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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered	§	AGREED
Nurse License Number 609414	§	
issued to RITA RENA SMITH	§	ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of RITA RENA SMITH, Registered Nurse License Number 609414, 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)(8) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on December 2, 2013, subject to ratification by the Board.

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 representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received an Associates Degree in Nursing from New Mexico Junior College, Hobbs, New Mexico, on May1, 1990. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 26, 1994.
5. Respondent's complete nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about July 25, 2013, Respondent was issued a Stipulation to Informal Disposition by the Washington Department of Health, Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission wherein Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Washington was placed on Probation for a period of three (3) years with terms and conditions. A copy of the Stipulation to Informal Disposition issued by the Washington Department of Health, Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, dated July 25, 2013, is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states she is in compliance with her Washington Order.
8. On or about December 3, 2013, Respondent completed thirty (30) hours of Critical Thinking Nursing, which would have been a requirement of this order.

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 Registered Nurse License Number 609414, heretofore issued to RITA RENA SMITH, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that Registered Nurse License Number 609414, previously issued to RITA RENA SMITH, to practice nursing in Texas is/are hereby SUSPENDED for a period of three (3) years with the suspension STAYED and Respondent is hereby placed on PROBATION for three (3) years with the following agreed terms of probation:

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license(s) is/are encumbered by this order the Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact privilege without the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL 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.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It 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. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses

stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address:*

<http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND RESPONDENT MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROBATION CONDITIONS FOR THREE (3) YEAR(S) OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. 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 STIPULATION PERIOD:

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the probation conditions 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 within five (5) days of receipt of this Order.

RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the probation conditions 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 future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the 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 to submit the 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.

(6) For the first year of employment as a Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be directly 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. Direct supervision requires another nurse, as applicable, to be working on the same unit as RESPONDENT and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. RESPONDENT SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). The 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.

(7) For the remainder of the probation period, 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.

(8) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a nurse on the night shift, rotate shifts, work overtime, accept on-call assignments, or be used for coverage on any unit other than the identified, predetermined unit(s) to which Respondent is regularly assigned for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

(9) 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. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month period for three (3) year(s) of employment as a nurse.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that if during the period of probation, an additional allegation, accusation, or petition is reported or filed against the Respondent's license(s), the probationary period shall not expire and shall automatically be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that 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 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, 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 this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and 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 revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 28 day of Aug., 2014.

Rita R. Smith
RITA RENA SMITH, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of August, 2014.



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Notary Public in and for the State of Washington

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 28th day of August, 2014, by RITA RENA SMITH, Registered Nurse License Number 609414, 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

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
NURSING CARE QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION

In the Matter of

RITA R. SMITH
Credential No. RN.RN.00127913

Respondent

No. M2013-532

**STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS
AND SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE**

The Health Services Consultant of the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (Commission), on designation by the Commission, makes the allegations below, which are supported by evidence contained in case no. 2012-6033. The patient referred to in this Statement of Allegations and Summary of Evidence is identified in the attached Confidential Schedule.

1. ALLEGED FACTS

1.1 On August 28, 1997, the state of Washington issued Respondent a credential to practice as a registered nurse. Respondent's credential is currently active.

1.2 Respondent was employed at a nursing home, where, on June 16, 2012, she was assigned to Patient A. Respondent entered Patient A's room to administer his scheduled medications, and she noticed that Patient A's breathing was shallow and rapid and that he was lethargic. Patient A appeared to be in respiratory distress. Respondent administered oxygen to him.

1.3 Respondent left Patient A's room and went to the nurses' station where she called Patient A's family and the on-call physician. The physician ordered her to call 911 to transport Patient A to the hospital.

1.4 Respondent gathered paperwork for at least 10 minutes before she called 911. During the call, Respondent indicated that Patient A was in "severe respiratory distress." Respondent then called the hospital's emergency room and provided a report on Patient A. Respondent was at the nurses' station for at least 20 minutes. During that time, Patient A was alone in his room and was not being monitored. The ambulance arrived about 30 minutes after Respondent first observed that Patient A was in respiratory distress.

1.5 On July 9, 2012, Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) investigated a complaint against Respondent regarding her care of Patient A. DSHS issued a citation to the nursing home for "Failed Practice Identified." DSHS noted in the citation that "deficient practice was identified related to lack of evidence of ongoing monitoring of named resident's condition following assessment of respiratory distress."

2. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

2.1 Department of Health Investigation case no. 2012-6033.

3. ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

3.1 The facts alleged in Section 1, if proven, would constitute unprofessional conduct in violation of RCW 18.130.180(4) and (7) based on WAC 246-840-710(1), (2)(a), (b) and (c), which provide in part:

RCW 18.130.180 Unprofessional conduct. The following conduct, acts, or conditions constitute unprofessional conduct for any license holder under the jurisdiction of this chapter:

...

(4) Incompetence, negligence, or malpractice which results in injury to a patient or which creates an unreasonable risk that a patient may be harmed. The use of a nontraditional treatment by itself shall not constitute unprofessional conduct, provided that it does not result in injury to a patient or create an unreasonable risk that a patient may be harmed;

...

(7) Violation of any state or federal statute or administrative rule regulating the profession in question, including any statute or rule defining or establishing standards of patient care or professional conduct or practice;

....

WAC 246-840-710 Violations of standards of nursing conduct or practice. The following conduct may subject a nurse to disciplinary action under the Uniform Disciplinary Act, chapter 18.130 RCW:

(1) Engaging in conduct described in RCW 18.130.180;

(2) Failure to adhere to the standards enumerated in WAC 246-840-700 which may include, but are not limited to:

(a) Failing to assess and evaluate a client's status or failing to institute nursing intervention as required by the client's condition;

- (b) Willfully or repeatedly failing to report or document a client's symptoms, responses, progress, medication, or other nursing care accurately and/or legibly;
- (c) Willfully or repeatedly failing to make entries, altering entries, destroying entries, making incorrect or illegible entries and/or making false entries in employer or employee records or client records pertaining to the giving of medication, treatments, or other nursing care;

4. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

4.1 The Commission has determined that this case may be appropriate for resolution through a Stipulation to Informal Disposition (Stipulation) pursuant to RCW 18.130.172(2). A proposed Stipulation is attached, which contains the disposition the Commission believes is necessary to address the conduct alleged in this Statement of Allegations and Summary of Evidence.

4.2 If Respondent agrees that the disposition imposed by the Stipulation is appropriate, Respondent should sign and date the Stipulation and return it within twenty-eight (28) days to the Department of Health Office of Legal Services at PO Box 47873, Olympia, WA 98504-7873.

4.3 If Respondent does not agree that the terms and conditions contained in the Stipulation are appropriate, Respondent should contact Sarah Bendersky, Department of Health Staff Attorney, PO Box 47873, Olympia, WA 98504-7873, (360) 236-4768 within twenty-eight (28) days.

4.4 If Respondent does not respond within twenty-eight (28) days, the Commission will assume Respondent has declined to resolve these allegations with an informal Stipulation and may proceed to formal disciplinary action against Respondent by filing a Statement of Charges pursuant to RCW 18.130.172(3).

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4.5 If the parties cannot resolve the allegations with an informal Stipulation, the Commission may proceed with a formal Statement of Charges.

DATED: July 3, 2013

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
NURSING CARE QUALITY ASSURANCE
COMMISSION



DONNA ROGERS
HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT



SARAH BENDERSKY, WSBA #30481
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STAFF ATTORNEY

CONFIDENTIAL SCHEDULE

This information is confidential and is NOT to be released without the consent of the individual or individuals named herein. RCW 42.56.240(1)

Patient A:



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
NURSING CARE QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION

In the Matter of

RITA R. SMITH
Credential No. RN.RN.00127913

Respondent

No. M2013-532

STIPULATION TO INFORMAL
DISPOSITION

1. STIPULATION

1.1 The Health Services Consultant of the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (Commission), on designation by the Commission, has made the following allegations.

- A. On August 28, 1997, the state of Washington issued Respondent a credential to practice as a registered nurse. Respondent's credential is currently active.
- B. Respondent was employed at a nursing home, where, on June 16, 2012, she was assigned to Patient A. Respondent entered Patient A's room to administer his scheduled medications, and she noticed that Patient A's breathing was shallow and rapid and that he was lethargic. Patient A appeared to be in respiratory distress. Respondent administered oxygen to him.
- C. Respondent left Patient A's room and went to the nurses' station where she called Patient A's family and the on-call physician. The physician ordered her to call 911 to transport Patient A to the hospital.
- D. Respondent gathered paperwork for at least 10 minutes before she called 911. During the call, Respondent indicated that Patient A was in "severe respiratory distress." Respondent then called the hospital's emergency room and provided a report on Patient A. Respondent was at the nurses' station for at least 20 minutes. During that time, Patient A was alone in his room and was not being monitored. The ambulance arrived about 30 minutes after

Respondent first observed that Patient A was in respiratory distress.

