

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED

Vocational Nurse License Number 150762

issued to REBECCA LEA PIPKIN § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of REBECCA LEA PIPKIN, Vocational Nurse License Number 150762, 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), 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 February 12, 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 delinquent status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Galen College of Nursing, San Antonio, Texas, on November 4, 1994. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 20, 1994.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.

- On or about October 17, 2013, Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing was SUSPENDED with the Suspension STAYED and placed on Probation with Stipulations for a period of three (3) years by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated October 17, 2013, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 7. On or about October 17, 2014, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to Respondent on October 17, 2013, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Numbers Two (2), and Three (3), of the order which reads, in pertinent part:
 - (2) "RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the suspension being stayed, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics..."
 - (3) "RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the suspension being stayed, successfully complete 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..."
- 8. Formal Charges were filed on October 16, 2015.
- 9. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on October 22, 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(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 Vocational Nurse License Number 150762, heretofore issued to REBECCA LEA PIPKIN, 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 Vocational Nurse License Number 150762, previously issued to REBECCA LEA PIPKIN, to practice nursing in Texas is hereby SUSPENDED and said suspension is ENFORCED until Respondent:

A. Successfully completes:

- (i) A 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.
- (ii) 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 not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.

B. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL <u>pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred</u> <u>dollars (\$500.00)</u>. 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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, upon verification of successful completion of the above

requirements, the Suspension will be STAYED, and RESPONDENT will be placed on PROBATION until such a time as Respondent completes the remaining requirements of the Order of the Board issued to RESPONDENT on October 17, 2013. The October 17, 2013, Order is still in effect in its entirety.

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.

- A. 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.
- B. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. This Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- D. 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.

III. 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.

IV. 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 10 day of ______, 2016

REBECCA LEA PIPKIN, Respondent



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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

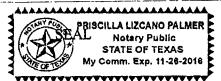
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Signed this 10th day of June, 2016

REBECCA LEA PIPKIN, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of _______. 2016.



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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the _10th_ day of _June_, 20_16, by REBECCA LEA PIPKIN, Vocational Nurse License Number 150762, and said Order is final.

Effective this 21st day of July, 2016.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

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ORDER

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Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(9),(10)&(13) 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 July 9, 2013, subject to ratification by the Board.

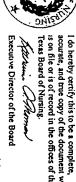
FINDINGS OF FACT

- 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
 - 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Galen College of Nursing, San Antonio, Texas, on November 4, 1994. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 20, 1994.
 - 5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

12/94 - 10/95

Unknown

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Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

	11/95 - 07/98	LVN	Northeast (NE) Endocrinology San Antonio, Texas
	08/98 - 12/98	Unknown	
	01/99 - 05/01	LVN	Institute of GI & Liver Diseases San Antonio, Texas
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	06/07 - 09/08	LVN	HCR Manor Care Nursing Home San Antonio, Texas
	10/08 - 11/08	Unknown	
	12/08 - 03/09	LVN	South Alamo Medical Group San Antonio, Texas
	04/09 - 05/09	Unknown	
	06/09 - Unknown	LVN	Grace Hospice San Antonio, Texas
	08/09 - 02/10	LVN	Maxim Staffing Solutions San Antonio, Texas
	Present	LVN	Enhancement of Life Center San Antonio, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Maxim Staffing Solutions, San Antonio, Texas, and had been in this position for six (6) months.
- 7. On or about February 5, 2010, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Maxim Staffing Solutions, San Antonio, Texas, and assigned to Sarah Roberts French Home, San Antonio, Texas, Respondent failed to properly waste one (1) tab of Hydrocodone-APAP 10/325mg, belonging to Patient V.B. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy and placed them in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substance Act).

- 8. On or about February 5, 2010, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Maxim Staffing Solutions, San Antonio, Texas, and assigned to Sarah Roberts French Home, San Antonio, Texas, Respondent misappropriated, or failed to take precautions to prevent the misappropriation of, thirty (30) tabs of Methadone from the facility and patients thereof. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medication.
- 9. On or about February 8, 2010, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Maxim Staffing Solutions, San Antonio, Texas, and assigned to Sarah Roberts French Home, San Antonio, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Methadone in that she produced a specimen for a random urine drug screen which resulted positive for Methadone. Unlawful possession of Methadone is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Methadone by a Licensed Vocational Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
- 10. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Eight (8) through Ten (10), Respondent states that the count for the Methadone was correct at the end of her shift. Respondent further states that she must have tested positive for Methadone because she had administered Methadone to hospice patients without wearing gloves.
- 11. On or about January 4, 2013, Respondent underwent a Chemical Dependency Evaluation with Jerome R. Schmidt, Ph.D., wherein Dr. Schmidt advised the following:
 - "It is recommended that Respondent be closely supervised within a peer assistance program. Her previous history of noncompliance in the halfway house, her lack of participation in a 12-step program of recovery and her more recent positive urinalysis for methadone presents significant risk factors for future abuse or dependence upon narcotics."
- 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.
- 13. Formal Charges were filed on September 10, 2012; First Amended Formal Charges were filed on June 14, 2013.
- 14. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on September 13, 2012; First Amended Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on June 14, 2013.

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) and 217.12(1)(B),(4),(6)(G),(8),(10)(A),(10)(C),(10)(D)&(11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(9),(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 150762, heretofore issued to REBECCA LEA PIPKIN, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that Vocational Nurse License Number 150762, previously issued to REBECCA LEA PIPKIN, to practice nursing in Texas is/are hereby SUSPENDED for a period of three (3) years with the suspension STAYED and Respondent is hereby placed on PROBATION for three (3) years with the following agreed terms of probation:

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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 the Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact 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.

- (1) 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.
- (2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the suspension being stayed, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It 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. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the suspension being stayed, successfully complete 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 program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND

STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND RESPONDENT MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROBATION CONDITIONS FOR THREE (3) YEAR(S) OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. 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 STIPULATION PERIOD:

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the probation conditions on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the

probation conditions on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.

- (5) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- (6) For the first year of employment as a Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be directly supervised by Donna Ruth Becker, D.O. of Enhancement of Life Center, San Antonio, Texas. If RESPONDENT ceases employment with Dr. Donna Ruth Becker, 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 Donna Ruth Becker, D.O. or 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). The 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.
- (7) For the remainder of the probation period, RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by Donna Ruth Becker, D.O. of Enhancement of Life Center, San Antonio, Texas. If RESPONDENT ceases employment with Dr. Donna Ruth Becker, 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, who is on the premises. Donna Ruth Becker, D.O. or the supervising nurse, as applicable, 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. Donna Ruth Becker, D.O. or the supervising nurse, as applicable, 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.

- (8) 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. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month period for three (3) year(s) of employment as a nurse.
- (9) RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of 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

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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.

substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol. For the first three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per week. For the next three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least twice per month. For the next six (6) month period, 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) months. All random screens SHALL BE conducted through urinalysis. Screens obtained through urinalysis are the sole method accepted by the Board.

Specimens shall be screened 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.

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 probation period.

Any positive result for which the nurse does not have a valid prescription or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen may subject the nurse to 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. 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.

(11) 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 period. No duplications, copies, third party signatures, or any other substitutions will be accepted as evidence.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that 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.

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.

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 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, 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 this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, 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 26 day of Angust, 20 13.

REBECCA LEA PIPKIN, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of August , 20/3

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My Commission Expires
October 5, 2016

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>26th</u> day of <u>August</u>, 20<u>13</u>, by REBECCA LEA PIPKIN, Vocational Nurse License Number 150762, and said Order is final.

Effective this 17th day of October, 2013.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board