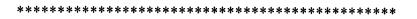
BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of

§ AGREED

Registered Nurse License Number 560032

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issued to SUSAN SNOW MOLLE

§ ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of SUSAN SNOW MOLLE, Registered Nurse License Number 560032, 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, on March 27, 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 professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, on September 1, 1981. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on April 20, 1990.
- 5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

1981 - 1982

RN

Strong Memorial Hospital Rochester, New York

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Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

1982 - 1983	RN	Milwaukee Children's Hospital Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1983 - 1988	RN	Children's Memorial Hospital Chicago, Illinois
1988 - 1990	RN	University of Illinois Hospital Chicago, Illinois
1990 - 1995	RN	HCA Columbia Hospital Lewisville, Texas
1995 - 1997	RN	Cook Children's Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
1997 - 2013	RN/School Nurse	Grapevine Colleyville ISD Grapevine, Texas
2003 - Unknown	RN	Interim Home Care Fort Worth, Texas
10/15 - 01/16	RN Care Coordinator	Children's Health Pediatric Group Grapevine, Texas
03/16 - Present	Triage RN	Children's Health Pediatric Group Grapevine, Texas

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Telephone Triage Registered Nurse with Children's Health Pediatric Group, Grapevine, Texas, and had been in that position for seven (7) months.
- 7. On or about October 7, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Children's Health Pediatric Group, Grapevine, Texas, Respondent administered 22.5ml of prednisolone to four (4) year old Patient ZJ, instead of 5.6ml as ordered by the physician. As a result, Patient ZJ experienced tremors, irritability, hyperactivity, insomnia, vomiting and upset stomach. Respondent's conduct unnecessarily exposed the patient to a risk of harm from serious adverse reactions.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that on the date in question, she was passing through the lab area and she was asked to assist with the care of Patient ZJ by administering medication prescribed by her physician. Respondent states she

misinterpreted the order to mean that one 22.4mL dose of the medication was to be administered to the patient, and based on the misunderstanding, Respondent gave the patient a 22.4mL oral dose of the Prelone. Respondent states that later that day, she realized her error and called the physician to notify her of the mistake. Respondent states the physician then called the patient's mother and pharmacy to address the issue. Respondent states she has since agreed to a performance improvement plan which requires a second health care provider to confirm the dosage of any medications she administers to patients.

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),(B)&(C) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(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 560032, heretofore issued to SUSAN SNOW MOLLE.
- 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.** A Board-approved course in medication administration with a didactic portion of not less than six (6) hours and a clinical component of not less than twenty-four (24) hours. Both the didactic and clinical components be provided by the same Registered Nurse. The course's content shall include: a review of proper administration procedures for all standard routes; computation of drug dosages; the six (6) rights of medication administration; factors influencing the choice of route; and possible adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. Successful

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completion of this course requires RESPONDENT to successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course.

C. The course <u>"Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills,"</u> 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 <u>not</u> 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. Incident Reporting: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer 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.
- Possible 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 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 4 day of May, 2017.
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SUSAN SNOW MOLLE, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this $\frac{4}{2}$ day of $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$.

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JANE M. HOGAN
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires
August 30, 2018

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

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Cory M. Sutker Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 4 day of May, 2017.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>4th</u> day of <u>May</u>, 20<u>17</u>, by SUSAN SNOW MOLLE, Registered Nurse License Number 560032, and said Order is final.

Effective this 13th day of June, 2017.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board