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Michelle Sherman
Executive Director of the Board

In the Matter of
Permanent Registered Nurse
License Number 916066
Issued to AMANDA ELIZABETH NELSON,
Respondent

§ **BEFORE THE TEXAS**
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§ **BOARD OF NURSING**

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

TO: AMANDA ELIZABETH NELSON
1204 HOLLOW CREEK DR., APT. 1
AUSTIN, TX 78704

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing was held on April 17, 2017 at 333 Guadalupe, Room 3-460, Austin, Texas, in which the Temporary Suspension of Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 916066, issued to AMANDA ELIZABETH NELSON was considered pursuant to Section 301.455, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE. Staff of the Texas Board of Nursing appeared and presented information and evidence concerning the conduct of AMANDA ELIZABETH NELSON and whether her continued practice as a nurse would constitute a continuing and imminent threat to the public welfare.

After review and due consideration of the evidence and information presented, the Board finds that the following charges are substantiated:

CHARGE I.

On or about May 8, 2015, through June 16, 2015, while utilizing a Privilege to Practice (PTP) nursing from the State of New Hampshire and employed with Parallon Workforce Solutions, San Antonio, Texas, and on assignment with South Austin Medical Center, Austin, Texas, Respondent diverted Morphine belonging to the facility or patients thereof in that she admitted to such diversion for her personal use during a psychological and chemical dependency evaluation required by the Texas Board of Nursing. Unlawful possession of Morphine is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Morphine by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs,

symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.

CHARGE II.

On or about March 1, 2017, through March 3, 2017, while employed as a registered nurse with Heart Hospital of Austin, Austin, Texas, Respondent diverted Hydromorphone belonging to the facility or patients thereof, in that she admitted as such during a meeting regarding pharmacy discrepancies. Unlawful possession of Hydromorphone is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).

CHARGE III.

On or about March 3, 2017, while employed as a registered nurse with Heart Hospital of Austin, Austin, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Hydromorphone in that she admitted to such use when asked to submit a specimen for cause. Possession of Hydromorphone is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Hydromorphone by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.

The Texas Board of Nursing further finds that, given the nature of the charges, the continued practice of nursing by AMANDA ELIZABETH NELSON constitutes a continuing and imminent threat to public welfare and that the temporary suspension of Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 916066, is justified pursuant to Section 301.455, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.


NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 916066, issued to AMANDA ELIZABETH NELSON, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be,

and the same is/are, hereby SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY in accordance with Section 301.455, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a probable cause hearing be conducted in accordance with Section 301.455(c) not later than seventeen (17) days following the date of the entry of this order, and a final hearing on the matter be conducted in accordance with 301.455(d) not later than the 61st day following the date of the entry of this order.

Entered this 17th day of April, 2017.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY: 
KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, AMANDA ELIZABETH NELSON, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 916066, which is in current status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

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The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(4),(5),(6)(G),(8),(10)(A),(10)(E)&(11)(B).

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on adopted policies related to Substance Use Disorders and Other Alcohol and Drug Related Conduct; related to Behavior Involving Lying and Falsification; and related to Behavior Involving Fraud, Theft, and Deception, which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

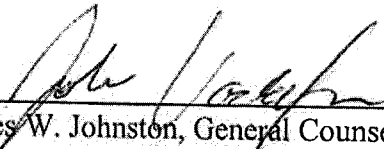
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NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, located at 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.33(b), which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

Filed this 17th day of April, 2017.

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