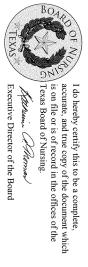
BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of \$ Vocational Nurse License Number 332683 \$ issued to SHANNON MARIE RANGEL \$



ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of SHANNON MARIE RANGEL, Vocational Nurse License Number 332683, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived 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. Respondent's license to practice as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in Suspended status.
- 2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Summit Career College, Colton, California, on July 8, 2005. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on July 25, 2016.
- 4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

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Lubbock Hospitality Nursing and Rehab
Lubbock, Texas

10/15 - 1/17

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Epic Healthcare Services
Lubbock, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

02/16 - 05/16

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Littlefield Hospitality Littlefield, Texas

2/17 - Present

Unknown

- 5. On or about January 26, 2017, Respondent's Arizona practical nurse license was Summarily Suspended by the Arizona State Board of Nursing, Phoenix, Arizona. A copy Arizona State Board of Nursing's Findings of Public Emergency and Order of Summary Suspension dated January 26, 2017, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 6. Formal Charges were filed and Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas was temporarily suspended on March 20, 2017.
- 7. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on March 20, 2017.
- 8. On October 18, 2017, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated October 18, 2017, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 9. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
- 10. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.

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 cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(8), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 332683, heretofore issued to SHANNON MARIE RANGEL, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

- 4. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
- 5. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 6. 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.

TERMS OF ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of 'Vocational Nurse License Number 332683, heretofore issued to SHANNON MARIE RANGEL, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of 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/himself 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:
 - A. At least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and.
 - B. RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
- 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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Effective this 18th day of October, 2017.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

SHANNON MARIE RANGEL 4505 N CR 1500, Shallowater, TX 79363 LVN LICENSE NUMBER 332683

Voluntary Surrender Statement

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I may not petition for reinstatement until one (1) year from the effective date of the Order. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

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The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared SHANNON MARIE RANGEL who, being duly sworn by me, stated that he or she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that he or she understood same.

Sworn to before	me the 18th	day of(Xtober	
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IN THE MATTER OF PRACTICAL NURSE LICENSE NO. LP041945 ISSUED TO:

SHANNON M RANGEL,

Aka: Salinas, Shannon Marie; Walker, Shannon Marie; Courson, Shannon Marie; Salinas, Shannon M

FINDINGS OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY AND ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

CASE NO. 1301020

RESPONDENT

On January 26, 2017, the Arizona State Board of Nursing ("Board") met at 4747 North 7th Street, Ste. 200, Phoenix, Arizona 85014-3655, to consider a complaint filed against Shannon M. Rangel ("Respondent"), practical nurse license no. LP041945. Information was presented to the Board and, as a result, the Board made the following Preliminary Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On August 22, 2012 while on duty at Banner Behavioral Health in Scottsdale, Arizona, Respondent was witnessed/observed by coworkers and patients using a loud voice, appearing angry and using inappropriate language (profanity) directed towards a patients.
- 2. On or about November 11, 2012, while on duty at Banner Behavioral Health, Respondent became tearful and was unable to complete her duties. On November 12, 2012, Respondent met with her supervisor and reported severe depression, resulting in her inability to continue to work. On November 18th, Respondent returned to work and again left early, unable to complete her duties. On November 19th, Respondent reported further depression, left work at prior to the end of her shift. At approximately 2200, Respondent called a co-worker and

reported she had taken a lot of pills. Respondent admitted she was distraught and unable to complete her duties during this time.

- 3. On or about March 29, 2015, while on duty at Winslow Campus of Care in Winslow, Arizona, Respondent was observed by multiple staff to be falling asleep including while standing at medication cart drawing up insulin and while conversing with others. Coworkers observed Respondent's affect and behavior to fluctuate from tearful, speaking in a low voice to defensive, louder voice and Respondent appeared to be confused. Respondent told a coworker that she took several medications, including Lunesta, a controlled medication commonly prescribed for insomnia after midnight and attributed her symptoms to lack of sleep. Respondent asked another coworker for Xanax and previously asked same coworker for numbers to "outpatient rehab" for assistance in getting off of OxyContin.
- 4. On or about April 1, 2015, Respondent was terminated from Winslow Campus of Care. According to the Termination Report "Employee has had several instances where health is concerned. Falls asleep at times when talking to staff or family members. Takes multiple medications that cause self to be drowsy, and alters mental status. Incident March 29, 2015 where Respondent was falling asleep at medication cart, residents were not given medications as prescribed. CNAs and other nurses that were working that day concerned for Respondent and resident safety. Stated to another nurse that she took several medications after midnight to help her sleep and that she never went to sleep. Facility has had to send Respondent to the emergency room to seek medical attention several times. At this point, resident safety is a concern and for this reason Respondent is being let go for health reasons."
- 5. On June 27, 2015 while on duty at Maravilla Care Center in Phoenix, Arizona, Respondent was observed to be sleeping and difficult to arouse. When aroused, Respondent's

speech was slurred, she dropped a pen and had difficulty picking it back up. Respondent again closed her eyes and her voice drifted off. Respondent stood up, walked to the medication cart where she was observed to fall asleep while standing. Respondent was assessed by nursing coworkers to be confused, disoriented and unable to safely practice. Respondent was unable to provide or receive report on patients. Respondent was observed brushing the shoulders of a coworker and when asked, claimed incorrectly that there were spiders on the coworker. Another co-worker observed Respondent "taking numerous pills" and Respondent told her coworker she would "feel better once her meds kicked in."

