcohol addiction treatment. Upon information and belief, Respondent has not participated in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses ("TPAPN").

16. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states that she pled guilty to Driving While Intoxicated following an employee birthday party. The Board was previously notified of the incident and outcome.

In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Thirteen (13), Respondent states that on October 13, 2012, she went through her "sister's" belongings after her passing. Respondent adds that she drank to a point that she could not stop the pain, and was pulled over on her way home. Respondent realized that she needed help. Respondent states that she entered La Hacienda in Kerrville, Texas; however, she could not complete the program after becoming extremely ill with respiratory failure. On November 11, 2013, Respondent enrolled in the Supportive Outpatient Program (SOP) at Life Management Resources, McKinney, Texas. On February 20, 2014, Respondent completed the SOP. Respondent states November

15, 2013, as her date of sobriety, but legally, it is documented as June 23, 2013.

In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Fourteen (14), Respondent states that while she was hospitalized, her daughter helped her complete the renewal. Respondent states that she does not remember much, but per her daughter, Respondent indicated that she had not been convicted.

- 17. 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.
- 18. Second Amended Formal Charges were filed on December 15, 2015.
- 19. Second Amended Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on December 16, 2015.

### 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(6)(I)&(13).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(2),(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 652353, heretofore issued to CHANDA EASTRIDGE REIFEL, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 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, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that Registered Nurse License Number 652353, previously issued to CHANDA

EASTRIDGE REIFEL A.K.A. CHANDA EASTRIDGE BAUGUS A.K.A. CHANDA S. BAUGUS A.K.A. CHANDA SUE KRAUSS, to practice nursing in Texas is hereby **SUSPENDED** with the suspension **STAYED** and Respondent is hereby placed on **PROBATION**, in accordance with the terms of this Order, for a minimum of three (3) years **AND** until Respondent fulfills the requirements 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. The course <u>"Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills,"</u> 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 not being offered by a preapproved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.

### IV. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

## V. 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 clinical healthcare setting, for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month for twelve (12) quarterly periods [three (3) years] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until twelve (12) 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 <u>and will not count towards completion of this requirement.</u>

- 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. Direct Supervision: For the first year [four (4) quarters] of employment as a Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be directly supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Direct supervision requires another nurse, as applicable, to be working on the same unit as RESPONDENT and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. RESPONDENT SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- D. No Night or Rotating Shifts, Overtime, or On-Call: For the first year [four (4) quarters] of employment as a Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a nurse on the night shift, rotate shifts, work overtime, accept on-call assignments, or be used for coverage on any unit other than the identified, predetermined unit(s) to which Respondent is regularly assigned.
- E. No Critical Care: For the first year [four (4) quarters] of employment as a Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a nurse in any critical care area. Critical care areas include, but are not limited to, intensive care units, emergency rooms, operating rooms, telemetry units, recovery rooms, and labor and delivery units.

- F. No Administration of Controlled Medications: For the first year [four (4) quarters] of employment as a Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL NOT administer or have any contact with controlled substances, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, Propofol, or other synthetic opiates.
- G. Indirect Supervision: For the remainder of the probation period, RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- H. 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 twelve (12) quarters [three (3) years] of employment as a nurse.

# VI. DRUG AND ALCOHOL RELATED REQUIREMENTS

A. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the use of alcohol, tramadol and all controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose. If prescribed, RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the licensed practitioner to submit a written report identifying the medication, dosage and the date the medication was prescribed. The report shall be submitted directly to the office of the Board by the prescribing practitioner, within ten (10) days of the date of the prescription. In the event that prescriptions for controlled substances are required for periods of two (2) weeks or longer, the Board may require and RESPONDENT SHALL submit to a pain management and/or chemical dependency evaluation by a Board approved evaluator. The performing evaluator must submit a written report meeting the Board's requirements to the Board's office within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.

- B. While working as a nurse under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for alcohol, tramadol, and controlled substances. The Board will provide instructions on how to enroll in the Board's drug and alcohol testing program following the entry of this Order and screening will begin when Respondent obtains employment and submits the Notification of Employment form to the Board.
  - For the first three (3) month [1st quarter] period RESPONDENT works as a nurse under the terms of this Order, random screens shall be performed at least once per week.
  - For the next three (3) month [2<sup>nd</sup> quarter] period, random screens shall be performed at least twice per month.
  - For the next six (6) month period [3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> quarters], random screens shall be performed at least once per month.
  - For the remainder of the probation period, random screens shall be performed at least once every three (3) month quarterly period.

All random screens SHALL BE conducted through urinalysis. Screens obtained through urinalysis are the sole method accepted by the Board. Any test result for a period of time in which the RESPONDENT is not working as a nurse under the terms of this Order will not count towards satisfaction of this requirement. All screens shall be properly monitored and produced in accordance with the Board's policy on Random Drug Testing. A complete chain of custody shall be maintained for each specimen obtained and analyzed. RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for the costs of all random drug screening during the stipulation/probation period.

<u>Specimens shall be screened</u> for at least the following substances and their metabolites:

Amphetamines Meperidine
Barbiturates Methadone
Benzodiazepines Methaqualone

Cannabinoids Opiates

Cocaine Phencyclidine Ethanol Propoxyphene

tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)

A Board representative may appear at the RESPONDENT'S place of employment at any time during the probation period and require RESPONDENT to produce a specimen for screening.

<u>Consequences of Positive or Missed Screens.</u> Any positive result for which RESPONDENT does not have a valid prescription or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen may subject RESPONDENT to further disciplinary

action, including TEMPORARY 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. Further, failure to report for a drug screen, excessive dilute specimens, or failure to call in for a drug screen may be considered the same as a positive result or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen.

C. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL attend at least two (2) support group meetings each week, one of which must be for substance abuse and provided by Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, or another comparable recovery program that has been pre-approved by the Board. RESPONDENT SHALL provide acceptable evidence of attendance. Acceptable evidence shall consist of a written record of at least: the date of each meeting; the name of each group attended; and the signature and printed name of the chairperson of each group attended by RESPONDENT. RESPONDENT SHALL submit the required evidence on the forms provided by the Board at the end of every three (3) month quarterly period. No duplications, copies, third party signatures, or any other substitutions will be accepted as evidence.

### VII. PROBATION REPORTS

RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE her probation officer to submit written reports on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board. The reports shall indicate the RESPONDENT'S compliance with the court ordered probation. The reports shall be furnished each and every three (3) month period until RESPONDENT is released from probation.

## VIII. FURTHER COMPLAINTS

If, during the period of probation, an additional allegation, accusation, or petition is reported or filed against the Respondent's license(s), the probationary period shall not expire and shall automatically be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

# IX. 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 signific this of the country of this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein; the modification 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, hunderstand that wifer this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, a copy will be insuled to modificate understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, it 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.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of 2016.

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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Approved as to form and substance:

Jonathan Wil Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 26 day of April , 20 16

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>26<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>April</u>, 20<u>16</u>, by CHANDA EASTRIDGE REIFEL A.K.A. CHANDA EASTRIDGE BAUGUS A.K.A. CHANDA S. BAUGUS A.K.A. CHANDA SUE KRAUSS, Registered Nurse License Number 652353, and said Order is final.

Effective this 14th day of June, 2016.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board