BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of § AGREED

Registered Nurse License Number 735237 §

issued to JASON KENNETH HEHR § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JASON KENNETH HEHR, Registered Nurse License Number 735237, 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 July 11, 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 professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from San Jacinto College, Pasadena, Texas, on October 21, 2005. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on November 7, 2006.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

11/2006 - 09/2010 RN

Christus St. John Emergency Room

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(nursing employment history continued)

10/2010 - 04/2011	RN	Mainland Medical Center Emergency Room
07/2014 - 09/2014	RN	North Cypress Medical Center Emergency Room
03/2011 - 02/2016	RN	Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Offsite Emergency Room

02/2016 - Present unemployed

- 6. On or about July 23, 2015, Respondent was issued the sanction of a WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Agreed Order dated July 23, 20215, is attached and incorporated herein, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 7. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center, and had been in that position for approximately four (4) years.
- 8. On or about July 23, 2015, while employed with Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital, Houston, Texas, Respondent was noncompliant with the Agreed Order issued to him by the Texas Board of Nursing on July 23, 2015. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to notify his employer of his Board Order. Stipulation Numbers Four (IV)(A)&(IV)(B) of the Agreed Order dated July 23, 2015, states, in pertinent part:
 - (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..."
 - (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..."
- 9. On or about July 23, 2015, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to Respondent on July 23, 2015, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Five (V) of the order which reads, in pertinent part:

- (B.) "While working as a nurse under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for alcohol, tramadol, and controlled substances..."
- 10. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Eight (8), and Nine (9), Respondent states, he can offer no evidence of the contrary and he can only speak to his state of mind at the time of the charges.
- 11. Formal Charges were filed on March 28, 2016.
- 12. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on March 31, 2016.

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 Registered Nurse License Number 735237, heretofore issued to JASON KENNETH HEHR, 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 that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of **REPRIMAND AND FINE** 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.

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- 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.

IV. COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR ORDER

The Order of the Board issued to RESPONDENT on July 23, 2015 is still in effect in its entirety and RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for completing the terms of that Order and any outstanding Remedial Education Courses required in the July 23, 2015 Order.

V. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL <u>pay a monetary fine in the amount of seven hundred</u>

fifty dollars (\$750.00) within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. 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.

VI. 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 λ day of λ , λ .

JASON KENNETH HEHR, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of Aug of

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Notary ID # 130186877
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires 4-10-2019

Notary Public in and for the State of

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>2nd</u> day of <u>August</u>, 20<u>16</u>, by JASON KENNETH HEHR, Registered Nurse License Number 735237, and said Order is final.

Effective this 13th day of September, 2016.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

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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)(10)&(13), 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 April 30, 2015.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 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 professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from San Jacinto College, Pasadena, Texas, on October 21, 2005. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on November 7, 2006.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

11/06-09/10

Registered Nurse

Christus St. John Houston, Texas

CIO

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued;

10/10-04/11

Registered Nurse

Mainland Medical Center

Texas City, Texas

03/11-Present

Registered Nurse

Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center

Offsite Emergency Room

Cypress, Texas

07/14-09/14

Registered Nurse

North Cypress Medical Center

Cypress, Texas

6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with North Cypress Medical Center, Cypress, Texas, and had been in that position for two (2) months.

- On or about September 3, 2014, while employed as a Registered Nurse with North Cypress Medical Center, Cypress, Texas, Respondent failed to accurately document that he administered two (2) separate doses of 0.5mg Dilaudid to Patient Account Number V000011129666, ten (10) minutes apart. Instead, Respondent documented that he administered Img Dilaudid as a single dose. Further, the physicians order was to administer Img Dilaudid and did not include to administer as two (2) separate doses of Dilaudid ten (10) minutes apart. Respondent's conduct created an inaccurate medical record and failure to administer medications as ordered by the physician could have resulted in non-efficacious treatment.
- 8. On or about September 3, 2014, while employed as a Registered Nurse with North Cypress Medical Center, Cypress, Texas, Respondent admitted to his employer that he took Vicodin without a valid prescription. Subsequently, Respondent refused to submit to a for cause drug screen. Unlawful possession of Vicodin is prohibited by Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health & Safety Code. The use of Vicodin while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms, or changes in a 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 a patient in potential danger.
- In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) through Eight (8), Respondent states that he was caring for a patient with an order to administer Img Dilaudid. Respondent states he pulled two separate doses of .5mg Dilaudid and then administered the doses ten minutes apart from each other. Respondent states he was unaware of a way to document splitting a dose, so he documented that he administered Img. Respondent admits that he should have made a note as to what he did. Respondent admits to taking one of his wife's Norco.

11. 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),(1)(C),(4),(10)(A),(10)(B),&(11)(B)
- The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 735237, heretofore issued to JASON KENNETH HEHR.
- 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

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. A Board-approved course in nursing documentation that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.
- C: 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 preapproved 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, providing direct patient care in a licensed 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. Indirect Supervision: RESPONDENT SHALL be 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. The supervising nurse 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. The supervising nurse 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.

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. DRUG AND ALCOHOL RELATED REQUIREMENTS

- A. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the use of alcohol, tramadol and all 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 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.
- B. While working as a nurse under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for alcohol, tramadol, and controlled substances. The Board will provide instructions on how to enroll in the Board's drug and alcohol testing program following the entry of this Order and screening will begin when Respondent obtains employment and submits the Notification of Employment form to the Board.
 - For the first three (3) month [1" quarter] period RESPONDENT works as a nurse under the terms of this Order, random screens shall be performed at least once per week.

- For the next three (3) month [2nd quarter] period, random screens shall be performed at least twice per month.
- For the next six (6) month period [3rd & 4th quarters], random screens shall be performed at least once per month.
- For the remainder of the stipulation/probation period, if any, random screens shall be performed at least once every three (3) month quarterly period.

All random screens SHALL BE conducted through urinalysis. Screens obtained through urinalysis are the sole method accepted by the Board. Any test result for a period of time in which the RESPONDENT is not working as a nurse under the terms of this Order will not count towards satisfaction of this requirement. 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 stipulation/probation period.

Specimens shall be screened for at least the following substances and their metabolites:

Amphetamines Meperidine
Barbiturates Methadone
Benzodiazepines Methaqualone
Cannabinoids Opiates
Cocaine Phencyclidine

tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)

A Board representative may appear at the RESPONDENT'S place of employment at any time during the stipulation period and require RESPONDENT to produce a specimen for screening.

Propoxyphene

Consequences of Positive or Missed Screens. Any positive result for which RESPONDENT does not have a valid prescription or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen may subject RESPONDENT to further disciplinary action, including TEMPORARY 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.

VI. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Ethanol

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

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Signed this _	(_day of _	Tune	_, 20_/6	
JASON KENNETH HEHR, Respondent					
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this _1_

day of the 2015

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KEVIN GUERRA
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires
September 08, 2015

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WHEREFORE,	PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does
hereby ratify and adopt the Agr	reed Order that was signed on the 1 day of June
20 <u>15</u> , by JASON KENNETH	HEHR, Registered Nurse License Number 735237, and said Orde
is final,	
·	Effective this 23 day of July 20 15.
	Catherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

of said Board