

In the Matter of Advanced Practice Registered \$ BEFORE THE TEXAS

Nurse License Number AP112446 \$

& Registered Nurse License Number 438946 \$

issued to ALLYN CHRISTINE COLLINS \$ BOARD OF NURSING

NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER OF THE BOARD

To:

Allyn Christine Collins

1507 Tulip Drive

Arlington, Texas 76013

An Agreed Order of the Board was entered for Allyn Christine Collins on July 20, 2017. The Order, however, omitted an agreed upon stipulation regarding the Respondent's employment. Upon notice and hearing, administrative agencies, like the Courts, have the power to enter nunc pro tunc orders where it can be seen by reference to a record that what was intended to be entered, but was omitted by inadvertence or mistake, can be corrected upon satisfactory proof of its rendition provided that no intervening rights will be prejudiced. *Railroad Comm'n v. McClain*, 356 S.W.2d 330, 334 (Tex. App.--Austin 1962, no writ) (citing *Frankfort Ky. Nat. Gas Co. v. City of Frankfort*, 276 Ky. 199, 123 S.W.2d 270, 272).

The Executive Director, as agent of the Texas Board of Nursing, after review and due consideration of the record and the facts therein submits and enters the corrected Agreed Order, which includes the corrected stipulation. Respondent received due process regarding her licenses; therefore, her rights have not been prejudiced.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the corrected Agreed Order of the Board is hereby approved and entered on the dates set forth below.

Order effective July 20, 2017.

Entered this 11th day of August, 2017.

BY:

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

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Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13) and 301.453, 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 29, 2016.

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.
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In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as a registered 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 as a registered nurse 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) license will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement. Respondent's employment at Parkland Health and Hospital System as a nurse educator shall qualify to meet the requirements of this Order.

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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.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me SPAI KAREN JUHNSTON Notary ID = 12687 4026 Ry Conunisation Expires Suptamber 30, 2020	Notary Public in and for the State of Jone. Approved as to form and substance. Nancy Roper Willson, Attorney for Respondent Signed this Ah day of Ame, 2017

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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 9th day of June, 2017, by ALLYN CHRISTINE COLLINS, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP112446 and Registered Nurse License Number 438946, and said Order is final.

Effective this 20th day of July, 2017.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

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Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas, on May 12, 1989. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 1, 1974, and was licensed to practice advanced practice professional nursing in the role of Psychiatric/Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist in the State of Texas on May 13, 2003.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1974-1996	Unknown	
1997-2000	Director of Performance Improvement	Millwood Hospital Arlington, Texas
2000-2001	Case Manager RN	Integrated Health Services Arlington, Texas
2002-2004	House Supervisor/ Intake Counselor	Millwood Hospital Arlington, Texas
2005	Travel Nurse	Kahi Mohala Hospital Eva Beach, Hawaii
2006	Case Manager	Amedisys Home Health Arlington, Texas
2007-2008	Staff Nurse	Children's Medical Center Dallas, Texas
2009-2012	Assistant Professor of Nursing	Tarrant County College Fort Worth, Texas
6/2012-3/2014	Assistant Professor of Nursing	West Coast University Dallas, Texas
4/2014-1/2015	Unknown	
2/2015-Present	Registered Nurse	Parkland Hospital Dallas, Texas

^{6.} On or about March 22, 2007, March 29, 2009, March 23, 2011, March 31, 2013, and March 15, 2015, Respondent provided inaccurate information when she submitted online applications for renewal of her license to practice registered nursing with advanced practice authorization in the State of Texas and answered "Yes" to the question which reads, in relevant part:

[&]quot;I acknowledge that this electronic form is a legal document. I understand that...I am

accountable and responsible for the accuracy of any answer or statement on this form. I attest that I meet all the requirements to practice for the type of the renewal requested, as listed in 22 Texas Administrative Code, ch. 216 (CE). Further, I understand that it is a violation of the 22 Texas Administrative Code §217.12 (6)(I) and the Penal Code §37.10, to submit a false statement to a government agency. APNs must also meet all requirements listed in 221.8 (APN); and 222.3 (LPA)."

Respondent did not meet the minimum of four hundred (400) hours of current practice within the advanced practice role of Clinical Nurse Specialist during the renewal periods, despite attesting that she did.

- 7. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Texas, and had been in that position for seven (7) months.
- 8. On or about September 12, 2015, while employed as a Registered Nurse at the Psychiatric Emergency Department at Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Texas, Respondent failed to complete a thorough skin check assessment on newly admitted Patient Number 3082811, in that she failed to have a second person in the room and have the patient remove her clothes for the skin check and clothing search. The patient was not adequately checked for contraband, and subsequently while in the emergency department, the patient stabbed another patient in the abdomen with a knife. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients from an unsafe environment.
- 9. In response to the incident in Finding of Face Number Six (6), Respondent states that she did not intentionally provide false and misleading information when she submitted her online renewal applications. Respondent states that her employment as an Assistant Professor and Clinical Educator for Psychiatric Services both were applicable in the Clinical Nurse Specialist role, because they required a graduate degree in nursing. Respondent states that in prior years, she utilized her advanced education as well as her experience and expertise. During the period in question, Respondent always was a salaried employee, whose salary was based on her Master's degree and she never billed for any services as an advanced practice nurse.

In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent states that she failed to follow all the steps in Parkland's policy regarding Search, Scan, and Skin Assessment for patients being admitted to the psychiatric emergency department. Respondent states that there were several influencing factors, such as that she conducted the assessment as she had been taught to do by multiple preceptors; she did not receive education that a skin assessment was a time to check for contraband; the patient had already been checked for contraband by other staff; at the time of the incident, patients were not routinely asked to remove all of their clothing for a skin check, but would simply raise or lower their clothes to observe their skin; and the patient had refused to put on a green hospital gown but was not placed on 1:1 supervision by other staff, as required.

- 10. Formal Charges were filed on January 15, 2016.
- 11. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on January 20, 2016.

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 \$217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4)&(6)(H).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP112446 and Registered Nurse License Number 438946, heretofore issued to ALLYN CHRISTINE COLLINS, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 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

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS AND A FINE and Respondent's license to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the State of Texas shall be placed in INACTIVE status.

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	ALLYN CHRISTINE COLLINS, Respondent
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	Nancy Roper Willson, Attorney for Respondent Signed this Ah day of Ohne, 2017

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