

IN THE MATTER OF § REGISTERED NURSE § LICENSURE NUMBER 823749, ISSUED TO ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW §

BEFORE THE TEXAS

**BOARD OF NURSING** 

#### NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER OF THE BOARD

ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW 5115 56<sup>TH</sup> ST. LUBBOCK, TX 79414

An Order of the Board was entered for Adrienne Rebekah Whitlow on October 19, 2016. The Order, however, contained a typographical error on page 1. Upon notice and hearing, administrative agencies, like the Courts, have the power to enter nunc pro tunc orders where it can be seen by reference to a record that what was intended to be entered, but was omitted by inadvertence or mistake, can be corrected upon satisfactory proof of its rendition provided that no intervening rights will be prejudiced. Railroad Comm'n v. McClain, 356 S.W.2d 330, 334 (Tex. App.--Austin 1962, no writ) (citing Frankfort Ky. Nat. Gas Co. v. City of Frankfort, 276 Ky. 199, 123 S.W.2d 270, 272).

The Executive Director, as agent of the Texas Board of Nursing, after review and due consideration of the record and the facts therein submits and enters the corrected Order, which corrects the error. Respondent received due process regarding her license; therefore, her rights have not been prejudiced.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the corrected Order of the Board is hereby approved and entered on the dates set forth below.

Order effective October 19, 2016

Entered this 18th day of November, 2016.

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of	
Registered Nurse License Number 823749	į
issued to ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW	į

#### 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 823749, issued to ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), 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 a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, on May 20, 2012. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 24, 2012.
- 4. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

08/2012 - 07/07/2014

Registered Nurse

University Medical Center Lubbock, Texas

Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

11/2012 - Unknown

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Direct Healthcare, Inc
Lubbock, Texas

02/2015 - 04/2016

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Lubbock, Texas

- 5. On or about April 21, 2016, Respondent's license to practice professional nursing was suspended and placed on probation through an Agreed Order by the Board. Respondent has not successfully completed the terms of the Order. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, dated April 21, 2016, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 6. On or about August 18, 2016, Respondent became noncompliant with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on April 21, 2016. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to abstain from the consumption of alcohol in that she produced a urine specimen for a random drug screen that resulted positive for Ethyl Glucuronide (EtG) and Ethyl Sulfate (EtS), which are metabolites of alcohol. Section V, Stipulation A, of the Agreed Order, dated April 21, 2016, states in relevant part:
  - "While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the use of alcohol, tramadol and all controlled substances...."
- 7. Formal Charges were filed and Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas was/were temporarily suspended on October 7, 2016.
- 8. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on October 7, 2016.
- 9. On October 19, 2016, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated October 18, 2016, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 10. 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.

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 §217.12(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 823749, heretofore issued to ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW, 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.

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#### **ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 823749, heretofore issued to ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is/are 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 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/an registered nurse during the period in which the license/s is/are 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 19th day of October, 2016.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

#### ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW 5202 AUBURN STREET, #116 LUBBOCK, TX 79416 Registered Nurse License Number 823749

Voluntary Surrender Statement

#### Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license(s) to practice in Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I may not petition for reinstatement until one (1) year from the effective date of the Order. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Signature With the
Date 10-18-16
Registered Nurse License Number 823749

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW who, being duly sworn by me, stated that he or she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that he or she understood same.

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# BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 823749 issued to ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW

AGREED

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW, Registered Nurse License Number 823749, 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)(9),(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 March 4, 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).
- 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.
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- 5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

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Lubbock, Texas

02/2015 - Present

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- 6. At the time of the initial incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7), through Eleven (11), Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, and had been in that position for approximately one (1) year and eleven (11) months.
- On or about July 1, 2014, through July 2, 2014, while employed as a Registered Nurse with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent withdrew two (2) 1000 mcg/100mL bags of Fentanyl from the Pyxis Medication Dispensing System for Patient 732-08-61, but failed to document, or completely and accurately document the administration of the Fentanyl including signs, symptoms, and responses to the medication in the patients' Medication Administration Records and/or nurses notes. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patient, which could result in an overdose and Respondent's conduct placed the hospital in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).
- 8. On or about July 1, 2014, through July 2, 2014, while employed as a Registered Nurse with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent withdrew two (2) 1000 mcg/100mL bags of Fentanyl from the Pyxis Medication Dispensing System for Patient 732-08-61 in excess frequency and/or dosage of the physician's order. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients in that the administration of Fentanyl in excess frequency and/or dosage of the physician's order could result in the patients suffering from adverse reactions. Additionally, Respondent's conduct placed the hospital in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).
- 9. On or about July 1, 2014, through July 2, 2014, while employed as a Registered Nurse with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent withdrew two (2) 1000 mcg/100mL bags of Fentanyl from the Pyxis Medication Dispensing System for Patient 732-08-61, but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedure for wastage of any of the unused portions of the medications. Respondent's conduct left medications unaccounted for, was likely to deceive, the hospital pharmacy, and placed them in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).

