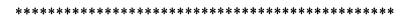
BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of \$ AGREED Vocational Nurse License Number 140273 \$ issued to SUSAN LEIGH COX, a/k/a, \$ SUSAN L. MOODY \$ ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of SUSAN LEIGH COX, a/k/a, SUSAN L. MOODY, Vocational Nurse License Number 140273, 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 23, 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.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from John Peter Smith Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas, on August 13, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 6, 1992.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.

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- 6. On or about September 15, 1992, Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing was SUSPENDED with the Suspension STAYED and placed on Probation with Stipulations for a period of one (1) year by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, a Copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Agreed Board Order dated September 15, 1992, is attached and incorporated by reference, as part of this order.
- 7. On or about August 17, 2016, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED/OPEN ALCH CONTAINER, a Class B misdemeanor offense, committed on January 10, 2016, in the County Court at Law 2, Taylor County, Texas, under Cause No. 2-135-16. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Taylor County Court for a period of one hundred sixty (160) days, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
- 8. On or about August 17, 2016, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to ASSAULT CAUSES BODILY INJURY FAMILY MEMBER, a Class A misdemeanor offense, committed on February 27, 2016, in the County Court at Law 2, Taylor County, Texas, under Cause No. 2-362-16. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred, without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
- 9. On or about December 31, 2016, Respondent submitted a Timely License Renewal Form to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she answered "Yes" to the question: "In the past 5 years, have you been diagnosed with or treated for schizophrenia or other psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder which impaired or impaired or does impair your behavior, judgment, or ability to function in school or work?"
- 10. On or about December 31, 2016, Respondent submitted a Timely License Renewal Form to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she answered "Yes" to the question: "In the past 5 years, have you been addicted or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?"
- 11. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) through Ten (10), Respondent provided to the Board a letter in which she states she was placed on probation for a Class A misdemeanor for DWI and Assault Family Violence and that she pled guilty and received one (1) year of probation for both offenses. Additionally, Respondent used alcohol as a coping mechanism and attempted suicide several times. Finally, Respondent states she was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. Respondent was not practicing at the time and continues to not practice.

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(5)&(13).
- 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 140273, heretofore issued to SUSAN LEIGH COX.
- 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 Respondent's license(s) shall be placed in **INACTIVE** status.

Should RESPONDENT decide in the future to reactivate his/her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, RESPONDENT SHALL be required to satisfy all then existing requirements for reactivation and RESPONDENT'S reactivated license(s) SHALL BE subject to, at a minimum, the remedial education courses, work restrictions, supervised practice, and employer reporting which would have been requirements of this Order had Respondent not chosen to inactivate his/her nursing license(s).

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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. I further understand that, should I decide in the future to reactivate my license(s), I will be required to satisfy, at a minimum, the additional requirements that would have been part of this Order had the license(s) not been placed in inactive status, as stated herein, as well as all then existing requirements for reactivation.

Signed this 21³⁷ day of <u>Jebruary</u>, 20<u>17</u>.

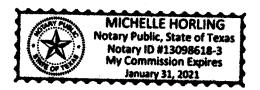
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Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of Febru

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Notary Public in and for the State of Te Xas



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>February</u>, 20<u>17</u>, by SUSAN LEIGH COX, a/k/a, SUSAN L. MOODY, Vocational Nurse License Number 140273, 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

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BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSE EXAMINERS

STATE OF TEXAS

vs.

SUSAN LEIGH

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

AGREED BOARD ORDER

On this day came to be considered by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners the matter of SUSAN LEIGH, an Applicant for Licensure by Examination, hereinafter called Applicant.

letter, the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners sent preliminary Вy notice to Applicant of its intent to take disciplinary action with said Application for Licensure result of a to respect subsequent investigation. Said investigation produced evidence indicating that Applicant has engaged in the intemperate use of alcohol or drugs, in violation of Article 4528c, Section 10 Revised Civil (a) (8), Statutes of Texas, in the following manner:

- a. On or about July 14, 1992, Applicant submitted her Application for Licensure by Examination to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. On said Application, Applicant answered "yes" to item 32 asking: "Were you or are you currently an intemperate user of drugs?".
- b. With said application for licensure, Applicant submitted documentation referencing a long standing history of substance abuse (Cocaine and Speed) from about the age of sixteen (16).
- c. Applicant was admitted to White River Retreat for treatment of chemical dependency from about July 31, 1989 through about September 2, 1989.
- d. Applicant was admitted to Bedford Meadows Psychiatric Hospital on or about April 9, 1990 suffering from depression as a result of substance abuse. While at Bedford Meadows, Applicant gained insight and understanding of her disease.

