



Family Nurse Practitioner in the State of Massachusetts in 2002; and was licensed to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the role of Family Nurse Practitioner with prescription authorization in the State of Texas on April 6, 2007.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

10/1993-1/1994	Registered Nurse	St. Frances Medical Center Unknown
4/1994-5/1996	Registered Nurse	Hospice Care Association of Singapore Singapore
6/1996-1/1997	Not employed in Nursing	
2/1997-2/1998	Registered Nurse	Good Samaritan Medical Center Unknown
3/1998-7/2002	Not employed in Nursing	
8/2002-4/2004	Family Nurse Practitioner	Norcap Lodge Foxborough, Massachusetts
1/2003-4/2004	Family Nurse Practitioner	Jordan Family Practice Unknown
4/2004-12/2004	Medical Review Facilitator	Mercy Ships International Offices Unknown
12/2004-7/2005	Crew Health provider	Mercy Ships International Benin, South Africa
7/2005-10/2006	Hospital Provider	Mercy Ships International Africa
6/2005-5/2006	Foreign Service Health Practitioner Consultant	US Embassy Monrovia, Liberia
10/2006-1/2009	Medical Review Facilitator/ Occupational Health Director	Mercy Ships International Offices Texas
2/2007-1/2009	Family Nurse Practitioner	Teen Mania Ministries Garden Valley, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment continued:

3/2007-10/2009	Family Nurse Practitioner	Lifetime Health Center Tyler, Texas
11/2009-2/2010	Family Nurse Practitioner	Krause Medical Group Tyler, Texas
3/2010-12/2010	Family Nurse Practitioner	BKI Medical Weight Loss Dallas, Texas
6/2010-7/2011	Family Nurse Practitioner	Tyler Physical Medicine Tyler, Texas
4/2010-Present	Family Nurse Practitioner	Dr. Khoren Hekimian Private Practice Troup, Texas
7/2011-Present	Family Nurse Practitioner	Integrative Medicine of East Texas Tyler, Texas
4/2010-Present	Family Nurse Practitioner	Heart 2 Heart Hospice Tyler, Texas

6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner under the supervision of Khoren Hekimian, DO, Troup, Texas, and had been in that position for five (5) years and one (1) month.
7. On or about May 21, 2015, through May 24, 2015, while employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner under the supervision of Khoren Hekimian, DO, Troup, Texas, and providing care to patients at Truman W. Smith Children's Center, Gladewater, Texas, Respondent failed to intervene in the care of Patient J.C. and treat the patient when it was reported to her that the patient's g-tube stoma culture came back positive for Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), and that the patient had an elevated white blood cell count. Subsequently, the patient's family transported him to the emergency room, where he was found to have a 101.1° fever and received treatment with antibiotics. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that the delay placed the patient at risk of ineffective treatment or worsening infection.
8. On or about May 21, 2015, through May 24, 2015, while employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner under the supervision of Khoren Hekimian, DO, Troup, Texas, and providing care to patients at Truman W. Smith Children's Center, Gladewater, Texas, Respondent failed to completely document in the medical record of the aforementioned Patient J.C. regarding phone contact with facility nurses discussing care of the patient and instructions

given to the nurses regarding care of the patient. Respondent's conduct resulted in an incomplete medical record and was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would not have accurate and complete information on which to base their care decisions.

9. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that she was notified by the patient's mother on May 18<sup>th</sup> that the patient had some drainage from the G-tube site, and this had been occurring for some time. Respondent states that she assessed the site and it appeared fine, with no swelling, erythema or pain. Respondent adds that it appeared that formula had dripped on the site and the child was in no distress at that time. Respondent states that she ordered to have the site cultured for the mother's peace of mind. Respondent states that the lab result was received in the evening on May 21<sup>st</sup>, and she was called with the result. Respondent adds that she thought the patient was discharging on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, so she told the nurse to give the results to the mother to take to his primary care provider. Respondent states that she was not told then by the nurse that the patient was not leaving that night, but it was reported to her that the patient was asymptomatic, with normal vital signs and no elevated temperature. Respondent states that she was called on May 24<sup>th</sup> and told that the patient's mother reported vomiting, with a temperature was 98.2, and Respondent ordered a chest and abdominal X-ray and lab work to be completed. Respondent states that she was called at 4 pm by the nurse and was told that the white blood cell count (WBC) was 12.8, but the mother had refused admission labs so there was no baseline WBC value. Additionally, Respondent states that the patient was not signed out of the facility and facility staff were not notified that the patient had received antibiotics. Respondent states that at no time was there a fever reported to Respondent and Respondent had no knowledge of any antibiotics given to the patient in the emergency room. Respondent states that per the documentation provided to Respondent by the Board, the emergency room physician documented a normal G-tube with no abnormal findings.
10. On or about January 30, 2016, Respondent successfully completed a Board approved course in Texas Nursing Jurisprudence and Ethics, which would have been a requirement of this Order.
11. On or about February 6, 2016, Respondent successfully completed a Board approved course in Professional Accountability, which would have been a requirement of this Order.
12. On or about February 6, 2016, Respondent successfully completed a Board approved course in Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills, which would have been a requirement of this Order.
13. On or about March 14, 2016, Respondent successfully completed a Board approved course in Nursing Documentation, which would have been a requirement of this Order.

#### 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)(D),(1)(M),(1)(O)&(4) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(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 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP115775 and Registered Nurse License Number 738885, heretofore issued to ZANA L. ELLIOTT.
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. 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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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016, by ZANA L. ELLIOTT, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP115775 and Registered Nurse License Number 738885, and said Order is final.

Effective this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2016.



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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN  
Executive Director on behalf  
of said Board

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. 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 26 day of May, 2016.

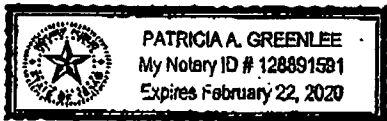
Zana Elliott APRN  
ZANA L. ELLIOTT, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 day of May, 2016.

SEAL

Patricia A. Greenlee

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



Approved as to form and <sup>now</sup> substance.

Nancy Roper Willson  
Nancy Roper Willson, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016