§ AGREED

Vocational Nurse License Number 152375

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issued to KIMBERLY ANN KOEPP

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of KIMBERLY ANN KOEPP, Vocational Nurse License Number 152375, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on November 21, 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 Vocational Nursing from Galen College of Nursing, San Antonio, Texas, on April 11, 1995. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 31, 1995.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. On or about November 3, 2015, Respondent defaulted on her Texas Guaranteed Student Loan. Respondent exhibited unprofessional conduct in her failure to repay a Texas Guaranteed Student Loan, which may have deprived other students of funds necessary for their educational programs.

- 7. Formal Charges were filed on October 27, 2015.
- 8. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on October 29, 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 §217.12(7).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 152375, heretofore issued to KIMBERLY ANN KOEPP, 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

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas

Board of Nursing, that Vocational Nurse License Number 152375, previously issued to KIMBERLY ANN KOEPP, to practice nursing in Texas is hereby **SUSPENDED** and said suspension is **ENFORCED** until Respondent:

Initiate contact with the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation and make arrangements to repay the student loan. Upon approval of a repayment contract with the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation, RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation to submit verification directly to the Board that the default status has been removed from Respondent's Texas Guaranteed Student Loan.

In accordance with Section 57.491 of the Texas Education Code, RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing SHALL NOT be renewed in the event that RESPONDENT'S Texas Guaranteed Student Loan is in default status at the time of renewal.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, upon verification of successful completion of the above requirement(s), the Suspension will be **STAYED**.

II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW AND APPLICABILITY

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.

- 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.
- This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- This Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact
 privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 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.

III. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

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

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order.

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

Signed this 2/3 day of DVIM 42014

KIMBERLY ANN KOEPP, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

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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 <u>21st</u> day of <u>November</u>, 2016, by KIMBERLY ANN KOEPP, Vocational Nurse License Number 152375, and said Order is final.

Effective this 13th day of December, 2016.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board