BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of

8 AGREED

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Vocational Nurse License Number 192997

issued to LARRY WAYNE CLARK

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of LARRY WAYNE CLARK, Vocational Nurse License Number 192997, 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 March 29, 2017.

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 Austin Community College, Austin, Texas on December 13, 2003. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on March 11, 2004.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

03/04 - 06/15

LVN

St. David's South Austin Medical Center Austin, Texas

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

07/15 - 08/15

Unknown

09/15 - Present

LVN

Mainland Medical Center

Texas City, Texas

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with St. David's South Austin Medical Center, Austin, Texas, and had been in that position for eleven (11) years and three (3) months.

- 7. On or about May 2, 2015, through June 15, 2015, while employed as a Vocational Nurse with St. David's South Austin Medical Center, Austin, Texas, Respondent withdrew Morphine, Hydromorphone and Lorazepam from the medication dispensing system for patients, but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedure for wastage of the unused portions of medications. When Respondent was questioned about the waste issue, he indicated he would just "throw away the remaining medication" and attempted to justify that he did not have time to get back to the computer to document. Respondent's conduct left medications unaccounted for, was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy, and placed the pharmacy in violation of Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that scanning medications had been introduced about a year earlier and that along with hourly rounding logs and focusing on being at the bedside to care for his patients, he would find it very difficult to get away and chart. Respondent further states he was always very diligent in having a witness with his wastage, but rather than stand at the accudose waiting for a nurse to pass by, in an effort to save time, he would seek out nurses on the floor to witness his wastage with a verbal agreement to return to the accudose later to document. He states his failure was not returning to the accudose with his witness to properly document waste and his failure to properly document would then lead to a medication waste error. Respondent states this is not a case of medication theft but rather one of poor and incomplete medication charting.

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) and 22 Tex. Admin. Code \$217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4),(10)(C)&(11)(B).
- 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 192997, heretofore issued to LARRY WAYNE CLARK.
- 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 AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of **REMEDIAL EDUCATION** 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 the effective date of this Order, 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 <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 preapproved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.

IV. 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 12 day of

ARRY WAYNE CLARK, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____day of

SEAL

ANGIE MARTINEZ

Notary Public in and for the State of_

WHEREFO	ORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of
the Texas Board of Nursin	g, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the
12th day of May	, 20_17_, by LARRY WAYNE CLARK, Vocational Nurse License
Number 192997, and said	Order is final.

Effective this 18th day of May, 2017.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board