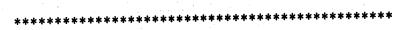
BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



AGREED In the Matter of Advanced Practice Registered § Nurse License Number AP111389 § § & Registered Nurse License Number 571212 ORDER

issued to TRACY LYNN BROWN



On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of TRACY LYNN BROWN, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP111389 and Registered Nurse License Number 571212, 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)(1)&(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 August 31, 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 is currently licensed to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas. 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice as an Acute Care Adult Nurse Practitioner in the State of Texas.

- 4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from The University of Texas-Arlington, Arlington, Texas on May 26, 1991, and received a Master of Science Degree in Nursing from The University of Texas-Arlington, Arlington, Texas on August 17, 2001. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 26, 1991. Respondent was Board recognized as an Adult Care Nurse Practitioner in the State of Texas on November 20, 2001, and received prescriptive authority on March 7, 2002.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

04/1993 - 05/2001	RN ,	John Peter Smith Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
10/1998 - 03/1999	RN	ProCare One
05/2001 - 07/2001	Unknown	
07/2001 - 10/2001	RN	John Peter Smith Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
11/2001 - Present	RN/APRN	John Peter Smith Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
10/2002 - 10/2007	RN/APRN	Cardiovascular Consultants of North Texas Dallas, Texas
05/2003 - 07/2006	RN/APRN	Navarro Regional Emergency Corsicana, Texas
07/2005 - 01/2009	RN/APRN	Charlton Methodist Hospital Dallas, Texas
07/2005 - 01/2009	RN/APRN	Central Methodist Hospital Dallas, Texas
07/2007 - 10/2012	RN/APRN	Baylor University Medical Center Dallas, Texas
10/2012 - Present	RN/APRN	Parkland Hospital Dallas, Texas
10/2015 - Present	RN/APRN	UTSW @ Parkland Hospital Dallas, Texas

- 6. On or about August 1, 2014, Respondent was issued a CORRECTIVE ACTION by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated August 1, 2014 is and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 7. On or about August 2, 2015, Respondent failed to comply with the CORRECTIVE ACTION issued to Respondent on August 1, 2014. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Two (2) of the Corrective Action which states, in pertinent part:
 - (2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the date of this Corrective Action, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states she saved the deadline for course completion in her cellular phone, but mistakenly saved it to coincide with her 2016 renewal, rather than the correct date in 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(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 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP111389 and Registered Nurse License Number 571212, heretofore issued to TRACY LYNN BROWN.
- 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 RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of **REMEDIAL EDUCATION**WITH 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 courses within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

A. A 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 <u>"Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills,"</u> 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. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) 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. SUPERCEDING ORDER

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that the sanction and conditions of this Order SHALL supercede all previous stipulations required by any Order entered by the Texas Board of Nursing.

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.

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

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 6th day of January, 2017, by TRACY LYNN BROWN, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP111389 and Registered Nurse License Number 571212, and said Order is final.

Effective this 6th day of January, 2017.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number 111389 & Registered Nurse License Number 571212 issued to TRACY LYNN BROWN, a/k/a TRACY LYNN BROWN-CRAIN

CORRECTIVE

ACTION

accurate, and true copy of the document whit is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.

Executive Director of the Board

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of TRACY LYNN BROWN, a/k/a TRACY LYNN BROWN-CRAIN, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse holding License Number 111389, and Registered Nurse License Number 571212, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent violated Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel and agreed to the entry of this Corrective Action approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on June 18, 2014.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel and agreed to the entry of this Corrective Action.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. On or about November 28, 2010, Respondent submitted an Online Renewal Document Registered Nurse to the Texas Board of Nursing, in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:

- A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
- B. been convicted of a felony?
- C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
- D. received deferred adjudication?
- E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
- F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
- G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
- H. been arrested or any pending criminal charges?
- I. been <u>cited</u> or charged with any violation of the law?
- J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation, or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?"

Respondent failed to disclose, that on or about November 11, 2010, Respondent was arrested by the Dallas Fort Worth Airport Police for DRIVING W/LIC INV W/PREV CONV/SUSP/W/O FIN RES, a Class B misdemeanor and that the criminal charge was still pending at the time that Respondent submitted her Renewal to the Board.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555 and 301.651-301.657, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I).
- 4. Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for corrective action pursuant to Section 301.652, Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.32(2)(D).

CORRECTIVE ACTION

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete the following requirements of this CORRECTIVE ACTION:

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, until successfully completed, this Corrective Action SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

- (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.
- (2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the date of this Corrective Action, 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 not 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.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of this Corrective Action. 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.

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IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Corrective Action, this matter shall be closed and this Corrective Action shall remain confidential. However, should Respondent fail to successfully complete the terms of this Corrective Action, this matter shall be terminated immediately and shall be treated as a disciplinary proceeding under Subchapter J, Tex. Occ. Code. Further, should Respondent commit a subsequent violation of the Nursing Practice Act or Board Rules, this Corrective Action shall be treated as prior disciplinary action.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Corrective Action. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Corrective Action. I neither admit nor deny the violation alleged herein. By my signature below, I agree to the entry of this Corrective Action and to successfully complete its conditions, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that when this Corrective Action becomes effective, a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to successfully complete the terms and conditions of this Corrective Action, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including possible revocation of my license to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

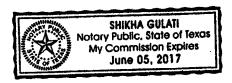
Signed this 29 day of	July , 2014
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TRACY LYNN BROWN CRAIN, Respondent	a/k/a TRACKY LYNN BROWN-

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of Tuly, 2014

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby impose this Corrective Action that was signed on the 29th day of July, 2014, by TRACY LYNN BROWN, a/k/a TRACY LYNN BROWN-CRAIN, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse holding License Number 111389, and Registered Nurse License Number 571212.

Effective this 1st day of August, 2014.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board