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In the Matter of

§ AGREED

Registered Nurse License Number 715972

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issued to GLEN BRIAN BUTLER

**ORDER** 

An investigation by the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, produced evidence indicating that GLEN BRIAN BUTLER, Registered Nurse License Number 715972, 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 February 21, 2017, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent appeared in person. 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.
- 4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from the University of Texas Tyler, Palestine, Texas, on May 7, 2005. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 7, 2005.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

06/05 - 06/08

RN

East Texas Medical Center Athens, Texas xecutive Director of the Board

# Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

06/08 - 06/10	RN	Elite Agency Nursing Palestine, Texas
06/08 - 06/10	RN	East Texas Medical Center Fairfield, Texas
06/08 - 06/10	RN	East Texas Medical Center Crockett, Texas
06/10 - 05/14	RN	Palestine Regional Medical Center Palestine, Texas
07/14 - 01/15	RN	Greenbrier Nursing and Rehabiliation Tyler, Texas
01/15 - 04/15	Travel RN	University of Texas Medical Branch Arlington, Texas
04/15 - 06/15	RN	Texoma Medical Center Denison, Texas
07/15 - 10/15	RN	Good Shepherd Medical Center Longview, Texas
11/15 - 04/16	Travel RN	Navarro Regional Hospital Corsicana, Texas
11/15 - 04/16	Travel RN	Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital Nacogdoches, Texas
02/16 - 04/16	RN	Elkhart Oaks Center Elkhart, Texas
05/16 - Current	RN	Christus Mother Frances Hospital Tyler, Texas

<sup>6.</sup> On or about November 5, 2013, Respondent was issued a Remedial Education - Deferred by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated November 5, 2013, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.

- 7. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Elkhart Oaks Care Center, Elkhart, Texas, and had been in that position for two (2) months.
- 8. On or about April 6, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Elkhart Oaks Care Center, Elkhart, Texas, Respondent refused to order a mobile x-ray of the left hip of Patient SH, as ordered, and, instead, coerced the patient's responsible party into agreeing to have the patient transferred to the hospital for the x-ray, without a physician's order. The patient already had a halo stabilizer in use on the right lower extremity, and the practitioner ordered the mobile x-ray to avoid complications to the right femur fracture. Respondent's conduct was likely to harm the patient from injuries which could have been sustained during transfer to and from the hospital.
- 9. On or about April 6, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Elkhart Oaks Care Center, Elkhart, Texas, Respondent was verbally abusive and threatening towards the emergency room staff at Palestine Regional Medical Center, in that a co-worker witnessed him threaten the emergency room hospital staff while on the phone stating: "I will go up there and whip the physician's ass." Respondent's conduct may have unnecessarily exposed the staff to emotional, and/or psychological harm.
- 10. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Eight (8) and Nine (9), Respondent states the responsible party, daughter of Resident SH, instructed him to send the patient to the emergency room and not wait for the x-ray team due to the patient having an external fixation in place because she was worried about new injuries. Respondent states the responsible party has the authority to send the patient for evaluation without a doctor's order. Respondent further states the emergency room staff voiced that nursing home nurses were stupid and do not know what they are doing. Respondent states the co-worker that supposedly witnessed him threaten the hospital staff was incorrect with her statement.

### 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  $\S217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)\&(1)(D)$  and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE  $\S217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4),$  (6)(C),(6)(F)&(13).
- 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 715972, heretofore issued to GLEN BRIAN BUTLER.

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. 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. A Board-approved 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.
- B. 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. 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.

- 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. Indirect Supervision: 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.
- Pursing 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 individual who supervises the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising individual 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. 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 placed day of GDI 20 17.
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GLEN BRIAN BUTLER, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

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Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires
OCTOBER 06, 2018

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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 <a href="mailto:14th">14th</a> day of <a href="mailto:April">April</a>, <a href="mailto:20\_17">20\_17</a>, by GLEN BRIAN BUTLER, Registered Nurse License Number 715972, and said Order is final.

Effective this 13th day of June, 20 17.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf of said Board

### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of

Registered Nurse License Number 715972

issued to GLEN BRIAN BUTLER

AGREED ORDER

FOR DEFERRED DISCIPLINE

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Boar considered the matter of GLEN BRIAN BUTLER, Registered Nurse License Number 715972, 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 representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on September 27, 2013.

# **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 representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas, on May 7, 2005. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 7, 2005.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

6/2005-6/2008

Staff Nurse

East Texas Medical Center- Athens Athens, Texas

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

7/2008- Unknown Staff Nurse Elite Agency Nursing

Palestine, Texas

3/2010- Unknown Staff Nurse East Texas Medical Center- Fairfield

Fairfield, Texas

7/2010- Unknown Staff Nurse Pampa Regional Medical Center

Paris, Texas

12/2010- Unknown Staff Nurse East Texas Medical Center- Crockett

Crockett, Texas

6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with East Texas Medical Center- Crockett, Crockett, Texas, and had been in this position for one (1) year and one (1) month.

- 7. On or about January 14, 2012, while employed as a Staff Nurse with East Texas Medical Center- Crockett, Crockett, Texas, Respondent failed to document the waste of excess Morphine and Ativan that was pulled for Patient Number 02-87-04 but was not administered. Respondent's conduct resulted in an inaccurate and incomplete medical record, and exposed the patient to a risk of harm in that subsequent care givers would rely on his documentation in order to provide further patient care.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states he was counseled by the facility at the time of the incident and given a drug screen, which was negative. Additionally, Respondent states that his work performance has improved since the incident, and he has taken measures to decrease or eliminate problems concerning narcotics wastage on his unit.

### 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)(D) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(1)(B)&(10)(C).
- 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 715972, heretofore issued to GLENBRIAN BUTLER, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

### <u>ORDER</u>

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a REMEDIAL EDUCATION, DEFERRED, and RESPONDENT SHALL 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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license(s) is/are encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact privilege without the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL not commit any violation of 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. for a period of five (5) years from the date of this Order.

#### IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board

approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It 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. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length of classroom time. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall include content on the following: 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. RESPONDENT SHALL cause the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form,

provided by the Board, to the Board's office to verify RESPONDENT'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete 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 program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon successful completion of Stipulations Numbers

One (1) through Three (3) 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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon the successful completion of the required period of deferral, the complaint or complaints which formed the basis for this action will be dismissed and this Order will be made confidential to the same extent as a complaint filed under Section 301.466, Texas Occupations Code.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that until such time that this Order is made confidential, this Order is subject to disclosure in accordance with applicable law.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that should an additional allegation, complaint, accusation, or petition be reported or filed against Respondent prior to the time this Order is made confidential, the deferral period shall be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been finally acted upon by the Board.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that should RESPONDENT commit a subsequent violation of the Nursing Practice Act or Board Rules, this Order shall be treated as prior disciplinary action.

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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 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, 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, the Board may stay the dismissal of the complaint filed against me, and that I will be subject to investigation and possible disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 20 th day of OCTOBER 2013

GLEN BRIAN BUTLER, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th

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November 24, 2016

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order for Deferred Discipline that was signed on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013, by GLEN BRIAN BUTLER, Registered Nurse License Number 715972, and said Order is final.

Effective this 5th day of November, 2013.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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