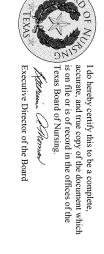
BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP107457, Registered Nurse License Number 558735, & Vocational Nurse License Number 116585 issued to SHERRY GOODEN TENISON	\$ \$ \$ \$	AGREED ORDER
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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of SHERRY GOODEN TENISON, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP107457, Registered Nurse License Number 558735, and Vocational Nurse License Number 116585, 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 August 28, 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 delinquent status. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status. Respondent's license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from John Peter Smith Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas, on January 30, 1986; received an Associate Degree in Nursing from El Centro College, Dallas, Texas, on May 1, 1989; and received a Master's Degree in Nursing

from UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas on February 9, 1996. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on November 22, 1986; was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 23, 1990; and was licensed to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the role of Women's Health Nurse Practitioner in the State of Texas on October 29, 1996.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

11/86 - 01/95	Unknown	
02/95 - 12/96	RN/WHNP	UT Southwestern Medical Center Dallas, Texas
01/97 - 07/97	Unknown	
08/97 - 08/99	WHNP	University of Arlington Arlington, Texas
01/98 - 03/07	WHNP	Planned Parenthood Dallas, Texas
12/05 - 05/07	WHNP	MLK Family Planning Clinic Dallas, Texas
12/04 - Present	WHNP	Tenison Women's Health Center Garland, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner with Tenison Women's Health Center, Garland, Texas, and had been in that position for seven (7) years and ten (10) months.
- 7. On or about October 8, 2012, while employed as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner at Tenison Women's Health Center, Inc., Garland, Texas, Respondent inappropriately prescribed Bactrim DS (Sulfamethoxazole) to Patient H.S., who has a documented allergy to sulfamides. Respondent's conduct unnecessarily exposed the patient to risk of harm from complications associated with allergic reactions to sulfa compounds, including: swelling, hypotension and anaphylaxis.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states it is true that Bactrim DS was prescribed to the patient, but denies she knowingly and intentionally exposed the patient to risk of harm on the grounds that the patient never took the medication. Respondent states that the patient was asked about medication allergies and when the patient was asked if she was allergic to Bactrim, the patient said "No" not knowing that Bactrim was a

sulfamide. Respondent states she did not know that the patient was allergic to sulfamides because it was not documented on the form that all allergies are listed in the patient's chart. Respondent states she has corrective measures in place to make sure this does not happen again.

- 9. Formal Charges were filed on July 22, 2014.
- 10. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on July 24, 2014.

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 \$\$17.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)&(4),217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4), and 222.4.
- 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 AP107457, Registered Nurse License Number 558735, and Vocational Nurse License Number 116585, heretofore issued to SHERRY GOODEN TENISON.

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 courses 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.
- B. The course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," 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 not 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. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as an

advanced practice registered nurse, providing patient care in a licensed healthcare setting, <u>for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month</u> for four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) quarterly periods of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse have elapsed. Any quarterly periods without continuous employment as an advanced practice registered nurse with the same employer for all three (3) months <u>will not count towards completion of this requirement</u>. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of a advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license will not apply to this period <u>and will not count towards completion of this requirement</u>. Further, Respondent may not work as a registered nurse (RN) or a vocational nurse (LVN) license, as applicable, while under the terms of this Order.

- A. Notifying Present and Future Employers, Practice Sites and Credentialing Agencies: RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers, practice sites and/or credentialing agencies in nursing and present a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, to each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing prior to accepting an offer of employment and/or assignment.
- B. Notification of Employment Forms: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- C. Monitored Practice: RESPONDENT'S advanced practice registered nursing must be monitored by an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician

who has been approved by the Board. RESPONDENT MUST, within ten (10) days of entry of this Order or within (10) days of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse, provide to the Board a list of three (3) Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and/or three (3) Physicians from which the Board shall select an approved monitor. For each Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Physician, the list must include name, license number or social security number, educational background and professional employment history. Monitoring shall commence no later than thirty (30) days following the date of Respondent's receipt of the name of the approved monitor selected by the Board. The monitor will offer guidance, advice and assistance to the RESPONDENT as necessary to ensure that deficiencies such as those set forth in this Order do not reoccur. RESPONDENT SHALL meet with the monitor at least twice a month, at least one (1) hour duration each. Meetings may be longer and more frequent if the monitor determines necessary. Multiple employers are prohibited.

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 15 day of September, 20 14.

SHERRY GOODEN TENISON, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of September, 2014.

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Notary Public

Notary Public in and for the State of Lexels.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>15th</u> day of <u>September</u>, 20<u>14</u>, by SHERRY GOODEN TENISON, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP107457, Registered Nurse License Number 558735, and Vocational Nurse License Number 116585, and said Order is final.

Effective this 23rd day of October, 2014.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board