BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of § AGREED

Vocational Nurse License Number 90282 §
issued to MARIA ELIDA COLOMO § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of MARIA ELIDA COLOMO, Vocational Nurse License Number 90282, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

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 is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Fort Stockton Vocational Nursing, Fort Stockton, Texas on November 4, 1980. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on June 3, 1981.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.

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EXAS Executive Director of the Board**

- On or about March 19, 2013, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of MISPRISION OF A FELONY, a State Jail Felony offense, in the United States District Court, Western District of Texas, Pecos Division, under Cause No. 4:12-CR-280-07 RAJ. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the United States Bureau of Prisons at F.C.I. Bryan, Texas, for a period of twelve (12) months and one (1) day. Upon release from imprisonment, Respondent was ordered to be placed on supervised release for a period of one (1) year, and ordered to pay a six-thousand dollar (\$6,000.00) fine and court costs. On or about April 22, 2014, the terms of probation under Cause No. 4:12-CR-280-07 RAJ were discharged.
- 7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states she did not report the fact her son-in-law was dealing because she was trying to protect her daughter and grandson. Respondent also states she moved in with her daughter prior to her arrest and subsequent conviction. Respondent further states she "didn't know anything," and she thinks she was charged "to put pressure on her daughter and grandson."
- 8. Respondent, by his/her signature to this Order, expresses his/her desire to voluntarily surrender his/her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 9. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
- 10. 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.

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(13).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(3) & (10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 90282, heretofore issued to MARIA ELIDA COLOMO, 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.
- 6. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
- 7. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 8. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

TERMS OF ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Vocational Nurse License Number 90282, heretofore issued to MARIA ELIDA COLOMO, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

- 1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title "vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself/himself as a vocational nurse, or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
- 2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until:
 - A. One (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and,
 - B. RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
- 3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable

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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 this Order becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 31	- •	/ ^	20 <u>/6</u> .
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MARIA ELIDA	COLOMO,	Respondent	

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31 day of July, 2

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Notary Public in and for the State of _____

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 90282, previously issued to MARIA ELIDA COLOMO.

Effective this 5th day of August, 2016.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board