- 10. On or about July 1, 2014, through July 2, 2014, while employed as a Registered Nurse with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent misappropriated 192.50mL's of Fentanyl from the facility and patients thereof or failed to take precautions to prevent the misappropriation of Fentanyl. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medication.
- 11. On or about February 9, 2015, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Direct Health Care Home Health and Hospice, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent produced a urine specimen for a for-cause drug screen that resulted positive for Opiates. Respondent, defended this positive drug screen by producing a prescription for this medication filled in April 6, 2014.
- 12. On or about January 20, 2016, Respondent underwent a Psychological evaluation conducted by Sean G. Connolly, Ph.D., Psychologist. According to Dr. Connolly, Respondent acknowledge the lack of documentation in prescribing Fentanyl to a patient, as well as documenting the wastage involved. Dr. Connolly states that Respondent acknowledged the use of amphetamines that she got from a friend in order to cope with a 70-hour week and care for patients. Dr. Connolly summarizes that there is no evidence in the objective data that there is any addiction or dependence on drugs, and Respondent does not have the clinical profile that is common for individuals who abuse drugs and medication. Dr. Connolly opines that the imprudent and rash judgment that Respondent made about amphetamines and possibly taking medications from work are certainly a concern. Dr. Connolly recommends that Respondent consider some psychological counseling to help her manage stress, develop greater awareness and acceptance of underlying emotions and attitudes affecting her professional and clinical judgment.
- 13. On or about January 21, 2016, Respondent underwent a Polygraph evaluation conducted by Don Trease, Polygraph Examiner. Don Trease states that the examination results revealed that deception was indicated to having taken controlled drugs from work. Don Trease states that Respondent said on various occasions she had taken Zofran for nausea which she got from the pharmacist without a prescription, and that she got acyolovir for a fever blister. Don Trease states that Respondent was retested and still showed deception.
- Formal Charges were filed on February 19, 2015; and First Amended Formal Charges were filed on September 3, 2015.
- 15. Formal Charges were mailed on February 20, 2015; and First Amended Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on September 8, 2015.

#### **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)&(1)(T) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. Code §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(E),(4),(5),(6)(G),(10)(A),(10)(C),(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 823749, heretofore issued to ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW, 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, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that Registered Nurse-License Number 823749, previously issued to ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW, to practice nursing in Texas is hereby SUSPENDED with the suspension STAYED and Respondent is hereby placed on PROBATION, in accordance with the terms of this Order, for a minimum of two (2) years AND until Respondent fulfills the requirements 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, Thest 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 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 eight (8) quarterly periods [two (2) years] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until eight (8) quarterly periods of employment as a nurse have clapsed. 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. Direct Supervision: For the first year [four (4) quarters] of employment as a Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be directly 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. Direct supervision requires another nurse, as applicable, to be working on the same unit as RESPONDENT and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. RESPONDENT SHALL work only on

- 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. Indirect Supervision: For the remainder of the stipulation/probation period, 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.
- E. 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 eight (8) quarters [two (2) years] 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 [2<sup>nd</sup> 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 probation period, 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.

<u>Specimens shall be screened</u> for at least the following substances and their metabolites:

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Amphetamines	Meperidine
Barbiturates	Methadone
Benzodiazepines	Methaqualone
Cannabinoids	Opiates
Cocaine	
Ethanol	Phencyclidine
tramadol hydrochloride (Tilmana)	Propoxyphene
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tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)

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

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. THERAPY

While working as a nurse under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL participate in therapy with a professional counselor approved by the Board. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the therapist to submit written reports, on forms provided by the Board, as to the RESPONDENT'S progress in therapy, rehabilitation and capability to safely practice nursing. The report must indicate whether or not the RESPONDENT'S stability is sufficient to provide direct patient care safely. For the first three (3) month quarterly period RESPONDENT works as a nurse under the terms of this Order, reports are to be submitted to the Board each and every month. If therapy is recommended by the counselor for an additional period of time, the reports shall then be submitted to the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period in which the RESPONDENT is working as a nurse under the terms of this Order, for the remainder of the term of the Order, or until RESPONDENT is dismissed from therapy, whichever is earlier.

