



In the Matter of

§ AGREED

Registered Nurse License Number 826617

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issued to JENNIFER SUZANNE GÖNZALEZ

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JENNIFER SUZANNE GONZALEZ, Registered Nurse License Number 826617, 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 September 11, 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 professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree from Baptist Health System, San Antonio, Texas, on August 17, 2012. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on September 27, 2012.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

09/2012 - 03/2015

RN

St. Luke's Baptist Hospital San Antonio, Texas

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

03/2015 - 08/2016 RN Foundations Surgical Hospital San Antonio, Texas

09/2016 - 04/2017 RN Methodist Stone Oak Hospital San Antonio, Texas

05/2017 - Present Unknown

6. On or about April 20, 2017, Respondent was issued the sanction of Warning with Stipulations through an Agreed Order by the Texas Board of Nursing. Respondent did not successfully complete the terms of the order. A copy of the Agreed Order, including the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order dated April 20, 2017, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this order.

- 7. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Methodist Stone Oak Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, and had been in that position for seven (7) months.
- 8. On or about April 3, 2017, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Methodist Stone Oak Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, Respondent falsely documented the administration of Hydrocodone 10/325 in the Medication Administration Record (MAR) for Patient Medical Record Number K00183985, in that the Hydrocodone pill was found in her pocket. Respondent's conduct created an inaccurate medical record and failure to administer medication as ordered by the physician could have resulted in non-efficacious treatment.
- 9. On or about April 3, 2017, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Methodist Stone Oak Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use and/or unlawful use of Hydrocodone in that she produced a specimen for a reasonable suspicion drug screen that resulted positive for Hydrocodone. Unlawful possession of Hydrocodone is prohibited by Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health & Safety Code. The use of Hydrocodone 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.
- 10. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Eight (8) and Nine (9), Respondent states she accidentally removed Hydrocodone for the wrong patient. Respondent states once she realized who the Hydrocodone belonged to she tried to confirm it by scanning a label and the medication. Respondent states it worked and it appeared as though she administered the medication to the patient when she didn't. Respondent states she consumed her prescription medication the night prior to her shift because she had a headache, and she did not realize it was expired.

11. 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 to prove violation(s) of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE  $\S 217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)\&(1)(D)$  and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE  $\S 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(E),(4),(5),(6)(A),(6)(H),(10)(A),(10)(B),(10)(D)\&(11)(B)$ .
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(9),(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 826617, heretofore issued to JENNIFER SUZANNE GONZALEZ, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 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 **REPRIMAND 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. UNDERSTANDING BOARD ORDERS

Within thirty (30) days of entry of this Order, RESPONDENT must successfully complete the Board's online course, "Understanding Board Orders," which can be accessed on the Board's website from the "Discipline & Complaints" drop-down menu or directly at: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/UnderstandingBoardOrders/index.asp">http://www.bon.texas.gov/UnderstandingBoardOrders/index.asp</a>. Upon successful completion, RESPONDENT must submit the course verification at the conclusion of the course, which automatically transmits the verification to the Board.

#### IV. 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. <u>A Board-approved course in medication administration</u> with a didactic portion of not less than six (6) hours and a clinical component of not less than twenty-four (24) hours. Both the didactic and clinical components must be

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provided by the same Registered Nurse. The course's content shall include: a review of proper administration procedures for all standard routes; computation of drug dosages; the six (6) rights of medication administration; factors influencing the choice of route; and possible adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. Successful completion of this course requires RESPONDENT to successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course.

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- D. 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 <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance">www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</a>.

## V. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as a nurse in the State of Texas, providing direct patient care in a clinical healthcare setting, for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month for eight (8) quarterly periods [two (2) years] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until eight (8) quarterly periods of employment as a nurse 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 period and will not count towards completion of this requirement.

- A. Notifying Present and Future Employers: RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, prior to accepting an offer of employment.
- B. Notification of Employment Forms: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment form" to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- C. Indirect Supervision: 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.
- D. Nursing Performance Evaluations: 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 individual who supervises the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising individual to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for eight (8) quarters [two (2) years] of employment as a nurse.

