## BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of \$ AGREED
Registered Nurse License Number 797836 \$
& Vocational Nurse License Number 187790 \$
issued to KENYA LATOY GRANGER \$ ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of KENYA LATOY GRANGER, Registered Nurse License Number 797836 and Vocational Nurse License Number 187790, 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 January 2, 2017.

## 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. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Austin Community College, Austin, Texas, on December 13, 2002, and an Associate Degree in Nursing from Excelsior College, Albany, New York, on November 8, 2010. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on January 31, 2003, and Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 22, 2011.

## 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

2003-2005	LVN Charge Nurse	Trinity Care Center Round Rock, TX	
2005-2006	LVN Staff Nurse	Scott and White Hospital Temple, TX	
2006-2007	LVN Charge Nurse	Temple Living Centers Weston Inn Temple, TX	
2007-2010	LVN Staff Nurse	Nursefinders Inc. Fort Worth, TX	
2008-2011	RN/LVN Nurse	US Renal Care Fort Worth, TX	
2010-2011	RN Per Diem/ Contract	Nursefinders Inc. Forth Worth, TX	
2011-2011	RN Case Mgr	Southwest Home Health Fort Worth, TX	
2011-2012	RN Staff Nurse	Metroplex Hospital Killeen, TX	
2012-2013	RN Charge Nurse	Fresenius Medical Care Killeen, TX	
2013-2014	RN Field Nurse	Gentiva Home Health Temple, TX	
2013-2014	RN Field Nurse/ Nurse Trainer	Hill Country Home Health Harker Heights, TX	
2014-2016	RN Travel Nurse	Lighthouse Nursing Killeen, TX	
2015-Present	RN Field Case Mgr	Kindred at Home Temple, TX	

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a RN Field Case Manager with Kindred at Home and had been in that position for approximately one (1) year.
- 7. On or about July 12, 2016, Respondent entered a plea of Nolo Contendere to and was convicted of TERRORISTIC THREAT, a Class B misdemeanor offense, committed on January 13, 2016, in the County Court at Law Number Two/Three, Bell County, Texas, under Cause No. 2016-01513. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Bell County Jail for a period of one hundred eighty days; however, imposition of confinement was suspended and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of twelve (12) months, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
- 8. In response to Findings of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent stated that this was an isolated incident and is in no way indicative of her character or behavior as a person.

## **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(13).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 797836 and Vocational Nurse License Number 187790, heretofore issued to KENYA LATOY GRANGER.
- 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 in accordance with the terms of this Order.

- This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent A. to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- This Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact В. privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse C. 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 Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics that A. 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.
- The course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour B. 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. 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. Respondent may work at KINDRED AT HOME, TEMPLE, TEXAS, while under the terms of this Order.

- 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. Incident Reporting: While employed with Kindred at Home, RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE employer to immediately submit any and all incident, counseling, variance, unusual occurrence, and medication or other error reports involving RESPONDENT, as well as documentation of any internal investigations regarding action by RESPONDENT, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office.
- D. Indirect Supervision: If Respondent leaves the employ of Kindred at Home for any reason, 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.
- E. 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.

## V. PROBATION REPORTS

RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE her probation officer to submit written reports on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board. The reports shall indicate the RESPONDENT'S compliance with the court ordered probation. The reports shall be furnished each and every three (3) month quarterly period until RESPONDENT is released from probation.

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# 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.

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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>18th</u> day of <u>January</u>, 20<u>17</u>, by KENYA LATOY GRANGER, Registered Nurse License Number 797836 and Vocational Nurse License Number 187790, and said Order is final.

Effective this 14th day of February, 2017.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board