BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of	
Registered Nurse License Number 768864	
& Vocational Nurse License Number 195378	
issued to CASEY JEAN SYMANK	



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 768864, and Vocational Nurse License Number 195378, issued to CASEY JEAN SYMANK, 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's licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is currently in delinquent status, and Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas is currently in inactive status.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
- 3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas, on August 12, 2004, and received an Associate Degree in Nursing from McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas, on May 8, 2009. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 30, 2004, and was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 4, 2009.

4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

9/04 - 8/09	LVN/RN	Providence Park/St. Catherine's Waco, Texas
8/09 - 3/10	RN	Spring Branch Medical Center Houston, Texas
4/10 - 6/10	RN	West Houston Medical Center Houston, Texas
7/10 - 5/12	Unknown	
6/12 - 6/13	RN	Royal Manor Waco, Texas
7/13 - 9/13	Unknown	
10/13 - 5/14	RN	Regent Care Center of Woodway Waco, Texas
6/14 - present	Unknown	

- On October 23, 2014, Respondent's licenses to practice vocational and professional nursing were Suspended by the Texas Board of Nursing. On or about August 3, 2015, the suspension was stayed and Respondent was placed on Probation for a period of three (3) years. A copy of the Finding of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order dated October 23, 2014, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 6. On or about August 4, 2016, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on October 23, 2014, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of her failure to comply with Stipulation Number Three (3) which states, in pertinent part:
 - (3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the suspension being stayed, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics....
- 7. On or about August 4, 2016, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on October 23, 2014, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of her failure to comply with Stipulation Number Four (4) which states, in pertinent part:
 - (4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the suspension being stayed, successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills,"...

- 8. On November 7, 2016, the Board received a statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas in lieu of complying with the Agreed Order issued to her on October 23, 2014. A copy of Respondent's statement, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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) and (10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 768864, and Vocational Nurse License Number 195378, heretofore issued to CASEY JEAN SYMANK, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
- 6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC§§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 768864, and Vocational Nurse License Number 195378, heretofore issued to CASEY JEAN SYMANK, 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 vocational or professional nursing, use the title of vocational or professional nurse or the abbreviation LVN or RN or wear any insignia identifying herself as a vocational or professional nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a/an vocational or professional 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 7th day of November, 2016.

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By:

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

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beceived a Letter on October 25, 2016 Due to noncompuence of my Board order for not taking the Required coorses. It is my Wish to Voluntarily Surrender my ucense RN-768864 and LVN 195378. I do not think Returning to the norsing probession would Be benobiciae to my Recovery. am now working as a Recovery advocate in a treatment bacility and it is my passion. 1 have had continious subpliety bor 2 years and \$5 months and, Belevier my sweeps in Recovery has a lot To Do with me not working in nuksing and being in Contact with narcotics. Again I want to Swrrender my license

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BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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Executive Director of the Board

In the Matter of
Registered Nurse License Number 768864
& Vocational Nurse License Number 195378
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ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Bc considered the matter of CASEY JEAN SYMANK, Registered Nurse License Number 768864, and Vocational Nurse License Number 195378, 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 representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on July 14, 2014, subject to ratification by the Board.

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 representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas and holds a license to practice vocational nursing which is inactive.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas on August 12, 2004, and received an Associate Degree in Nursing from McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas on May 8, 2009. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 30, 2004 and licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 4, 2009.

Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

9/04-8/09	LVN/RN	Providence Park/St. Catherine's Waco, Texas
8/09-3/10	RN	Spring Branch Medical Center Houston, Texas
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7/13-9/13	Unknown	
10/13-5/14	RN	Regent Care Center of Woodway Waco, Texas
6/14-Present	Unknown	

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with West Houston Medical Center, Houston, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately two (2) months.
- 7. On or about June 1, 2010, while employed with West Houston Medical Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent withdrew Morphine, Xanax, Ambien & Dilaudid from the medication dispensing system for patients, but failed to document, or accurately and completely document the administration of the medications in the patients' Medication Administration Record (MAR) and/or Nurse's Notes. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients, in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patients which could result in an overdose, and Respondent's conduct placed the hospital in violation of Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
- 8. On or about June 1, 2010, while employed with West Houston Medical Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent withdrew Morphine, Xanax, Ambien & Dilaudid from the medication dispensing system for patients, but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedure for wastage of the unused portions of the medications. Respondent's conduct left medications unaccounted for, was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy, and placed the pharmacy in violation of Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
- 9. On or about June 1, 2010, while employed with West Houston Medical Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent admitted to misappropriating Morphine & Dilaudid from the facility and

the patient's thereof. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.