## VI. DRUG AND ALCOHOL RELATED REQUIREMENTS

A. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the use of alcohol, nalbuphine, propofol and all controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose. If prescribed, RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the licensed practitioner to

submit a written report identifying the medication, dosage and the date the medication was prescribed. The report shall be submitted directly to the office of the Board by the prescribing practitioner, within ten (10) days of the date of the prescription. In the event that prescriptions for controlled substances are required for periods of two (2) weeks or longer, the Board may require and RESPONDENT SHALL submit to a pain management and/or chemical dependency evaluation by a Board approved evaluator. The performing evaluator must submit a written report meeting the Board's requirements to the Board's office within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.

- B. While working as a nurse under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for alcohol, nalbuphine, propofol and controlled substances. The Board will provide instructions on how to enroll in the Board's drug and alcohol testing program following the entry of this Order and screening will begin when RESPONDENT obtains employment and submits the Notification of Employment form to the Board.
  - For the first three (3) month [1st quarter] period RESPONDENT works as a nurse under the terms of this Order, random screens shall be performed at least once per week.
  - For the next three (3) month [2<sup>nd</sup> quarter] period, random screens shall be performed at least twice per month.
  - For the next six (6) month period [3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> quarters], random screens shall be performed at least once per month.
  - For the remainder of the probation period, if any, random screens shall be performed at least once every three (3) month quarterly period.

All random screens SHALL BE conducted through urinalysis. Any test result for a period of time in which the RESPONDENT is not working as a nurse under the terms of this Order will not count towards satisfaction of this requirement. All screens shall be properly monitored and produced in accordance with the Board's policy on Random Drug Testing. A complete chain of custody shall be maintained for each specimen obtained and analyzed. RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for the costs of all random drug screening during the stipulation/probation period.

<u>Specimens shall be screened</u> for any or all of the following substances and/or their metabolites:

Amphetamine	Methamphetamine	MDMA
MDA	Alprazolam	Diazepam
Alpha-o-alprazolam	Alpha-Hydroxytriazolam	Clonazepam
Desmethyldiazepam	Lorazepam	Midazolam

Oxazepam	Temazepam	Amobarbital
Butabarbital	Butalbital	Pentobarbital
Phenobarbital	Secobarbital	Codeine
Hydrocodone	Hydromorphone	Methadone
Morphine	Opiates	Oxycodone
Oxymorphone	Propoxyphene	Cannabinoids
Cocaine	Phencyclidine	Ethanol
Heroin	Fentanyl	Tramadol
Meperidine	Carisoprodol	Butorphanol
Nalbuphine	Ketamine	Propofol

Upon enrollment in the Board's drug and alcohol testing program, RESPONDENT SHALL, on a daily basis, call or login online to the Board's designated drug and alcohol testing vendor to determine whether or not RESPONDENT has been selected to produce a specimen for screening that day and SHALL, if selected, produce a specimen for screening that same day at an approved testing location and/or comply with any additional instructions from the vendor or Board staff. Further, a Board representative may appear at the RESPONDENT'S place of employment at any time during the probation period and require RESPONDENT to produce a specimen for screening.

Consequences of Positive or Missed Screens. Any positive result for which RESPONDENT does not have a valid prescription or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen may subject RESPONDENT to further disciplinary action, including TEMPORARY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of RESPONDENT's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas. Further, failure to report for a drug screen, excessive dilute specimens, or failure to call in for a drug screen may be considered the same as a positive result or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen.

#### VII. 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 O day of NOW bu, 20 17.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

Notary Public in and for the State of TCXQS

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does
hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 8th day of November
, 20_17, by JENNIFER SUZANNE GONZALEZ, Registered Nurse License Number
826617, and said Order is final.
Effective this 12th day of December, 20 17.
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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board



BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 826617 issued to JENNIFER SUZANNE GONZALEZ AGREED

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JENNIFER SUZANNE GONZALEZ, Registered Nurse License Number 826617, 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 February 10, 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 professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
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03/2015 - 08/2016

