### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of

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Vocational Nurse License Number 160629

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issued to CRISANTA AGUINALDO SHERRARD §

#### ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CRISANTA AGUINALDO SHERRARD, Vocational Nurse License Number 160629, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Respondent's license to practice as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from South Plains College at Reese Center, Lubbock, Texas, on August 18, 1995. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on November 6, 1996.
- 4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

12/96 - 5/97

Unknown

6/97 - 9/15

LVN

Carillon House Lubbock, Texas

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

10/15 - present Unknown

- 5. On October 27, 2016, Respondent was issued the sanction of a Warning with Stipulations and a Fine through an Agreed Order by the Board. A copy of the Finding of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order dated October 27, 2016, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 6. On November 21, 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 27, 2016. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated November 16, 2016, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

#### 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 Vocational Nurse License Number 160629, heretofore issued to CRISANTA AGUINALDO SHERRARD, 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, as amended, 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 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

**TERMS OF ORDER** 

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of

Vocational Nurse License Number 160629, heretofore issued to CRISANTA AGUINALDO

SHERRARD, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is 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 nursing, use the title

"vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself/himself as a vocational nurse, or use any designation which, directly

or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.

2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until at

least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.

3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then

existing requirements for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable

to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 21st day of November, 2016.

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By:

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

November 16, 2016

**Texas Board of Nursing** 

333 Guadalupe Street, Ste.3-460

Austin, TX 78701

Attn.: Diane Burell, Compliance Supervisor

Dear Sir/Madam

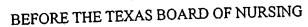
I hereby voluntarily surrender my LVN License #160629. I have retired effective August 1, 2016.

Thank you for your kind attention on this matter.

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Respectfully yours,

CRISANTA AGUINALDO SHERRARD





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§ AGREED

Vocational Nurse License Number 160629

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**ORDER** 

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CRISANTA AGUINALDO SHERRARD, Vocational Nurse License Number 160629, 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)&(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 May 5, 2016.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
- 2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Nursing from South Plains College at Reese Center, Lubbock, Texas on August 18, 1995. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on November 6, 1996.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

12/96-05/97

Unknown.

06/97-09/15

Licensed Vocational Nurse

Carillon House Lubbock, Texas

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Executive Director of the Board

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

10/15-present

Unknown

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Carillon House, Lubbock, Texas, and had been in that position for eighteen (18) years and three (3) months.
- 7. On or about September 27, 2015, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Carillon House, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent failed to report in a timely manner when patient H.S. was taken from the facility by a coworker without authorization. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to risk of harm in that failure to report an incident in a timely manner could have resulted in the patient not getting the care he needed.
- 8. On or about September 27, 2015, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Carillon House, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent falsified a narcotic dispense sheet by falsifying the signature/initials of a coworker. Respondent's conduct created an inaccurate medical record and failure to administer medication as ordered by the physician could have resulted in non-efficacious treatment.
- 9. In response to Finding of Facts Numbers Seven (7), through Eight (8), Respondent states she was torn between being a nurse and a mother at the time of the incident. Respondent states she put the safety of the patient first and ensured he was safely returned to the facility with no harm. She realizes now she should have reported it immediately but she panicked. Respondent states after the incident when she arrived for her shift she was not able to concentrate and asked to be relieved to take care of her sick daughter. Without thinking she signed off on the narcotics sheet for the medications she knew were given the night before. She understands her two errors in judgement were unacceptable which were mistakes she has never made and will not make it again.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE  $\S 217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)\&(1)(D)$  and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE  $\S 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(4),(6)(A),(6)(H)\&(10)(B)$ .
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 160629, heretofore issued to CRISANTA AGUINALDO SHERRARD.

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 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 the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

- A. A Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.
- B. 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 <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance">www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</a>.

### IV. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) 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 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 four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) quarterly periods of employment as a nurse have elapsed. Any quarterly period without continuous employment with the same employer for all three

- (3) months will not count towards completion of this requirement. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of a registered nurse (RN) or a vocational nurse (LVN) license, as appropriate, will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement.
  - A. Notifying Present and Future Employers: RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, prior to accepting an offer of employment.
  - B. Notification of Employment Forms: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment form" to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
  - C. Indirect Supervision: RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
  - D. Nursing Performance Evaluations: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for four (4) quarters [one (1) year] of employment as a nurse.

## VI. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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#### RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including possible revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 6th day of September, 20 16.

CRISANTA AGUINALDO SHERRARD, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of September, 2016.

**SEAL** 

Notary Public in and for the State of \_\_\_\_/exas

AARON NICHOLS

Notary Public, State of Texas

My Commission Expires 07-01-2018

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 6th day of September, 2016, by CRISANTA AGUINALDO SHERRARD, Vocational Nurse License Number 160629, and said Order is final.

Effective this 27th day of October, 2016.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board