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e. With said application for licensure, Applicant submitted a written statement acknowledging her past intemperate use of drugs, and supportive documentation referencing her continuing efforts toward rehabilitation.

By Applicant's signature on this Order, Applicant neither admits nor denies the truth of the matters previously set out in this Order with respect to the above mentioned investigation. By Applicant's signature on this Order, Applicant acknowledges that she has read and understood this Order and has approved it for consideration by the Board.

By her notarized signature on this Order, Applicant does hereby waive the right to Notice of a Formal Hearing, and a Formal Hearing before the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners, and to judicial review of this disciplinary action. Notice of this disciplinary action will appear in the Board's newsletter sent to Texas employers.

ORDER OF THE BOARD

THEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, The Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners does hereby order that SUSAN LEIGH be allowed to write the examination for licensure and upon obtaining a passing score be issued a license to practice vocational nursing the State of Texas. Said license shall be suspended, with said suspension stayed and placed on probation for a period of one (1) year.

The probation of said license is subject to the following stipulations, to-wit:

1. That by copy of this Board Order, Applicant shall provide notice of Board disciplinary action to her nursing employer(s), throughout the term of probation.

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- 2. That Applicant shall cause her nursing employer(s) to submit satisfactory reports to the Board office on a quarterly basis throughout the term of probation.
- 3. That Applicant <u>shall work only</u> under the direct supervision of a licensed medical professional throughout the term of probation.
- 4. That Applicant shall not be employed by a nurse registry/temporary nurse agency or as a private duty nurse throughout the term of probation.
- 5. That Applicant shall not work in an autonomous nursing position throughout the term of probation.
- 6. That Applicant shall not work in the position of charge nurse throughout the term of probation.
- 7. That Applicant shall not be the only licensed medical professional person in the facility.
- 8. That Applicant shall attend weekly meetings of a Chemical Dependency Support Group, and shall cause her program sponsor/counselor to submit satisfactory reports to the Board office on a quarterly basis throughout the term of probation.
- 9. That Applicant shall submit to random periodic blood alcohol and urine drug screen(s) upon demand of the Board staff throughout the term of probation. Said screen(s) shall be properly monitored with adherence to chain of custody procedures. The results of said screen(s) shall be submitted to the Board office by the laboratory. The expense of said screen(s) shall be borne by Applicant.
- 10. That any period(s) of unemployment must be documented in writing by Applicant and submitted directly to the Board office on a quarterly basis throughout the term of probation.
- 11. Further, that if Applicant's place of employment, name, address or telephone number changes, Applicant is to notify the Board office immediately.
- 12. It is also ordered that SUSAN LEIGH shall comply with all the provisions of Article 4528c, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas.

This Agreed Order shall not be effective or take effect and become enforceable in accordance with its terms until endorsed by a majority of the Board present and voting, at its next regularly called session.

AGREED BOARD ORDER Re: Susan Leigh, Exam Applicant Page 4 Dated this the 9 day of September 294 - 8718 Area Code and Telephone Number The State of Texas County of TARRANT Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared SUSAN LEIGH, who being duly sworn by me stated that he or she executed the above for the purpose therein contained, and that he or she understood same. SWORN SUBSCRIBED before this , 19<u>92</u>. ARTHAINA CHRISTIANSEN Notary Public THE STATE OF TEXAS STATE OF TEXAS Commission Exp. 7-14-93 My Commission Expires Marjorie A. Agent for the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, the undersigned, authority, the day of the undersigned, 19

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ENDORSEMENT OF THE BOARD
To The Agreed Board Order
in the matter of SUSAN LEIGH
EXAM APPLICANT

At its regularly called session, 15th day of September, 1992, came on to be considered the indicated Agreed Board Order pertaining to SUSAN LEIGH. The Board having reviewed the contents of said Order, the Order should be, and is hereby, endorsed as an Order of the Board and made an official act of the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas.

Said Order is rendered this the 15th day of September, 1992.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the

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U.S. Mail, first class, and addressed to the following person(s):

Susan Leigh 205 Laurel Mansfield, Texas 76063

Executive Director

Agent for the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners



BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSE EXAMINERS

9101 BURNET ROAD - SUITE 105 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78758 TELEPHONE 512/835-2071

December 31, 1993

Susan Leigh 6423 Westcreek Ft. Worth, TX 76133

Dear Ms. Leigh:

You have successfully completed your term of probation as stipulated by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners.

All pertinent information will remain in your permanent records. We urge you in the future to promote and uphold the ethical standards a Licensed Vocational Nurse should practice.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Hudson
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Investigations Division

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