

IN THE MATTER OF	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE	§	
NUMBER 178976,	§ .	OF
ISSUED TO	§	
SHERRY ANN HARDEO	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

# **OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD**

TO: SHERRY ANN HARDEO

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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77044

SHANNON KILGORE

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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At the regularly scheduled public meeting on July 20-21, 2017, the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) considered the following items: (1) Order No. 1, *Conditional Order of Default Dismissal and Remand*, issued by the ALJ in the above cited matter; (2) Staff's recommendation that the Board revoke the Respondent's vocational nursing license by default; and (3) Respondent's recommendation to the Board regarding the above cited matter, if any.

On March 21, 2017, the ALJ convened a hearing on the merits in this matter. Staff of the Board was present for the hearing. However, the Respondent was not present at the hearing, and no one appeared on her behalf. During the hearing on March 21, 2017, Staff introduced evidence into the record demonstrating that Respondent had been sent a Notice of Hearing by first class certified mail return receipt requested to her last known address of record maintained by the Board in accordance with 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.10(a). The ALJ found that Staff's notice was adequate and issued Order No. 1, *Conditional Order of Default Dismissal and Remand*, granting Staff's Motion for Default and dismissing the case from the docket of SOAH and remanding it to the Board for informal disposition on a default basis in accordance with the Government Code §2001.056.

The Board, after review and due consideration of Order No.1, issued by the ALJ in the above cited matter, finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with the Government Code §2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Occupations Code Chapter 301 (Nursing Practice Act) for retention of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas. The Board further finds that the First Amended Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with the Occupations Code §301.458. The Board further finds that proper and timely notice regarding the violations alleged in the First Amended Formal Charges was given to Respondent in accordance with the requirements of the Government Code §2001.051 and §2001.052 and 1 Tex. Admin. Code §155.501. The Board further finds that the Respondent failed to appear in accordance with 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 213 and 1 Tex. Admin. Code §155.501. As a result of the Respondent's failure to appear, the Board

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has determined that the factual allegations listed in the First Amended Formal Charges are to be deemed admitted by default and the Board is authorized to enter a default order against the Respondent pursuant to the Government Code §2001.056 and 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.22. Further, the Board has determined that it is entitled to revoke the Respondent's vocational nursing license pursuant to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.33(m).

Therefore, the Board hereby adopts the factual allegations, which have been deemed admitted, and the conclusions of law contained in the First Amended Formal Charges, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes, and 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 in accordance with the Government Code Chapter 2001 and 22 Tex. Admin.Code §213.23(I), as applicable. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order. All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED THAT Permanent Certificate Number 178976, previously issued to SHERRY ANN HARDEO, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

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

FURTHER, pursuant to the Occupations Code §301.467, RESPONDENT is not eligible to petition for reinstatement of licensure until at least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order. Further, upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT must satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

Entered this 2th day of July, 2017.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE BOARD

Attachment: First Amended Formal Charges

In the Matter of	§	BEFORE THE TEXAS
Permanent Vocational Nurse	§	
License Number 178976	§	
Issued to SHERRY ANN HARDEO,	§	
Respondent	§	<b>BOARD OF NURSING</b>

## FIRST AMENDED FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, SHERRY ANN HARDEO, is a Vocational Nurse holding License Number 178976, 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 November 6, 2014, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to EVADING ARREST/DETENTION W/VEHICLE, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree felony offense committed on September 10, 2013, in the 351<sup>st</sup> District Court of Harris County, Texas, under Case No. 140081901010. 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 four (4) years, and ordered to pay court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

# CHARGE II.

On or about May 3, 2015, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Trusted Employment Solutions (TES), Pasadena, Texas, and assigned to work at The Cenikor Foundation, Deer Park, Texas, Respondent became noncompliant with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on February 11, 2014. Noncompliance is the result of her failure to provide a copy of the Board's Order to Trusted Employment Solutions (TES), prior to accepting a conditional offer of employment. Stipulation Number Three (3) of the Agreed Order, dated February 11, 2014, states, in pertinent part:

"(3) RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order ... to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment."

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

### CHARGE III.

On or about May 3, 2015, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Trusted Employment Solutions (TES), Pasadena, Texas, and assigned to work at The Cenikor Foundation, Deer Park, Texas, Respondent became noncompliant with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on February 11, 2014. Noncompliance is the result of her employment with a temporary nurse employment agency between May 3, 2015, through September 27, 2015. Stipulation Number Five (5) of the Agreed Order, dated February 11, 2014, states, in pertinent part:

"(5) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency."

