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Patricia Obannon
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § REINSTATEMENT
Vocational Nurse License Number 195007 §
issued to ANGELA SUE PITTMAN, § AGREED ORDER
fka ANGELA SUE OBANNON §

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Petition for Reinstatement of Vocational Nurse License Number 195007, held by ANGELA SUE PITTMAN, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner.

An informal conference was conducted on May 16, 2017, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code. Petitioner 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 Petitioner and Petitioner was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
2. Petitioner waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Petitioner received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Ranger Junior College, Brownwood, Texas, on August 7, 2004. Petitioner was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 21, 2004.

4. Petitioner's nursing employment history includes:

2001 - 2005	CNA/Staff Nurse	Rising Star Nursing Center Rising Star, Texas
2005 - 2007	Staff Nurse	Brownwood Hospital Brownwood, Texas
2/07 - 1/12	Staff Nurse	Critical Health Connection San Angelo, Texas

Petitioner's nursing employment history continued:

1/08 - 4/08	Staff Nurse	Rising Star Nursing Center Rising Star, Texas
1/08 - 4/08	Staff Nurse	Encompass Healthcare Early, Texas
10/08 - 2/09	Staff Nurse	Senior Living Properties Eastland, Texas
9/10 - 8/11	Staff Nurse/ADON/ MDS Coordinator	Throckmorton Nursing and Rehabilitation Throckmorton, Texas
9/12 - 7/13	Private Duty Nurse	Eastland, Texas

5. On July 2, 2013, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of Petitioner's license to practice vocational nursing. A copy of the July 2, 2013, Agreed Order, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
6. On or about December 12, 2016, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of License to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
7. Petitioner presented the following in support of said petition:
 - 7.1. Order discharging Petitioner from Community Supervision dated May 11, 2016, under Cause No. 23034.
 - 7.2. Letter of support, dated October 19, 2016, from Celia Mejia, Eastland, Texas, stating she met Petitioner in December 2011 when her mother was moved to a nursing home for rehabilitation and recovery. Petitioner was one of her mother's nurses and by far the best she ever had. Petitioner was very professional but also kind and attentive. She was patient and had a great bed side manner. Petitioner is a great asset and any company would be lucky to have her.
 - 7.3. Letter of support, dated May 24, 2016, from June Lemons, RN, BSN, Anchorage, Alaska, stating she was her mother's care-giver from 2012 to 2014. Petitioner's great aptitude of patient care, immense medical knowledge and professionalism has given Ms. Lemons tremendous comfort. Petitioner's ability to multi-task is impressive. Petitioner's skilled nursing care and genuine compassion provided Ms. Lemons' mother with assistance in her daily activities and a dignified life. Ms. Lemons' is absolutely sure that Petitioner will be an asset to whichever facility she works for with her dedication and love for nursing.

- 7.4. Letter of support, dated May 19, 2016, from Patty Raye Davis, RN, Rising Star, Texas, stating she worked with Petitioner off and on since 2000, and she is an asset to nursing. She is kind, compassionate and dependable. She does a wonderful job with her patients and is a good team player. Ms. Davis believes that Petitioner is a responsible person and will not be a danger to any patient or facility.
- 7.5. Letter of support, dated May 22, 2016, from Melissa M. Harris, RN, stating she worked with Petitioner in the medical field for several years, both as a charge nurse, while she was a CNA, and as her peer, after she became a vocational nurse. Petitioner is a very caring, compassionate care-giver. Petitioner always strove to give her patients the very best care. Though she may have made some bad personal choices, her nursing judgment was sound.
- 7.6. Letter of support, dated June 5, 2016, from Carol Pharr, LVN, stating she has known Petitioner for twelve (12) years. She has compassion and respect for the patients she cares for. She has extensive knowledge and skills as a nurse. She would be an asset to any nursing position.
- 7.7. Letter of support, dated May 28, 2016, from Connie Burcham, RN, Rising Star, Texas, stating she has worked with Petitioner for quite a few years. She is a very dedicated nurse. She gives her all to her patients. She would be a benefit to any nursing facility.
- 7.8. Letter of support, dated May 29, 2016, from Peggy Hardin, RN, Eastland, Texas, stating Petitioner has worked for her in the past as an LVN in long term care. Petitioner always showed a good amount of professionalism while working. She used her critical thinking skills while completing her assessments. Petitioner maintained a professional relationship with the residents, their family members, primary care physicians, and her co-workers. Petitioner was dependable and worked her scheduled shifts.
- 7.9. Documentation of the required continuing education contact hours.
8. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past behavior in light of the character factors set out in 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.27 and determined that Petitioner currently demonstrates the criteria required for good professional character and relicensure.
9. Relicensure of Petitioner poses no direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public provided Petitioner complies with the stipulations outlined in this Order.
10. The Executive Director's review of Petitioner's eligibility for relicensure has been made on the basis of Petitioner's disclosures.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Pursuant to Section 301.467, Texas Occupations Code, the Board may refuse to issue or renew a license, and may set a reasonable period that must lapse before reapplication. Pursuant to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26, the Board may impose reasonable conditions that a Petitioner must satisfy before reissuance of an unrestricted license.
3. The Board may license an individual with prior behaviors inconsistent with the Board's character requirements if, upon evaluation of the factors in 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.27, and pursuant to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.33, the Board is satisfied that the individual is able to consistently conform her conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.
4. This Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of Petitioner's disclosures. Any subsequently discovered discrepancies will result in investigation and possible disciplinary action, up to revocation of Petitioner's license(s).

