### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Advanced Practice Registered § AGREED

Nurse License Number AP103585

§ § & Registered Nurse License Number 214991

§ ORDER issued to SANDRA A HANSON

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of SANDRA A. HANSON, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP103585 and Registered Nurse License Number 214991, 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 September 21, 2016.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these 1. Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
- Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order. 2.
- Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current 3. status. Respondent's license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Texas is in inactive status.
- Respondent received a Diploma in Nursing from Mary Meek School of Nursing at Hendrick 4. Memorial, Abilene, Texas, on November 1, 1958, and received a Certificate in Nursing from Barnes Hospital School of Anesthesia, St. Louis, Missouri, on September 30, 1965. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on November 19, 1958, and was licensed to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the role of Nurse Anesthetist in the State of Texas on May 17, 1991.

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5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

11/1958-1990 Unknown **Duke University** 1991-1992 Nurse Anesthetist Durham, North Carolina Nationwide Anesthesia Nurse Anesthetist 1992-5/2010 Unknown Unknown 6/2010-3/2015 RN Weekend Supervisor Truecare Living Center 4/2015-11/2015 Columbus, Texas

12/2015-Present Unknown

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as the RN Weekend Supervisor with Truecare Living Center- Columbus, Texas, and had been in that position for six (6) months.
- 7. On or about October 24, 2015, while employed as the RN Weekend Supervisor with Truecare Living Center, Columbus, Texas, Respondent failed to adequately assess Resident CD, a diabetic resident, when the licensed vocational nurse (LVN) reported a change in condition, with a blood glucose level of 65 mg/dL, and oxygen saturation level of 77%. Respondent did not perform a physical assessment of the resident or assess vital signs. Additionally, Respondent failed to adequately supervise the LVN, who sent a fax notification to the physician, though the office was closed, instead of calling to notify and obtain orders for further treatment. The next morning, the resident became unresponsive, with a blood glucose level of 55 mg/dL, oxygen saturation level of 85%, and labored breathing, and required transfer to a higher level of care. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the resident from clinical care decisions based upon incomplete assessment information.
- 8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that she was notified by the LVN in the morning on October 24, 2015, regarding the resident's low blood sugar, so she assessed the resident. Respondent states that she directed the LVN to administered sweetened orange juice and notify the physician. Respondent adds that she was not informed of any lowered oxygen saturation and did not notice cyanosis or digital lack of oxygen. Respondent states that she further instructed the LVN to recheck the blood sugar in thirty minutes and it had improved, and when she left that afternoon, the resident seemed to be in satisfactory condition. Respondent adds that she believed the LVN had notified the physician, per policy. Respondent states that the next day when the resident experienced a change in condition, she is the one who called 911, in addition to sending a fax to the physician and placing multiple phone calls to the physician.

### 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  $\S217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M),(1)(U)\&(3)(A)$  and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE  $\S217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(F)\&(4)$ .
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP103585 and Registered Nurse License Number 214991, heretofore issued to SANDRA A. HANSON.
- 5. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.

## **TERMS OF ORDER**

# I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of **REPRIMAND WITH STIPULATIONS** and Respondent's license(s) shall be placed in **INACTIVE** status.

Should RESPONDENT decide in the future to reactivate his/her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, RESPONDENT SHALL be required to satisfy all then existing requirements for reactivation and RESPONDENT'S reactivated license(s) SHALL BE subject to, at a minimum, the remedial education courses, work restrictions, supervised practice, and employer reporting which would have been requirements of this Order had Respondent not chosen to inactivate his/her nursing license(s).

### RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that 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. I further understand that, should I decide in the future to reactivate my license(s), I will be required to satisfy, at a minimum, the additional requirements that would have been part of this Order had the license(s) not been placed in inactive status, as stated herein, as well as all then existing requirements for reactivation.

	VICTOR ALARCON
**	My Notary ID # 129127112
	Expires September 17, 2020

Signed this 12th day of NOVEMBER, 2016.
SANDRA A. HANSON, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of November, 2016.

**SEAL** 

Notary Public in and for the State of 7EXAS

Approved as to form and substance.

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Christina Heeth, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 5 day of 1000, 206.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016, by SANDRA A. HANSON, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP103585 and Registered Nurse License Number 214991, and said Order is final.

Effective this 13th day of December, 2016.

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

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