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

#### CHARGE IV.

On or about August 20, 2015, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Trusted Employment Solutions (TES), Pasadena, Texas, and assigned to work at The Cenikor Foundation, Deer Park, Texas, Respondent became noncompliant with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on February 11, 2014. Noncompliance is the result of her failure to submit the Notification of Employment form to the Texas Board of Nursing within five (5) days of employment as a nurse. Respondent began employment with Trusted Employment Solutions on May 3, 2015. Stipulation Number Four (4) of the Agreed Order, dated February 11, 2014, states, in pertinent part:

"(4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse."

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

#### CHARGE V.

On or about August 20, 2015, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Trusted Employment Solutions (TES), Pasadena, Texas, and assigned to work at The Cenikor Foundation, Deer Park, Texas, Respondent submitted a fraudulent Notification of Employment form to the Texas Board of Nursing, in that the supervisor who signed the form was not an employee with The Cenikor Foundation on the date of her signature.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(A),(6)(H)&(11)(B).

#### CHARGE VI.

On or about August 30, 2015, Respondent submitted an online renewal application to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question:

"Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:

- A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
  - B. been convicted of a felony?
  - C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
  - D. received deferred adjudication?
  - E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
  - F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
  - G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
  - H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
  - I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
  - J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgement/punishment/action?"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about November 6, 2014, she entered a plea of Guilty to EVADING ARREST/DETENTION W/VEHICLE, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree felony offense committed on September 10, 2013, in the 351<sup>st</sup> District Court of Harris County, Texas, under Case No. 140081901010. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against her were deferred, without entering an adjudication of guilt, and she was placed on probation for a period of four (4) years, and ordered to pay court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I).

## CHARGE VII.

On or about December 15, 2015, while licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, Respondent became noncompliant with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on February 11, 2014. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's submission of a fraudulent Nursing Performance Evaluation form from The Cenikor Foundation to the Texas Board of Nursing. Respondent was not employed with The Cenikor Foundation on December 15, 2015. Stipulation Number Six (6) of the Agreed Order, dated February 11, 2014, states, in pertinent part:

"(6) 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 nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month period for one (1) year of employment as a nurse."

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

#### CHARGE VIII.

On or about March 1, 2016, while licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, and seeking employment with Epic Health Services, Houston, Texas, a home health agency, Respondent became noncompliant with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on February 11, 2014. Noncompliance is the result of her failure to provide a copy of the Order to Epic Health Services prior to accepting a conditional offer of employment. Stipulation Number Three (3) of the Agreed Order, dated February 11, 2014, states, in pertinent part:

"(3) RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order ... to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment."

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(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 Guidelines for Criminal Conduct; on adopted policies 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>

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

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order(s) which is/are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Order dated February 11, 2014.

Filed this 17th day of august , 20 16.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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Attachments: Order of the Board dated February 11, 2014.

# BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



Executive Director of the Poard

In the Matter of
Vocational Nurse License Number 178976
issued to SHERRY ANN HARDEO

ORDER

AGREED

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of SHERRY ANN HARDEO, Vocational Nurse License Number 178976, 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) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on July 17, 2013, subject to ratification by the Board.

## **EINDINGS 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from San Jacinto College North, Houston, Texas, on August 18, 2000. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on January 23, 2001.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.

- 6. On or about December 25, 2012, Respondent was arrested by the Harris County Sheriff's Office, Houston, Texas for 2 COUNTS OF AGGRAVATED ASSAULT CAUSES SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, a 2nd Degree Felony offense. On or about June 25, 2013, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to the lesser offense of DEADLY CONDUCT, a Class A misdemeanor committed on December 25, 2012, in the 339th District Court at Law of Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 1372161. 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 two (2) years, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
- 7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states that on the night in question, Respondent was missing her father who had passed away a year ago, Because they lived in a rural area her father had a tradition of firing his revolver during the holiday. Other relatives were bursting firecrackers and Respondent saw no harm with firing rounds from her deceased father's revolver. Later that evening an argument ensued between family members and the police were contacted by the Respondent. At no point did Respondent threaten her sister and certainly not with a weapon in hand. Respondent's mother and sister stated to the police that they feared that Respondent would cause bodily injury.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 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(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 178976, heretofore issued to SHERRY ANN HARDEO, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

## **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS, 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 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 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: http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html. IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND RESPONDENT MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR) OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWELVE (12) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. 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 STIPULATION PERIOD:

- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.
- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- (5) 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.



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- (6) 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 nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month period for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.
- (7) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE her probation officer to submit written reports on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board. The reports shall indicate the RESPONDENT'S compliance with the court ordered probation. The reports shall be furnished each and every three (3) month period until RESPONDENT is released from probation.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that 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 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 this Order is subject to retification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and 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 revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

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	Approved as to form and substance.
•	John Rivas, Attorney at Law, Attorney for Respondent
	Signed this day of 20

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 27th day of December, 2013, by SHERRY ANN HARDEO, Vocational Nurse License Number 178976, and said Order is final.

Effective this 11th day of February, 2014.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf of said Board