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Patricia A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of §
Registered Nurse License Number 519338 §
issued to JAN KAY WARD §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 519338, issued to JAN KAY WARD, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453©), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from New Mexico Junior College, Hobbs, New Mexico, on May 18, 1984. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on October 1, 1984.

4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

10/84 - 1988	Unknown	
1989 - 1990	RN/DON	Canterbury Villa Denver City, Texas
1990 - 1992	RN/DON	Arlington Villa Nursing Home Arlington, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

1992 - 1993	RN/DON	Jackson Square Nursing Home Fort Worth, Texas
1993 - 1994	RN/DON	Town Hall Estates Arlington, Texas
1994 - 1995	RN/DON	Richland Hills Nursing Center Richland Hills, Texas
1995	RN/DON	Colonial Manor Fort Worth, Texas
1995 - 2001	RN/ADON/DON	Mariner Health and Rehabilitation Arlington, Texas
01/02 - 12/02	TILE Nurse	Spring Seasons of Hurst Hurst, Texas
02/02 - 08/03	TILE Nurse	Longmeadow Care Center Justin, Texas
08/03 - 08/04	RN/Director	Heartland Homecare & Hospice Dallas, Texas
02/05 - 05/08	TILE Coordinator	Hurst Place Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Hurst, Texas
05/08 - 06/10	RN/DON	Preferred Care Plano, Texas
06/10 - 01/11	RN/Travel DON	Advanced Healthcare Solutions Arlington, Texas
02/11 - 07/11	RN/DON	The Estates Healthcare & Rehabilitation Fort Worth, Texas
08/11 - 10/11	RN Case Manager	Ace Home Health Care Arlington, Texas
11/11 - 01/12	RN Case Manager	Proficient Home Health Care Grand Prairie, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

02/12 - 08/12	RN/DON	Grand Prairie Healthcare Center Grand Prairie, Texas
11/12 - Unknown	RN/DON	DFW Nursing & Rehabilitation Fort Worth, Texas
05/13 - 10/13	RN/DON	Premier Transitional Care of Dallas Dallas, Texas
10/13 - Present	Not employed in nursing	

5. On or about February 21, 2013, while employed as a registered nurse/Director of Nursing with DFW Nursing and Rehabilitation, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent wrote an order to flush a resident's peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) line with 5 cc Heparin without authorization. Respondent's order contradicted a standing physician's order to flush the resident's PICC line with 3 cc Heparin. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to flush the PICC line which could result in hemorrhaging.
6. On or about October 21, 2013, while employed as a registered nurse/Director of Nursing with Premier Transitional Care of Dallas, Dallas, Texas, Respondent removed a blister pack of Hydrocodone/APAP for Medical Record Number 535-2013 without a physician's order to discontinue the medication. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that failure to administer medications as ordered by the physician could have resulted in nonefficacious treatment.
7. On or about October 21, 2013, while employed as a registered nurse/Director of Nursing with Premier Transitional Care of Dallas, Dallas, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Hydrocodone/APAP belonging to the facility and patients thereof, or failed to take precautions to the prevent such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.
8. On or about October 22, 2013, while employed as a registered nurse/Director of Nursing with Premier Transitional Care of Dallas, Dallas, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate and/or unlawful use of Hydrocodone in that she submitted a specimen for a drug screen which resulted positive for Hydrocodone. Unlawful possession of Hydrocodone is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Hydrocodone by a Registered 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.

9. Formal Charges were filed on August 3, 2016.
10. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on August 5, 2016.
11. On August 24, 2016, the Board received a statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, received August 24, 2016, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
12. 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.
13. 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 §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)&(1)(D), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4),(6)(G),(8),(10)(D),(10)(E)&(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 Registered Nurse License Number 519338, heretofore issued to JAN KAY WARD, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC §§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

ORDER


NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 519338, heretofore issued to JAN KAY WARD, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title of "registered nursing" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: at least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and, 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 to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 24th day of August, 2016.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

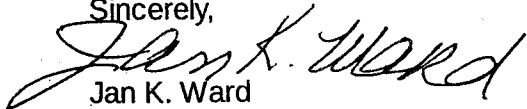
By: 
Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board

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To Whom it May Concern.

I Jan Ward am surrendering my R.N. License # 519338. I have not practiced nursing in any form since Oct. 2013 and will not be practicing in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan K. Ward". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jan K. Ward

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