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Patricia A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED
Registered Nurse License Number 701944 §
& Vocational Nurse License Number 164678 §
issued to GAYLA JEANETTE CHESTER § ORDER

An investigation by the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, produced evidence indicating that GAYLA JEANETTE CHESTER, Registered Nurse License Number 701944 and Vocational Nurse License Number 164678, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, may be subject to discipline pursuant to Sections 301.452(b)(13) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.

An informal conference was conducted on April 5, 2016, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent appeared in person. Respondent was represented by Laura Diamond, Attorney at 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's license to practice as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in delinquent status. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Clarendon College, Clarendon, Texas, on August 22, 1997, and received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas, on December 11, 2003. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 1, 1997, and was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on January 13, 2004.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

10/1997-7/2011	Unknown	
8/2011-5/2012	RN Case Manager	Accolade Home Care Unknown
6/2012-10/2014	RN Case Manager	Integra Care Home Care Unknown
10/2014-3/2015	Director of Nursing	Coronado Health Care Pampa, Texas
3/2015-8/2015	Director of Nursing	Community Care Center of Clarendon Clarendon, Texas
9/2015-11/2015	Unknown	
12/2015-Present	Staff Nurse- Day Surgery	Pampa Regional Medical Center Pampa, Texas

6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as the Director of Nursing at Community Care Center of Clarendon, Clarendon, Texas, and had been in that position for five (5) months.

7. On or about August 20, 2015, while employed as the Director of Nursing at Community Care Center of Clarendon, Clarendon, Texas, Respondent failed to provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to Patient S.B., who was full code status. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm from inadequate treatment.

8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that the patient was under the LVN's care on August 20, 2015. Respondent states that the LVN did not appropriately assess the patient or alert Respondent to the patient's condition. Respondent states that the LVN did not provide medical interventions including CPR or call for an emergency transport. Respondent was out of the building at the time and states that by the time she assessed the patient, he was deceased. Respondent states that his pupils were fixed and dilated, his jaw was dropped open, his lips and fingers were blue, his skin was cool to the touch, and CPR at that point would have been inappropriate and futile. Respondent states that she assessed the patient for a heart rate and breath sounds for at least one minute, and based on the assessment pronounced the patient deceased.

9. On December 11, 2015, Respondent successfully completed a course in Basic Cardiopulmonary Life Support for Healthcare Providers, 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)(M)&(3)(A).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 701944 and Vocational Nurse License Number 164678, heretofore issued to GAYLA JEANETTE CHESTER.
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. 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 **"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.*

IV. 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 four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) 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 and will not count towards completion of this requirement.

- 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. **Incident Reporting:** RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to immediately submit any and all incident, counseling, variance, unusual occurrence, and medication or other error reports involving RESPONDENT, as well as documentation of any internal investigations regarding action by RESPONDENT, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office.
- D. **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 four (4) quarters [one (1) year] of employment as a nurse.

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 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 action, including possible revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 7th day of July, 2016.

Gayla Jeanette Chester
GAYLA JEANETTE CHESTER, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of July, 2016.

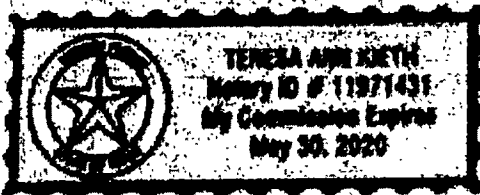
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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

Laura Diamond
Laura Diamond, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 7th day of July, 2016.



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 7th day of July, 2016, by GAYLA JEANETTE CHESTER, Registered Nurse License Number 701944 and Vocational Nurse License Number 164678, and said Order is final.

Effective this 9th day of August, 2016.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katherine A. Thomas".

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