- E. On July 9, 2012, Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) investigated a complaint against Respondent regarding her care of Patient A. DSHS issued a citation to the facility for "Failed Practice Identified." DSHS noted in the citation that "deficient practice was identified related to lack of evidence of ongoing monitoring of named resident's condition following assessment of respiratory distress."

1.2 Respondent does not admit any of the allegations in the Statement of Allegations and Summary of Evidence or in Paragraph 1.1 above. This Stipulation to Informal Disposition (Stipulation) shall not be construed as a finding of unprofessional conduct or inability to practice.

1.3 Respondent acknowledges that a finding of unprofessional conduct or inability to practice based on the above allegations, if proven, would constitute grounds for discipline under RCW 18.130.180(4) and (7) based on WAC 246-840-710(1), (2)(a), (b) and (c).

1.4 Respondent agrees that under RCW 18.130.172, any sanction as set forth in RCW 18.130.160, except subsections (1), (2), (6) and (8), may be imposed as part of this Stipulation, but the Respondent may agree to reimburse the disciplining authority the costs of investigation and processing the complaint up to an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per allegation.

1.5 The parties wish to resolve this matter by means of this Stipulation pursuant to RCW 18.130.172(1).

1.6 This Stipulation is of no force and effect and is not binding on the parties unless and until it is accepted by the Commission.

1.7 This Stipulation is not formal disciplinary action. However, if the Commission accepts this Stipulation, it will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank (45 CFR Part 60) and elsewhere as required by law. It is a public document and will be placed on the Department of Health's website and otherwise disseminated as required by the Public Records Act (Chap. 42.56 RCW).

1.8 The Commission agrees to forego further disciplinary proceedings concerning the allegations.

1.9 Respondent agrees to successfully complete the terms and conditions of this informal disposition.

1.10 Respondent understands that a violation of this Stipulation, if proven, would constitute grounds for discipline under RCW 18.130.180 and the imposition of sanctions under RCW 18.130.160.

2: COMPLIANCE WITH SANCTION RULES

2.1 The disciplining authority applies WAC 246-16-800, *et seq.*, to determine appropriate sanctions. WAC 246-16-800(2)(c) requires the disciplining authority to impose terms based on a specific sanction schedule unless "the schedule does not adequately address the facts in a case."

2.2 Respondent's alleged conduct falls in Tier B of the "Practice Below Standard of Care" schedule, WAC 246-16-810. The sanction range associated with that tier does adequately address the alleged facts of this case.

3. INFORMAL DISPOSITION

The parties agree to the following:

3.1 Respondent's credential to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Washington shall be placed on **PROBATION** for at least thirty-six (36) months commencing on the effective date of this Stipulation. During the course of probation, Respondent shall comply with all of the following terms and conditions.

3.2 Respondent shall reimburse costs to the Commission in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), which must be received by the Commission within thirty-six (36) months of the effective date of this Stipulation. The reimbursement shall be paid by certified or cashier's check or money order, made payable to the Department of Health and mailed to the Department of Health, Nursing Commission at PO Box 1099, Olympia, WA 98507-1099. Credit or Debit cards can also be used for payment at the front counter of the Department of Health building at 111 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater, WA 98501, during regular business hours.

3.3 Respondent shall notify the Commission or its designee of current and future employment in the nursing field by submitting a job description directly to the Commission within ten (10) days of receipt of this Stipulation or change in employment.

3.4 Respondent shall cause her nursing employer/supervisor to submit quarterly performance evaluation reports directly to the Commission on forms provided by the Commission. If Respondent is not employed as a registered nurse, Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations, under penalty of perjury, on forms provided by the Department, stating dates of unemployment as a registered nurse, in lieu of the employer reports. The first employer report or unemployment declaration shall be due thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Stipulation. Reports or declarations shall be submitted every three (3) months thereafter, for thirty-six (36) months or until otherwise ordered by the Commission. Failure to submit information and/or to make true statements may lead to further disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and revocation.

