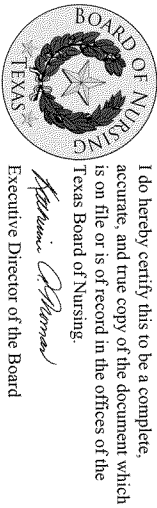


IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT
REGISTERED NURSE
LICENSE NUMBER 604779
ISSUED TO
BELINDA DARLENE WOOD,
RESPONDENT

§ BEFORE THE TEXAS
§
§ BOARD OF NURSING
§
§ ELIGIBILITY AND
§
§ DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE



ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: BELINDA DARLENE WOOD
7155 PRIVATE RD 7701
MURCHISON, TX 75778

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on November 14, 2017, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by

reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 604779, previously issued to BELINDA DARLENE WOOD, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 14th day of November, 2017.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:



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

Attachment: Formal Charge filed on September 14, 2017.

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Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 604779
Issued to BELINDA DARLENE WOOD
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 10th day of December, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as follows:

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

BELINDA DARLENE WOOD
7155 PRIVATE RD 7701
MURCHISON, TX 75778



BY:

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

In the Matter of § **BEFORE THE TEXAS**
Permanent Registered Nurse §
License Number 604779 §
Issued to BELINDA DARLENE WOOD, §
Respondent § **BOARD OF NURSING**

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, BELINDA DARLENE WOOD, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 604779, which is in current status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

On or about June 15, 2015, while employed as a Registered Nurse in the Medical-Surgical Unit of East Texas Medical Center - Athens, Athens, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate and/or unlawful use of Opiates, Benzodiazepines and Amphetamines in that she produced a specimen for a reasonable suspicion drug screen that resulted positive for Opiates, Benzodiazepines and Amphetamines. The use of Opiates, Benzodiazepines and Amphetamines by a nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms, or changes in a patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing a patient in potential danger.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B),(1)(E),(4),(5),(10)(A),(10)(D)&(11)(B).

CHARGE II.

On or about July 1, 2015, Respondent was referred to the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) for diversion and drug use and subsequently signed a Participation Agreement. On or about May 25, 2016, while participating in TPAPN, Respondent tested positive for Ethyl Glucuronide (ETG) and Ethyl Sulfate (ETS), metabolites of Alcohol (Ethanol) and admitted to drinking. As a result of Respondent's positive drug screen for alcohol, her participation was extended by one (1) year. On or about January 6, 2017, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Park Highland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Athens, Texas, Respondent was admitted to East Texas Medical Center, Tyler, Texas, where she was found to be wearing three (3) Fentanyl patches not prescribed to her and tested positive for Opiates and Benzodiazepines. On or about March 7, 2017, TPAPN closed Respondent's case and referred her to the Texas Board of Nursing. The use of Opiates and

Benzodiazepines by a nurse could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33.

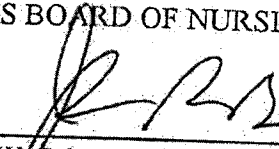
NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies related to Substance Use Disorders and Other Alcohol and Drug Related Conduct, which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, located at 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.33(b), which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

Filed this 14 day of September, 2017

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