IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT

REGISTERED NURSE

LICENSE NUMBER 677497

ISSUED TO

ALISON BRADY WELCH,

RESPONDENT

BEFORE THE TEXAS

BOARD OF NURSING

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## ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: ALISON BRADY WELCH 3921 HANOVER PL TYLER, TX 75701 xecutive Director of the Board

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on June 13, 2017, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by

reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 Tex. Admin.Code § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 677497, previously issued to ALISON BRADY WELCH, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

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

Entered this 13th day of June, 2017.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment: Formal Charge filed April 24, 2017.

d17r(RN)(2016.05.11)

Order.

Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 677497 lssued to ALISON BRADY WELCH DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the /4th day of, 20, a true and correct
copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), a
follows:
Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested ALISON BRADY WELCH 3921 HANOVER PL TYLER, TX 75701
Via USPS First Class Mail
BY:  KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

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Permanent Registered Nurse	§	
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Respondent	§	<b>BOARD OF NURSING</b>

#### FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, ALISON BRADY WELCH, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 677497, 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.

### CHARGE I.

On or about May 13, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Angels of Care Pediatric Home Health, Sherman, Texas, and assigned to provide nursing care to Patient Medical Record TYL-PT5000083, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that she exhibited behavior that was not "normal", and she went through all of the cabinets and drawers in the patient's home. Respondents behavior could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate and appropriate assessments, judgements and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(4),(5)&(10)(A).

## CHARGE II.

On or about May 13, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Angels of Care Pediatric Home Health, Sherman, Texas, Respondent misappropriated six (6) Clonazepam tablets belonging to Patient Medical Record TYL-PT5000083. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the patient the cost of the medication.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE  $\S217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4),(6)(G),(8),(10)(E)\&(11)(B)$ .

### CHARGE III.

On or about May 16, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Angels of Care Pediatric Home Health, Sherman, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Benzodiazepine in that she produced a specimen for a drug screen which resulted positive for Benzodiazepine. Unlawful possession of Benzodiazipine is prohibited by Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health & Safety Code. The use of Benzodiazepine by a Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms, or changes in a 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 a patient in potential danger.

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),(10)(A),(10)(D)&(11)(B).

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, <a href="www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for 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, <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

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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 24 day of Apr: 30 7.

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