RN

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San Antonio, Texas

09/2016 - Present

RN

Stone Oak Methodist Hospital

San Antonio, Texas

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with St. Luke's Baptist Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, and had been in that position for six (6) months.
- 7. On or about January 23, 2015 through February 8, 2015, while employed as a Registered Nurse with St. Luke's Baptist Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, Respondent withdrew thirty one (31) tablets of Hydrocodone 10/325 from the medication dispensing system for patients but failed to document, and or accurately and completely document the administration of the medications in the patients' Medication Administration Record (MAR) and/or Nurses' Notes. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients, in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patients which could result in an overdose. Additionally, Respondent's conduct placed the hospital in violation Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
- 8. On or about January 23, 2015 through February 8, 2015, while employed as a Registered Nurse with St. Luke's Baptist Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, Respondent withdrew thirty one (31) tablets of Hydrocodone 10/325 from the medication dispensing system for patients but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedure for wastage of the unused portions of the medications. Respondent's conduct left medications unaccounted for, was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy, and placed the pharmacy in violation of the Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
- 9. On or about January 23, 2015 through February 8, 2015, while employed as a Registered Nurse with St. Luke's Baptist Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, Respondent misappropriated thirty one (31) tablets of Hydrocodone 10/325 belonging to the facility and patients thereof, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.
- 10. On or about December 2, 2015, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty, to ASSAULT BODILY INJURY MARRIED/COHAB, a Class A misdemeanor offense committed on March 27, 2015, in the 7th County Court of Bexar County, Texas, under Cause No. 499279. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred, without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on community supervision for a period of twelve (12) months and ordered to pay a fine and court costs. Subsequently, on or about July 18, 2016, Respondent was dismissed and discharged from deferred adjudication.

- 11. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) through Ten (10), Respondent admits shortcuts were made. Respondent states many of the computers located in the patient's rooms weren't working or were completely missing.
- 12. On or about December 16, 2016, Respondent presented for a Chemical Dependency Evaluation and completed the evaluation on January 18, 2017. The evaluation was conducted by Sean Connolly, Ph.D., wherein Dr. Connolly states Respondent takes responsibility for the omissions in medication documentation in the past. Dr. Connolly states the objective data from personality tests would describe Respondent as an emotionally and behaviorally stable individual with no evidence of any psycho pathology. Dr. Connolly states key evidence of personality characteristics commonly associated with abuse of alcohol, drugs, or abuse of medication were not present in any aspects of the objective data or clinical presentation. Dr. Connolly states this process has been a significant professional learning experience for Respondent, and the data would indicate that Respondent does have the capacity for fitness to practice nursing in the State of Texas, with appropriate safety and skill for patients.
- 13. 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.
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elapsed. Any quarterly period without continuous employment with the same employer for all three (3) months will not count towards completion of this requirement. 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 period and will not count towards completion of this requirement.

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# V. DRUG AND ALCOHOL RELATED REQUIREMENTS

A. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the use of alcohol, tramadol and all controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose. If prescribed,

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For the next six (6) month period [3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> quarters], random screens shall be performed at least once per month.

• For the remainder of the stipulation/probation period, if any, random screens shall be performed at least once per month quarterly period.

All random screens SHALL BE conducted through urinalysis. Screens obtained through urinalysis are the sole method accepted by the Board. Any test result for a period of time in which the RESPONDENT is not working as a nurse under the terms of this Order will not count towards satisfaction of this requirement. All screens shall be properly monitored and produced in accordance with the Board's policy on Random Drug Testing. A complete chain of custody shall be maintained for each specimen obtained and analyzed. RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for the costs of all random drug screening during the stipulation/probation period.

<u>Specimens shall be screened</u> for at least the following substances and their metabolites:

Amphetamines
Barbiturates
Benzodiazepines
Cannabinoids
Cocaine
Ethanol

Meperidine Methadone Methaqualone Opiates Phencyclidine

Propoxyphene

## tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)

A Board representative may appear at the RESPONDENT'S place of employment at any time during the stipulation period and require RESPONDENT to produce a specimen for screening.

Consequences of Positive or Missed Screens. Any positive result for which RESPONDENT does not have a valid prescription or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen may subject RESPONDENT to further disciplinary action, including TEMPORARY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas. Further, failure to report for a drug screen, excessive dilute specimens, or failure to call in for a drug screen may be considered the same as a positive result or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen.

## 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 walve representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, Lagree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I walve judicial review of this Order. Turiderstand 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.

day of MARYCH, 2017

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of Main L

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RUBEN RAMIREZ

Notary Public in and for the State of

WHERE	FORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does
hereby ratify and adopt	the Agreed Order that was signed on the 17th day of March
, 20 <u>17</u> , by .	ENNIFER SUZANNE GONZALEZ, Registered Nurse License Number
826617, and said Order	is final.
	Effective this 20th day of April , 2017.  Stateme A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN  Executive Director on behalf