### VII. FURTHER COMPLAINTS

If, during the period of probation, an additional allegation, accusation, or petition is reported or filed against the Respondent's license(s), the probationary period shall not expire and shall automatically be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

# VIII. 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.

Mach., 2016.	Signed this 14th day of ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW, Respondent
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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 14th day of March, 2016, by ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW, Registered Nurse License Number 823749, and said Order is final.

Effective this 21st day of April, 2016.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

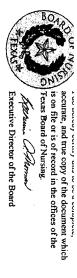
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05/2016 - Present Registered Nurse Covenant Health Lubbock, Texas

- 5. On or about April 21, 2016, Respondent's license to practice professional nursing was suspended and placed on probation through an Agreed Order by the Board. Respondent has not successfully completed the terms of the Order. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, dated April 21, 2016, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 6. On or about August 18, 2016, Respondent became noncompliant with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on April 21, 2016. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to abstain from the consumption of alcohol in that she produced a urine specimen for a random drug screen that resulted positive for Ethyl Glucuronide (EtG) and Ethyl Sulfate (EtS), which are metabolites of alcohol. Section V, Stipulation A, of the Agreed Order, dated April 21, 2016, states in relevant part:
  - "While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the use of alcohol, tramadol and all controlled substances...."
- 7. Formal Charges were filed and Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas was/were temporarily suspended on October 7, 2016.
- 8. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on October 7, 2016.
- 9. On October 19, 2016, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated October 18, 2016, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 10. 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.
- 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 §217.12(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 823749, heretofore issued to ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW, 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.

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#### **ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 823749, heretofore issued to ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is/are 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 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/an registered nurse during the period in which the license/s is/are 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 19th day of October, 2016.

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By:

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

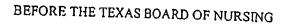
#### ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW 5202 AUBURN STREET, #116 LUBBOCK, TX 79416 Registered Nurse License Number 823749

Voluntary Surrender Statement

#### Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license(s) to practice in Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I may not petition for reinstatement until one (1) year from the effective date of the Order. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

	Signature Date 10-13-16	hith
	Registered Nurse Lice	nse Number 823749
The State of Texas		
REBEKAH WHITLOW w	ho, being duly sworn by m	rsonally appeared ADRIENNE e, stated that he or she executed he or she understood same.
Sworn to before me the	day of	, 20
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Notary Pub	lic in and for the State of	



In the Matter of

§ AGREED

Registered Nurse License Number 823749

issued to ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW, Registered Nurse License Number 823749, 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)(9),(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 March 4, 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.
- Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, on May 20, 2012. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 24, 2012.
- 5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

08/2012 - 07/07/2014

RN

University Medical Center Lubbock, Texas

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Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

11/2012 - Unknown

RN

United States Army Reserve

Nurse Corps Unknown

07/2014 - 02/2015

RN

Direct Healthcare, Inc

Lubbock, Texas

02/2015 - Present

Unknown

- 6. At the time of the initial incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7), through Eleven (11), Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, and had been in that position for approximately one (1) year and eleven (11) months.
- 7. On or about July 1, 2014, through July 2, 2014, while employed as a Registered Nurse with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent withdrew two (2) 1000 mcg/100mL bags of Fentanyl from the Pyxis Medication Dispensing System for Patient 732-08-61, but failed to document, or completely and accurately document the administration of the Fentanyl including signs, symptoms, and responses to the medication in the patients' Medication Administration Records and/or nurses notes. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patient, which could result in an overdose and Respondent's conduct placed the hospital in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).
- 8. On or about July 1, 2014, through July 2, 2014, while employed as a Registered Nurse with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent withdrew two (2) 1000 mcg/100mL bags of Fentanyl from the Pyxis Medication Dispensing System for Patient 732-08-61 in excess frequency and/or dosage of the physician's order. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients in that the administration of Fentanyl in excess frequency and/or dosage of the physician's order could result in the patients suffering from adverse reactions. Additionally, Respondent's conduct placed the hospital in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).
- 9. On or about July 1, 2014, through July 2, 2014, while employed as a Registered Nurse with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent withdrew two (2) 1000 mcg/100mL bags of Fentanyl from the Pyxis Medication Dispensing System for Patient 732-08-61, but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedure for wastage of any of the unused portions of the medications. Respondent's conduct left medications unaccounted for, was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy, and placed them in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).

