# BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of

§ AGREED

Vocational Nurse License Number 222252

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issued to LINDSAY ANN KELLOUGH

§ ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of LINDSAY ANN KELLOUGH, Vocational Nurse License Number 222252, 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 July 27, 2014.

#### **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 vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Temple Junior College, Temple, Texas on May 16, 2009. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on June 18, 2009.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

6/2009 - 7/2009

Unknown

8/2009 - 1/2014

LVN treatment nurse

Weston Inn Health Care

Temple, Texas

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

1/2014 - Present

Staff LVN

Will O Bell Nursing Home Bartlett, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a LVN treatment nurse at Weston Inn Health Care, Temple, Texas, and had been in that position for four (4) years and four (4) months.
- 7. On or about December 2, 2013 through January 5, 2014, while employed as a LVN treatment nurse at Weston Inn Health Care, Temple, Texas, Respondent failed to ensure that weekly skin assessments were documented on the Weekly Skin Review forms for Patient FH. Respondent's conduct resulted in an incomplete medical record and exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to provide further care.
- 8. On or about December 4, 2013, while employed as a LVN treatment nurse at Weston Inn Health Care, Temple, Texas, Respondent failed to transcribe the physician's order for Dr. Smith's Cream three times a day (TID) into the Medication Administration Record (MAR) of the aforementioned Patient FH. Respondent's conduct resulted in an inaccurate medical record and exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to provide further care.
- 9. On or about December 16, 2013 through December 22, 2013, while employed as a LVN treatment nurse at Weston Inn Health Care, Temple, Texas, Respondent failed to perform a skin assessment of the aforementioned Patient FH, and failed to document on the Non Pressure Skin Condition Sheet regarding the patient's psoriasis. Respondent's conduct resulted in an incomplete medical record, and was likely to injure the patient in that significant changes in the patient's status may have gone undetected and prevented a timely intervention.
- 10. On or about January 6, 2014 through January 15, 2014, while employed as a LVN treatment nurse at Weston Inn Health Care, Temple, Texas, Respondent failed to intervene and notify the providers and responsible party of the patient when the psoriasis of the aforementioned Patient FH worsened. Subsequently, the patient was admitted to the hospital and diagnosed with Systemic Inflammatory Syndrome. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in ineffective treatment and deprived the patient's physician the opportunity to institute timely medical interventions.
- 11. In response to the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) through Ten (10), Respondent states that the order for Dr. Smith's Cream was written in December 2013 and was originally transcribed properly with the day shift application put in Respondent's treatment book, while the evening and night application was put in the nurse MAR. Respondent indicates the Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) did not put the order in the

computer properly, so when December ended and the MARS were changed over, the order did not appear on the January 2014 nurse MAR. Respondent relates that her job was to make sure their skin assessments were up to date, and to her memory Patient FH's assessment was up to date and stayed the same. Respondent relates that she did not intervene because Patient FH had a chronic issue with psoriasis, and in her opinion it did not change from its chronic state.

#### **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),(1)(B),(1)(D),(1)(M),(1)(P)&(2)(A) 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 Vocational Nurse License Number 222252, heretofore issued to LINDSAY ANN KELLOUGH.

#### **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 entry of this Order, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

- A. A 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.
- **A Board-approved course in nursing documentation** that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.
- 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 pre-

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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, RESPONDENT must work as a nurse, providing direct patient care in a licensed 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
- C. Indirect Supervision: 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.

D. Nursing 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 nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse 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 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 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 2.5 day of November 20 H.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>25</u> day of <u>November</u>, 20 14

**SEAL** 

Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 25th day of November, 2014, by LINDSAY ANN KELLOUGH, Vocational Nurse License Number 222252, and said Order is final.

Effective this 22nd day of January, 2015.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

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