- 10. On or about October 4, 2010, while participating with the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN), Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Cocaine in that she submitted a specimen for drug screening which resulted positive for Cocaine. The use of Cocaine by a Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
- 11. On or about April 18, 2013, while participating with the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN), Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Alcohol in that she submitted a specimen for drug screening which resulted positive for ETG/ETS, metabolites of alcohol. The use of Alcohol by a Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
- On or about June 6, 2013, while participating with the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN), Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Opiates and Amphetamines in that she submitted a specimen for drug screening which resulted positive for Opiates and Amphetamines after she admitted to relapsing with Norco and Adderall. The use of Opiates and Amphetamines by a Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
- 13. On or about October 2013, through April 2014, while employed with Regent Care, Woodway, Texas, Respondent admitted to diverting Hydrocodone from the facility and the patients thereof, for her own personal use. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.
- On or about May 8, 2014, Respondent was arrested by the Woodway Police Department, Woodway, Texas for THEFT > \$1,500 < \$20,000 (an offense committed October 2013, through April 2014).
- In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven(7) through Ten(10), Respondent admits to possible documentation issues and misappropriating Morphine & Dilaudid for her own personal use. Additionally, Respondent claims that she did relapse October 4, 2010 by using Cocaine. In response to Findings of Fact Number Eleven (11), Respondent denies using alcohol and states the positive screen was from the mouth wash she had used. In response to Finding of Fact Number Twelve (12), Respondent states she relapsed June 4th and June 5th. Respondent explains that she became compulsive and desperate to change the way she was feeling and engaged in the use of Dexedrine and Norco. On June 6, 2013, Respondent

claims she reported her relapse to her Director of Nursing and provided the drug screen that was positive. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), Respondent admits to diverting Hydrocodone and that she was arrested. Respondent states she began treatment on April 23, 2014 and has no excuses for her actions except that she is a drug addict.

- 16. Respondent's last known date of sobriety is April 23, 2014 as indicated in Finding of Fact Number Fifteen (15).
- 17. 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)(D) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE§217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(E),(5),(6)(G), (10)(A),(10)(C),(10)(D)&(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 768864, and Vocational Nurse License Number 195378, heretofore issued to CASEY JEAN SYMANK, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

Board of Nursing, that Registered Nurse License Number 768864, and Vocational Nurse License Number 195378, previously issued to CASEY JEAN SYMANK, to practice nursing in Texas is/are hereby SUSPENDED and said suspension is ENFORCED until Respondent completes a treatment program approved by the Board, provides documentation of successful completion, and has obtained twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety. Any relapse prior to the completion of the twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety will result in an extension of the enforced suspension until such

twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety and additional treatment have been attained.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license(s) is/are encumbered by this order the Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact privilege without the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, upon verification of successful completion of the approved treatment and twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety as set out in this Order, the Suspension will be STAYED, and RESPONDENT will be placed on PROBATION for three (3) years with the following agreed terms of probation:

- (1) RESPONDENT SHALL 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.
- (2) RESPONDENT SHALL pay all re-registration fees, if applicable, and RESPONDENT'S licensure status in the State of Texas will be updated to reflect the applicable conditions outlined herein.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the suspension being stayed, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is <u>not</u> being offered by a

pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It 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. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: http://www.bon.texas.gow/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the suspension being stayed, successfully complete 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 program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.
- (5) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of the suspension

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being stayed. 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.

(6) IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT be convicted of or receive a deferred order for the offense(s) as outlined in Finding of Fact Number Fourteen (14), said judicial action will result in further disciplinary action, up to and including Revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND RESPONDENT MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROBATION CONDITIONS FOR THREE (3) YEAR(S) OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. 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 STIPULATION PERIOD:

- (7) RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the probation conditions on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.
- (8) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's

office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.

- (6) For the first year 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 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). The 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.
- (9) For the remainder of the 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.

(10) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a nurse on the night shift, rotate shifts,

work overtime, accept on-call assignments, or be used for coverage on any unit other than the identified, predetermined unit(s) to which Respondent is regularly assigned for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

- (11) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a nurse in any critical care area for one (1) year of employment as a nurse. Critical care areas include, but are not limited to, intensive care units, emergency rooms, operating rooms, telemetry units, recovery rooms, and labor and delivery units.
- (12) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT administer or have any contact with controlled substances, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.
- (13) 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. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) months for three (3) years of employment as a nurse.
- (14) RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of 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 an evaluation by a Board approved physician specializing in Pain Management or Psychiatry.

The performing evaluator will submit a written report to the Board's office, including results of the evaluation, clinical indications for the prescriptions, and recommendations for on-going treatment within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.

substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol. For the first three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per week. For the next three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least twice per month. For the next six (6) month period, 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) months. All random screens SHALL BE conducted through urinalysis. Screens obtained through urinalysis are the sole method accepted by the Board.

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

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

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.

tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)

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 probation period.

Any positive result for which the nurse does not have a valid prescription or refusal

to submit to a drug or alcohol screen may subject the nurse to further disciplinary action, including EMERGENCY 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.

week, one of which must be for substance abuse and provided by Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, or another comparable recovery program that has been pre-approved by the Board. RESPONDENT SHALL provide acceptable evidence of attendance. Acceptable evidence shall consist of a written record of at least: the date of each meeting; the name of each group attended; and the signature and printed name of the chairperson of each group attended by RESPONDENT. RESPONDENT SHALL submit the required evidence on the forms provided by the Board at the end of every three (3) months. No duplications, copies, third party signatures, or any other substitutions will be accepted as evidence.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that if during the period of probation, an additional allegation, accusation, or petition is reported or filed against the Respondent's license, the probationary period shall not expire and shall automatically be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that 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 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, 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 is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and 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 revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this.

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Joshua Covey **Notary Public**

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>28th</u> day of <u>August</u>, <u>2014</u>, by CASEY JEAN SYMANK, Registered Nurse License Number 768864, and Vocational Nurse License Number 195378, and said Order is final.

Effective this 23rd day of October, 2014.

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf of said Board