BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of

AGREED

Vocational Nurse License Number 320773

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issued to MUKOSOLU J. EGWIM

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of MUKOSOLU J. EGWIM, Vocational Nurse License Number 320773, 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 August 16, 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 is currently licensed to practice as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from St. Philip's College, San Antonio, Texas on December 13, 2013. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on July 10, 2014.
- 5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

07/2014 - 08/2014

Unknown

09/2014 - 10/2014

LVN

Maxim Staffing Solutions San Antonio, Texas Respondent's vocational nursing history continued:

10/2014 - 06/2016 LVN

North East Rehabilitation

San Antonio, Texas

11/2014 - 06/2016

LVN/PRN

Parklane West

San Antonio, Texas

06/2016 - Present

LVN/Charge Nurse

Meridian Care

San Antonio, Texas

- 6. On or about April 16, 2015, Respondent was issued the sanction of WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS AND A FINE by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated April 16, 2015 is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 7. On or about April 27, 2015, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order of WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS AND A FINE issued to Respondent on April 16, 2015, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with the Stipulation Roman Numeral Five (V) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:
 - 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.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states when he received the Order dated April 27, 2015, he was already working at North East Rehab, San Antonio, Texas. He informed the DON of the facility that he would require quarterly evaluations, but was unaware that he would have to submit a notice of employment, since his employer was already mentioned in the Order. Respondent further states he is aware he still has outstanding requirements on his present Order, and requests that the Board allow him to complete his present Order without imposing further stipulations.
- 9. Formal Charges were filed on July 8, 2016.
- 10. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on July 12, 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 Vocational Nurse License Number 320773, heretofore issued to MUKOSOLU J. EGWIM, 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 WITH STIPULATIONS 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.
- 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. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) 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.

IV. COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR ORDER

The Order of the Board issued to RESPONDENT on April 16, 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 April 16, 2015 Order must be completed within six (6) months from the effective date of this Order.

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 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 9 day of Septem Let 2016.

SOLU J. EGWIM, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2

SEAL

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 9th day of September, 2016, by MUKOSOLU J. EGWIM, Vocational Nurse License Number 320773, and said Order is final.

Effective this 27th day of October, 2016.

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of MUKOSOLU J. EGWIM, Vocational Nurse License Number 320773, 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)(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 January 5, 2015.

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 current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from St. Philips College, San Antonio, Texas, on December 13, 2013. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on July 10, 2014.
- 5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

07/14 - 08/14 Unknown

09/14 - 10/14 LVN Maxim Staffing Solutions San Antonio, Texas

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Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

10/14 - Present

LVN

North East Rehabilitation

San Antonio, Texas

11/14 - Present

LVN/ Parklane West

PRN

San Antonio, Texas

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Maxim Staffing Solutions, San Antonio, Texas, and had been in that position for one (1) day.
- 7. On or about September 11, 2014, while licensed as a Vocational Nurse, and seeking employment with Maxim Staffing Solutions, San Antonio, Texas, Respondent submitted a fraudulent Basic Life Support (BLS) certification card from the American Heart Association to the credentialing coordinator. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the facility and could have affected their decision to continue his employment.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states it is true that he violated the nurse practice act by trying to use a fraudulent CPR card. Respondent states he takes full responsibility for this horrible act and now understands that this was wrong and does not go along with the nursing profession. Respondent states he is deeply sorry and remorseful for his actions.

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)(A),(6)(H)&(6)(I).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 320773, heretofore issued to MUKOSOLU J. EGWIM.

TERMS OF ORDER

I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive

the sanction of WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS AND A 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.
- 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 entry 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 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. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) 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.

V. 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
- Indirect Supervision: RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a C. 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 with the exception of Respondent's current employment as a LVN with Northeast Rehabilitation, San Antonio, Texas, and as a LVN with Parklane West, San Antonio, Texas. Should Respondent's current employment as a LVN with Northeast Rehabilitation, San Antonio, Texas, and as a LVN with Parklane West, San Antonio, Texas, cease or change, 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.

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.

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 16k day of February, 2015.

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MUKOSOL J. EGWIM, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6 day of February, 20/5.

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CHRISTOPHER CASTRO otary Public, State of Texas My Commission Expires April 10, 2016 Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 16th day of February, 2015, by MUKOSOLU J. EGWIM, Vocational Nurse License Number 320773, and said Order is final.

Effective this 16th day of April, 2015.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

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