

### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Advanced Practice Registered	§	AGREED
Nurse License Number AP127655	§	
& Registered Nurse License Number 811804	§	
issued to LUIS ROLANDO CUEVAS FADRIGO, JR.	§	ORDER

An investigation by the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, produced evidence indicating that LUIS ROLANDO CUEVAS FADRIGO, JR., Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP127655 and Registered Nurse License Number 811804, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, may be subject to discipline pursuant to Sections 301.452(b)(10)&(13) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.

An informal conference was conducted on January 10, 2017, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent appeared in person.

### 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 professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status. Respondent's license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from the University of Santo Tomas, Espana, Manila, Phillippines, on March 26, 2001, and received a Master's Degree in Nursing from Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on August 24, 2014. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on January 13, 2012, and was licensed to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the role of Family Nurse Practitioner with prescription authorization in the State of Texas on March 4, 2015.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1/2012-4/2014	Not employed in nursing	
5/2014-12/2014	Staff Nurse	Fresenius Medical Center Houston, Texas
1/2015-3/2015	Registered Nurse	Kingwood Medical Center Kingwood, Texas
4/2015-7/2015	Family Nurse Practitioner	The Children's Spot Houston, Texas
4/2015-7/2015	Family Nurse Practitioner	Airline Medical Center and Diagnostics Houston, Texas
8/2015-9/2015	Family Nurse Practitioner	Avanta Health Professionals through Integrity Locums Houston, Texas
9/2015-Present	Family Nurse Practitioner	Convenient Urgent Care Houston, Texas
9/2015-Present	Family Nurse Practitioner	Wells Urgent Care Houston, Texas
9/2015-Present	Family Nurse Practitioner	UrgentCare MDs Baytown, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Kingwood Medical Center, Kingwood, Texas, and had been in that position for two (2) months.
- 7. On or about March 24, 2015, while employed as a Staff Nurse with Kingwood Medical Center, Kingwood, Texas, Respondent failed to conduct full and complete assessments on patients assigned to his care. Respondent did not have a stethoscope and admitted that he doesn't always bring it from home, and only uses a stethoscope when a patient complains of respiratory issues. Respondent was also observed duplicating other nurses' prior entries into his assessment documentation. It was noted that he documented full assessments, including breath sounds, which could not have been obtained without a stethoscope. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients from clinical care decisions formulated based upon inaccurate and incomplete assessment information.

8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that, on the day of the incident, he had forgotten his stethoscope at home. He states he was able to obtain a disposable stethoscope from the hospital and properly perform his duties of performing shift assessments. He remembered to bring his personal stethoscope the following day. In addition, Respondent states that he never said he only uses a stethoscope when a patient complains of respiratory issues; he actually said that he uses his stethoscope to assess all his patients, especially when they have cardiorespiratory issues.

#### 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 §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(D),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4),(6)(A)&(6)(H).
- 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 AP127655 and Registered Nurse License Number 811804, heretofore issued to LUIS ROLANDO CUEVAS FADRIGO, JR.
- 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 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.
- **A Board-approved course in nursing documentation** that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.

C. 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 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. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as an advanced practice registered nurse or a registered 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 an advanced practice registered nurse or a registered nurse have elapsed. Any quarterly period without continuous employment as an advanced practice registered nurse or a registered nurse 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 an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license or a registered nurse (RN) license will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement.

- A. Notifying Present and Future Employers, Practice Sites and Credentialing Agencies: RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers, practice sites and/or credentialing agencies in nursing and present a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, to each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing prior to accepting an offer of employment and/or assignment.
- B. Notification of Employment Forms: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- C. Incident Reporting: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing 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.
- Nursing Performance Evaluations: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each supervising Registered Nurse, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician 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 Registered Nurse, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician who supervises the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising Registered Nurse, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician 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 15 day of FEBRUARY, 20 17

LUIS ROLANDO CUEVAS FADRIGO, JR., Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of

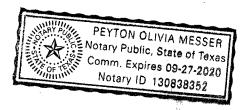
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**SEAL** 

Notary Public in and for the State of

Texas



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 15th day of February, 2017, by LUIS ROLANDO CUEVAS FADRIGO, JR., Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP127655 and Registered Nurse License Number 811804, and said Order is final.

Effective this 21st day of March, 2017.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board