- 6. On or about July 8, 2015, Respondent submitted an application for employment to Good Samaritan Society in Prescott Valley, Arizona. Respondent failed to disclose her employment and termination from Maravilla Care Center despite the instructions asking for continued record of employment, beginning with your most recent position over the past five years.
- 7. On September 17 and 19, 2015, while employed at Good Samaritan Society, Respondent was observed swearing numerous times where staff, patients and visitors could hear.
- 8. On September 22 2015, while employed at Good Samaritan Society, Respondent underwent a random urine drug test and tested positive for butalbital, a controlled substance. Respondent drug test results were confirmed positive by a medical review officer.
- 9. On September 25, 2015, Respondent was terminated from Good Samaritan Society According to the termination report, Respondent had received multiple verbal counselings related to bringing her adult son to work, providing her son with access to employee entry security code and permitting her son to be in areas where confidential patient

information was available.

- 10. Respondent submitted an application for endorsement of licensure to Texas Board of Nursing (TXBN) on June 28, 2015. Respondent failed to disclose the current complaint investigation against her Arizona nursing license and falsely claimed her address of record to be in California. At the time of submitting the application Respondent was a resident of Arizona and had been since on or about March 2010. Respondent is not known to have had a California address or license during this time.
- 11. In or about July 2015, Respondent moved/relocated to Texas. Respondent failed to notify the Board in writing within 30 days or ever of her address change.
- 12. From on or about October 7, 2015 to March 25, 2016, Respondent was employed at Lubbock Hospitality House Nursing and Rehab in Lubbock TX. Respondent was terminated for inappropriate behavior which consisted of sleeping on duty; speaking disrespectfully to residents, family members and co-workers; using the "N" word in reference to a CNA while speaking with a resident; and not supervising CNAs. Several employees reported to the supervisor they had observed Respondent taking unknown medications while on duty.
- Littlefield Hospitality in Texas. There were three occasions where Respondent was on duty and needed to be urgently relieved of her duties and transported by ambulance to a hospital. The symptoms displayed by Respondent included fluctuations from being "hyper to lethargic and passed out" while on duty. Respondent's former supervisor described Respondent as being "unstable" and the episodes of Respondent's mood and demeanor fluctuations from hyper to lethargic progressed rapidly and became more consistent to the point when Respondent was on duty, there was another nurse on call and ready to relieve Respondent if needed.

- 14. On or about October 7, 2015, Respondent submitted an application and resume to Epic Healthcare Services in Lubbock, Texas. The resume provided by Respondent identified Banner Behavioral Health as her current employer "October 2011 to present". Respondent was no longer employed by Banner and Respondent did not disclose employment history beginning in or about 2015 and from which she was terminated.
- 15. On April 5, 2016 while employed at Littlefield Hospitality, Respondent was issued a corrective action warning failure to follow policy and procedure pertaining to shift count of narcotics. The shift count of narcotics was not completed on April 4, 2016 at 6 P.M. and on April 5, 2016 at 6 A.M. Twenty-one (21) vials of Ativan 2mg/ml were unaccounted for.
- 16. On January 23, 2017, Respondent was assigned by Epic Healthcare to provide in-home nursing care to a female pediatric patient. Upon arrival at the patient's home, Respondent was slurring her speech, had difficulty maintaining her balance, almost fell three times, was curing and displaying rude behavior and dozed of during mid conversation with the patient's mother. The patient's mother feared Respondent was unable to safely care for her daughter.

PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has the authority to regulate and control the practice of nursing in the State of Arizona, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-1606, 32-1663, 32-1664, and 41-1092.11(B). The Board also has the authority, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1663 and A.R.S. § 32-1664, to impose disciplinary sanctions against the holders of nursing licenses/certified nursing assistants for violations of the Nurse Practice Act, A.R.S. §§ 32-1601 through 1669, and A.A.C. R4-19-101 to R-19-815.

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procedures of the nurse's employer designed to safeguard the patient:

- 17. A pattern of using or being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a similar substance to the extent that judgment may be impaired and nursing practice detrimentally affected, or while on duty in any health care facility, school, institution, or other work location;
- 18. Obtaining, possessing, administering, or using any narcotic, controlled substance, or illegal drug in violation of any federal or state criminal law, or in violation of the policy of any health care facility, school, institution, or other work location at which the nurse practices;
- 27. Making a false or misleading statement on a nursing or health care related employment or credential application concerning previous employment, employment experience, education, or credentials;
- 31. Practicing in any other manner that gives the Board reasonable cause to believe the health of a patient or the public may be harmed.
- A.A.C. R4-19-308 (B) A licensee or applicant shall notify the Board in writing or electronically through the Board website of any change in mailing address within 30 days.

FINDING OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY AND ORDER

Based upon the facts and circumstances set forth in the Preliminary Findings of Fact and Preliminary Conclusions of Law, the Board finds that the public health safety and welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.11(B) and effective immediately, that Shannon M. Rangel ("Respondent"), the holder of number is practical nurse license number LP041945 is SUMMARILY SUSPENDED pending proceedings for revocation and other action by the Board. A hearing in this matter shall be promptly instituted and determined.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2017

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Joey Ridenour, R.N., M.N., F.A.A.N.

Executive Director

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