IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT
PERMANENT REGISTERED NURSE
LICENSE NUMBER 771110 &
PERMANENT VOCATIONAL NURSE
LICENSE NUMBER 212727
ISSUED TO
STEVEN CHRISTOPHER CLARK,
RESPONDENT

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

TO: STEVEN CHRISTOPHER CLARK PO BOX 1076 WINDOM, TEXAS 75492

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on December 12, 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 771110 and Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 212727, previously issued to STEVEN CHRISTOPHER CLARK, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same 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 12th day of December, 2017.

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BY:

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

Attachment: Formal Charge filed on October 25, 2017.

d17r(RN-LVN)(2016.05.11)

Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 771110 & Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 212727 Issued to STEVEN CHRISTOPHER CLARK DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 14th day of December , 20 17, a true and correct
copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s),
as follows:
THE MADE CO. C. C. 13 Acid Determ Descript Dequested

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
STEVEN CHRISTOPHER CLARK
PO BOX 1076
WINDOM, TEXAS 75492

BY:

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

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Respondent	§	BOARD OF NURSING

### FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, STEVEN CHRISTOPHER CLARK, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 771110, which is in current status at the time of this pleading, and is a Vocational Nurse holding License Number 212727, which is in currently 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 July 29, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center, Bonham, Texas, and providing care to Patient JL, Respondent inappropriately administered a Fentanyl 50mcg patch, in that he did not remove the plastic backing before applying the patch. Furthermore, on or about August 1, 2016, facility staff removed the patch from the patient and noticed the plastic backing still intact with Respondent's initials on the patch. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that Respondent's failure to administer the medications as ordered by the physician could have resulted in non-efficacious treatment.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)&(1)(C).

#### CHARGE II.

On or about August 5, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center, Bonham, Texas, and providing care to Patient BB, Respondent failed to administer Furosemide 60mg and Levothyroxine 0.224mg, as ordered by the physician. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that Respondent's failure to administer the medications as ordered by the physician could have resulted in non-efficacious treatment.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)&(1)(C).

### CHARGE III.

On or about August 5, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center, Bonham, Texas, Respondent falsely documented in Patient BB's chart that he administered Furosemide 60mg and Levothyroxine 0.224mg to the patient, when in fact he had locked the medication back in the patient's assigned drawer in the medication cart. Respondent's conduct created an inaccurate medical record, and Respondent's failure to administer the medication as ordered by the physician could have resulted in non-efficacious treatment.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Sections 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE  $\S217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)\&(1)(D)$  and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE  $\S217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(4),(6)(A),(6)(H)\&(10)(B)$ .

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, <a href="www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies related to Behavior Involving Lying and Falsification; and related to Behavior Involving Fraud, Theft, and Deception, which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, <a href="www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

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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, <a href="www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

Filed this 25 day of xher, 2017

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