

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

AGREED In the Matter of

Registered Nurse License Number 598071

§ issued to CHARITY I. ELEDA **ORDER**

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CHARITY I. ELEDA, Registered Nurse License Number 598071, 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

- Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these 1. 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).
- Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order. 2.
- Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current 3. status.
- Respondent received a Diploma in nursing from the State School of Nursing, Benin, Nigeria, 4. on June 1, 1981. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on October 8, 1993.
- Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown. 5.
- On or about February 23, 2012, Respondent was Indicted for CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT 6. HEALTHCARE FRAUD, HEALTHCARE FRAUD, and FALSE STATEMENTS FOR USE IN DETERMINING RIGHTS FOR BENEFIT AND PAYMENT BY MEDICARE, which were filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas - Dallas Division, Dallas, Texas, under Case No. 3-12CR-054-L. On or about April 13, 2016,

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Respondent was found Guilty by a jury of eight (8) counts of the aforementioned offenses in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas - Dallas Division, Dallas, Texas, under Case No. 3-12CR-054-L.

- 7. Formal Charges were filed on July 17, 2012.
- 8. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on July 17, 2012.
- 9. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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(6)(J),(11)(B) and (13).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 598071, heretofore issued to CHARITY I. ELEDA, 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 Registered Nurse License Number 598071, heretofore issued to CHARITY I. ELEDA, 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 professional/registered nursing, use the title "registered nurse" 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 one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
- 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.

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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 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 13th day of October 2016.

CHARITY I. ELEDA, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of

____, 20<u>16</u>

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Notary Public in and for the State of

Approved as to form and substance.

Attorney for Respondent

Signed this // day of

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 598071, previously issued to CHARITY I. ELEDA.

Effective this 19th day of October, 20 16.

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

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