- 10. On or about July 1, 2014, through July 2, 2014, while employed as a Registered Nurse with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent misappropriated 192.50mL's of Fentanyl from the facility and patients thereof or failed to take precautions to prevent the misappropriation of Fentanyl. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medication.
- 11. On or about February 9, 2015, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Direct Health Care Home Health and Hospice, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent produced a urine specimen for a for-cause drug screen that resulted positive for Opiates. Respondent, defended this positive drug screen by producing a prescription for this medication filled in April 6, 2014.
- 12. On or about January 20, 2016, Respondent underwent a Psychological evaluation conducted by Sean G. Connolly, Ph.D., Psychologist. According to Dr. Connolly, Respondent acknowledge the lack of documentation in prescribing Fentanyl to a patient, as well as documenting the wastage involved. Dr. Connolly states that Respondent acknowledged the use of amphetamines that she got from a friend in order to cope with a 70-hour week and care for patients. Dr. Connolly summarizes that there is no evidence in the objective data that there is any addiction or dependence on drugs, and Respondent does not have the clinical profile that is common for individuals who abuse drugs and medication. Dr. Connolly opines that the imprudent and rash judgment that Respondent made about amphetamines and possibly taking medications from work are certainly a concern. Dr. Connolly recommends that Respondent consider some psychological counseling to help her manage stress, develop greater awareness and acceptance of underlying emotions and attitudes affecting her professional and clinical judgment.
- 13. On or about January 21, 2016, Respondent underwent a Polygraph evaluation conducted by Don Trease, Polygraph Examiner. Don Trease states that the examination results revealed that deception was indicated to having taken controlled drugs from work. Don Trease states that Respondent said on various occasions she had taken Zofran for nausea which she got from the pharmacist without a prescription, and that she got acyolovir for a fever blister. Don Trease states that Respondent was retested and still showed deception.
- 14. Formal Charges were filed on February 19, 2015; and First Amended Formal Charges were filed on September 3, 2015.
- Formal Charges were mailed on February 20, 2015; and First Amended Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on September 8, 2015.

#### **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)&(1)(T) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(E),(4),(5),(6)(G),(10)(A),(10)(C),(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 823749, heretofore issued to ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW, 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, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that Registered Nurse-License Number 823749, previously issued to ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW, to practice nursing in Texas is hereby SUSPENDED with the suspension STAYED and Respondent is hereby placed on PROBATION, in accordance with the terms of this Order, for a minimum of two (2) years AND until Respondent fulfills the requirements 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, Thest 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 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 eight (8) quarterly periods [two (2) years] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until eight (8) quarterly periods of employment as a nurse have clapsed. 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. Direct Supervision: For the first year [four (4) quarters] of employment as a Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be directly 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. Direct supervision requires another nurse, as applicable, to be working on the same unit as RESPONDENT and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. RESPONDENT SHALL work only on

- 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. Indirect Supervision: For the remainder of the stipulation/probation period, 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.
- E. 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 eight (8) quarters [two (2) years] 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 nlcohol, traunadol 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 [2<sup>nd</sup> 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 probation period, 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.

<u>Specimens shall be screened</u> for at least the following substances and their metabolites:

Amphetamines Meperidine
Barbiturates Methadone
Benzodiazepines Methaqualone
Cannabinoids Opiates
Cocaine Phencyclidine
Ethanol Propoxyphene

tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)

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

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. THERAPY

While working as a nurse under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL participate in therapy with a professional counselor approved by the Board. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the therapist to submit written reports, on forms provided by the Board, as to the RESPONDENT'S progress in therapy, rehabilitation and capability to safely practice nursing. The report must indicate whether or not the RESPONDENT'S stability is sufficient to provide direct patient care safely. For the first three (3) month quarterly period RESPONDENT works as a nurse under the terms of this Order, reports are to be submitted to the Board each and every month. If therapy is recommended by the counselor for an additional period of time, the reports shall then be submitted to the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period in which the RESPONDENT is working as a nurse under the terms of this Order, for the remainder of the term of the Order, or until RESPONDENT is dismissed from therapy, whichever is earlier.

### VII. FURTHER COMPLAINTS

If, during the period of probation, an additional allegation, accusation, or petition is reported or filed against the Respondent's license(s), the probationary period shall not expire and shall automatically be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

# VIII. 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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### RESPONDENTS 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.

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 14th day of March, 2016, by ADRIENNE REBEKAH WHITLOW, Registered Nurse License Number 823749, and said Order is final.

Effective this 21st day of April, 2016.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board