3.5 For the duration of probation, Respondent shall be employed as a registered nurse in the state of Washington only upon compliance with the following terms and conditions:

- A. Respondent shall not accept employment in the health care field without prior approval from the Commission.
- B. Respondent shall not work a shift within twelve (12) hours of the previous shift.
- C. Respondent shall not work more than one (1) different shift within a seven (7) day period.
- D. Respondent shall not work more than eight (8) hours overtime per two (2) week period, or during evenings or nights, or more than is required by any applicable union or employment contract.
- E. Respondent shall not work evenings.
- F. Respondent shall not float from unit to unit.
- G. Respondent shall not work for a minimum of thirty-six (36) months where she is the only RN.
- H. Respondent shall not be employed by a nurses' registry, home health, temporary agency, or in a community-based care setting.

Community-based care settings include: community residential programs for people with developmental disabilities, certified by the Department of Social and Health Services under Chapter 71A.12 RCW; adult family homes

licensed under Chapter 70.128 RCW; and boarding homes licensed under Chapter 18.20 RCW. Community-based care settings do not include acute care or skilled nursing facilities.

- I. Respondent shall be employed as an RN only in a setting in which indirect supervision (nurse supervisor who provides guidance to nursing personnel and evaluation of nursing tasks is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the care and treatment of the patient and the patient has been assessed by the nurse supervisor prior to the delegation of duties) is provided, and shall not function as a supervisor, head nurse, or charge nurse.
- J. Respondent may not use her license to work as a nursing assistant, home health aide, or other health care provider.
- K. Respondent may not teach, be a preceptor, or be a clinical instructor.

3.6 In addition to mandatory continuing education, within six (6) months of the effective date of this Stipulation, Respondent shall complete forty-nine (49) hours of continuing education, pre-approved by the Commission or its designee, as follows:

- A. Three (3) hours of continuing education in the area of Assessment and Care of the Elderly;
- B. Sixteen (16) hours of continuing education in the area of Documentation;
- C. Thirty (30) hours of continuing education in the area of Critical Thinking.

Respondent shall provide the Commission with proof of completion of such course-work within thirty (30) days of such completion. Failure to complete the required minimum hours of pre-approved continuing education in the specified areas within the specified time(s) shall constitute violation of this Stipulation.

3.7 Respondent shall, within sixty (60) days, submit evaluative data from the course(s) taken, including a personal description of her experience.

3.8 Any documents required by this Stipulation shall be sent to the Department of Health, Compliance Unit at PO Box 47864, Olympia, WA 98504-7864.

3.9 Respondent is responsible for all costs of complying with this Stipulation.

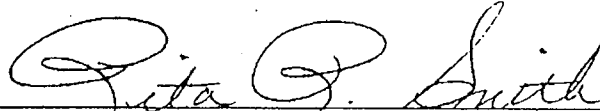
3.10 Respondent shall inform the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission Customer Service, in writing, of changes in Respondent's residential and/or business address within thirty (30) days of the change. The mailing address for the Nursing Care

Quality Assurance Commission, Customer Service is PO Box 47864, Olympia,
WA 98504-7864.

3.11 The effective date of this Stipulation is the date the Adjudicative Clerk
Office places the signed Stipulation into the U.S. mail. If required, Respondent shall not
submit any fees or compliance documents until after the effective date of this
Stipulation.

4. RESPONDENT'S ACCEPTANCE

I, RITA R. SMITH, have read, understand and agree to this Stipulation. This
Stipulation may be presented to the Commission without my appearance. I understand
that I will receive a signed copy if the Commission accepts this Stipulation.



RITA R. SMITH
RESPONDENT

7/19/2013

DATE

_____, WSBA #
ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT

DATE

5. COMMISSION ACCEPTANCE

The Commission accepts this Stipulation to Informal Disposition. All parties shall be bound by its terms and conditions.

DATED: July 25, 2013, 2013

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
NURSING CARE QUALITY ASSURANCE
COMMISSION

Laura Jolley
PANEL CHAIR

PRESENTED BY:

Sarah Bendersky
SARAH BENDERSKY, WSBA #30481
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STAFF ATTORNEY

7/24/2013
DATE