#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of

§ § AGREED ORDER

Registered Nurse License Number 861019

FOR

issued to CLAIRE NGWA

KSTAR PILOT PROGRAM

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CLAIRE NGWA, Registered Nurse License Number 861019, 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, November 9, 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).
- 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.
- 4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Towson State University, Towson, Maryland on December 13, 2013. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 15, 2014.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

5/2013 - 6/2014

Registered Nurse

St. Agnes Hospital

Baltimore, Maryland

8/2014 - 3/2016

Registered Nurse

Maxim

Dallas, Texas

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

10/2014 - 5/2015	Registered Nurse	UT Southwest Medical Center Dallas, Texas
12/2014 - 3/2016	Registered Nurse Nursing Director	ResCare/Educare Arlington, Texas
6/1/2015 - Present	Registered Nurse	Texas Health Resources Dallas, Texas
3/2016 - 7/2016	Registered Nurse	A-Trinity HCS Services Kennedale, Texas
8/2016 - Present	Unknown	

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with A-Trinity HCS Services, Kennedale, Texas, and had been in that position for two (2) months.
- 7. On or about May 24, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with A-Trinity HCS Services, Kennedale, Texas, and contracted out with Daybreak Home and Community Services, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent failed to complete the Delegation Criteria for Medication Administration and RN Delegation Authorization for staff A. L. as required by the facility policy and procedures prior to staff A. L. administering medications. Subsequently, staff A. L. administered fourteen (14) units of Insulin to a patient for a blood sugar reading of seventy-eight (78). Respondent's conduct was likely to injure patients from adverse effects of medications administered incorrectly, including specifically a risk of low blood sugar induced complications, including possible demise, from over dosage of Insulin.
- 8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states she made sure every single staff member before working in the group homes were delegated. Respondent states all paperwork was kept in a folder which she turned in when her contract was over.

#### **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)(U)&(3)(B) and 217.12(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 Registered Nurse License Number 861019, heretofore issued to CLAIRE NGWA.
- 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.

- 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. KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, TRAINING, ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH (KSTAR) PILOT PROGRAM

IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the Knowledge, Skills, Training, Assessment and Research (KSTAR) Pilot Program and RESPONDENT SHALL:

- (A) Within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order, apply to and enroll in the KSTAR Pilot Program, including payment of any fees and costs, unless otherwise agreed in writing;
- (B) Submit to an individualized assessment designed to evaluate RESPONDENT'S nursing practice competency and to support a targeted remediation plan;
- (C) Follow all requirements within the remediation plan, if any;
- (D) Successfully complete a Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics as part of the KSTAR Pilot Program; and
- (E) Provide written documentation of successful completion of the KSTAR Pilot Program to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office.

#### IV. FURTHER COMPETENCY ISSUES AND VIOLATIONS

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT'S individualized KSTAR Pilot Program assessment identify further competency issues and violations of the Nursing Practice Act, including inability to practice nursing safely, further disciplinary action, up to and including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, may be taken based on such results in the assessments.

## V. 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**

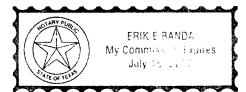
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of said 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 Ob day of

Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>b</u> day of \_

**SEAL** 

Notary Public in and for the State of 7eXq5





WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>6th</u> day of <u>February</u>, 20<u>17</u>, by CLAIRE NGWA, Registered Nurse License Number 861019, and said Order is final.

Effective this 21st day of March, 2017.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board