TERMS OF ORDER

I. REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that the petition of ANGELA SUE PITTMAN for reinstatement of license to practice nursing in the state of Texas be **GRANTED** and Vocational Nurse License Number 195007 is hereby **REINSTATED** in accordance with the terms of this Order.

II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW AND APPLICABILITY

While under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER agrees to obtain, read, and 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.

- A. PETITIONER SHALL pay all re-registration fees, if applicable, and PETITIONER'S licensure status in the State of Texas will be updated to reflect the applicable conditions outlined herein.
- B. This Order SHALL be applicable to PETITIONER's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. PETITIONER 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 PETITIONER wishes to work.

III. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, Petitioner SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) **within one (1) year of relicensure, 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), Petitioner 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. Petitioner SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved 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, Petitioner 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:** Petitioner 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, Petitioner 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:** Petitioner 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. Petitioner 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:** Petitioner SHALL CAUSE each employer to immediately submit any and all incident, counseling, variance, unusual occurrence, and medication or other error reports involving Petitioner, as well as documentation of any internal investigations regarding action by Petitioner, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office.

D. Nursing Performance Evaluations: Petitioner SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the Petitioner by the Board, periodic reports as to Petitioner'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the individual who supervises the Petitioner 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 PETITIONER'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and PETITIONER may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

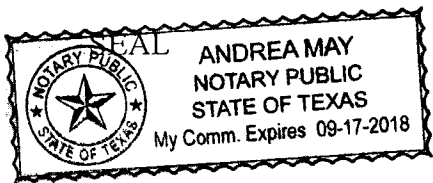
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Reinstatement Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my Petition for Reinstatement of Licensure, has been in conformity with the Board's professional character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past behavior in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of convictions, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

I have reviewed this Order. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to reinstating my license(s) to practice nursing in the state of Texas. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas will be revoked, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 8th day of June, 2017

Angela Sue Pittman
ANGELA SUE PITTMAN, Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of June, 2017.



Andrea May
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Reinstatement Agreed Order that was signed on the 8th day of June, 2017, by ANGELA SUE PITTMAN, Vocational Nurse License Number 195007, and said Order is final.

Effective this 20th day of July, 2017.



Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board



BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED
Vocational Nurse License Number 195007 §
issued to ANGELA SUE OBANNON § ORDER

I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.
Patricia A. Williams
Executive Director of the Board

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of ANGELA SUE OBANNON, Vocational Nurse License Number 195007, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was provided to 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 Ranger Junior College, Brownwood, Texas, on August 7, 2004. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 21, 2004.
5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about April 15, 2013, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to TAMPERING WITH GOVERNMENTAL RECORD, a State Jail Felony offense committed on October 14, 2011, in the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas, under Cause No. 23034. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering adjudication of Guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of three (3) years and ordered to pay court costs and restitution in the amount of four thousand one hundred four dollars and sixty-six cents (\$4,104.66).
7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states she was getting assistance for food stamps and did not disclose her second job income and was over paid. Respondent thought as long as she stayed under a certain amount per month she did not need to disclose that income.
8. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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 §217.12(13).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 195007, heretofore issued to ANGELA SUE OBANNON, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Vocational Nurse License Number 195007, heretofore issued to ANGELA SUE OBANNON, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Texas Board of Nursing.

In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title "vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

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.

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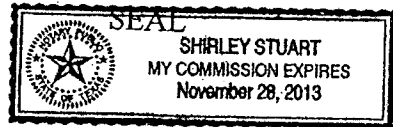
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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 this Order becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 27 day of June, 2013.

Angela Sue Obannon
ANGELA SUE OBANNON, Respondent

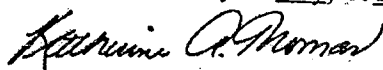
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of June, 2013.



Shirley Stuart
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 195007, previously issued to ANGELA SUE OBANNON.

Effective this 2nd day of July, 2013.



Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board