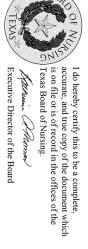
#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of \$ AGREED
Registered Nurse License Number 699212 \$
& Vocational Nurse License Number 135269 \$
issued to JONETTE MICHELE FISHER \$ ORDER



On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JONETTE MICHELE FISHER, Registered Nurse License Number 699212 and Vocational Nurse License Number 135269, 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)(1)&(10), 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 April 23, 2018.

## **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.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from South Plains College, Lubbock, Texas, on August 26, 1991, and received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Grayson County College, Denison, Texas, on May 17, 2003. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 3, 1991, and was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 29, 2003.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

12/91 -02/04	Unknown	
03/04 - 07/07	RN	Assisted Living Concepts Lubbock, Texas
07/07 - 10/10	RN	Garrison Geriatric Education and Care Center Lubbock, Texas
09/10 - 01/12	RN	Lubbock Health Care Lubbock, Texas
02/12 - 06/12	Unknown	
07/12 - 06/15	RN	The Ranch at Dove Tree Lubbock, Texas
07/15 - Unknown	RN	Brightstar Home Health Lubbock, Texas
07/15 - Present	Unknown	

- 6. On or about August 30, 2016, Respondent was issued a Confidential Agreed Order for Peer Assistance Program by the Texas Board of Nursing. On or about March 1, 2018, Respondent was dismissed from TPAPN and referred back to the Board. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated August 30, 2016, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order
- 7. On or about March 1, 2018, Respondent became noncompliant with the Confidential Agreed Order for Peer Assistance Program issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on August 30, 2016. Noncompliance is the result of her failure to comply with all requirements of the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) participation agreement. Specifically, Respondent failed to check into the program's drug testing administration system and missed four (4) consecutive drug screens. Section I, Stipulation D of the Confidential Agreed Order for Peer Assistance Program dated August 30, 2016, states, in pertinent part:
  - "(D) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep all applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas current."

On or about March 1, 2018, Respondent was dismissed from TPAPN and referred back to the Board.

- 8. 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.
- 9. Formal Charges were filed on April 17, 2018.
- 10. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on April 18, 2018.
- 11. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
- 12. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact resulted from or was significantly influenced by Respondent's substance use disorder.
- 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 substance use disorder.
- 14. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

#### 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 §217.12(9)&(11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 699212 and Vocational Nurse License Number 135269, heretofore issued to JONETTE MICHELE FISHER, 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.

6. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

#### **TERMS OF ORDER**

#### I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that Registered Nurse License Number 699212 and Vocational Nurse License Number 135269, previously issued to JONETTE MICHELE FISHER, to practice nursing in Texas are hereby **SUSPENDED** and said suspension is **ENFORCED** until Respondent:

- A. <u>Applies to, is accepted into, and completes enrollment in the Texas Peer</u>

  <u>Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN)</u>, including payment of a nonrefundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00);
- B. Is <u>cleared to safely practice as a nurse</u> based on a fitness evaluation, as may be required by TPAPN; and
- C. Waives confidentiality and <u>provides a copy of the fully executed TPAPN</u>
  <u>participation agreement to the Board.</u>

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, upon verification of successful completion of the above requirements, the Suspension will be **STAYED**, and RESPONDENT will be placed on **PROBATION** for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the TPAPN **AND** until Respondent fulfills the additional requirements of this Order.

- D. RESPONDENT SHALL pay all re-registration fees, if applicable, and RESPONDENT'S licensure status in the State of Texas will be updated to reflect the applicable conditions outlined herein.
- E. RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep all applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas current.
- F. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.

- G. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- H. This Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- I. As a result of this Order, Respondent's license(s) will be designated "single state" and Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state.

#### 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 course(s) within one (1) year of the suspension being stayed:

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.

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 <u>not</u> 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. FURTHER COMPLAINTS

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.

## V. EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE

SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in 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.

# VI. 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, subject to meeting all existing eligibility requirements in Texas Occupations Code Chapter 304, Article III, 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. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order and all conditions of said Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, 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 1 day of

JONETTÉ MICHELE FISHER, Responden

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <a href="https://doi.org/10.108/journal-nurse-license-number-135269">https://doi.org/10.108/journal-nurse-nurs

Effective this 7th day of May, 20 18.

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	Š	CONFIDENTIAL
Registered Nurse License Number 699212	§	AGREED ORDER
& Vocational Nurse License Number 135269	§	FOR
issued to JONETTE FISHER LUTTRALL	8	PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JONETTE FISHER LUTTRALL, Registered Nurse License Number 699212 and Vocational Nurse License Number 135269, 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)&(12), 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 March 8, 2016.

#### 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.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Nursing from South Plains College at Reese Center, Lubbock, Texas, on August 26, 1991, and received an Associate Degree from Grayson County College, Denison, Texas, on May 17, 2003. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 3, 1991, and Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 29, 2003.

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Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

12/91 -02/04	Unknown	
03/04 - 07/07	RN	Assisted Living Concepts Lubbock, Texas
07/07 - 10/10	RN	Garrison Geriatric Education and Care Center Lubbock, Texas
09/10 - 01/12	ŖŅ	Lubbock Health Care Lubbock, Texas
02/12 - 06/12	Unknown	
0 <sup>2</sup> /12 - 06/15	RN	The Ranch at Dove Tree Lubbock, Texas
07/15 - Present	RN	Brightstar Home Health Lubbock, Texas

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with The Ranch at Dove Tree, Lubbock, Texas, and had been in that position for two (2) years and eleven (11) months.
- 7. On or about June 24, 2015, and June 25, 2015, while employed as a Registered Nurse with The Ranch at Dove Tree, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing in that she informed her sponsor and co-workers that she had to change her "dry date" because she relapsed. Additionally, Respondent admitted to misusing her prescription medications, including Hydrocodone, Nuvigil, and Klonopin. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states she spoke to a coworker and mentioned she had taken an extra dose of Clonazepam a couple of times, and had taken a dose of Tramadol earlier than scheduled. Respondent states she did not exceed the safe dose and does not feel she abused her medication. Respondent states she attends 12 step meetings regularly and sees a psychologist. Respondent also states she received treatment to detox off Clonazepam, Tramadol, and Nuvigil.
- 9. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.

- 10. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact resulted from or was significantly influenced by Respondent's substance use disorder.
- 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 substance use disorder.
- 12. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

#### 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 §217.11(1)(B) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(E),(4)&(5).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 699212 and Vocational Nurse License Number 135269, heretofore issued to JONETTE FISHER LUTTRALL.
- 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.
- 6. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

#### TERMS OF ORDER

## I. PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN):

- A. Within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL apply to TPAPN;
- B. Within ninety (90) days following the date of entry of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement and complete the enrollment process, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee payable to TPAPN in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00);
- C. Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN participation agreement to the Texas Board of Nursing;
- D. RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep all applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas current; and
- E. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.

# II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW AND APPLICABILITY

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.

- 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. As a result of this Order, Respondent's license will be designated "single state" and 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.

## 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 course(s) within one (1) year of entry of this Order:

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.

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## IV. CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS

While RESPONDENT remains in compliance with the terms of this Order, this Order shall remain confidential in accordance with the authority outlined in Section 301.466(d), Texas Occupations Code. However, should Respondent fail to successfully complete the terms of this Order or should Respondent commit a subsequent violation of the Nursing Practice Act or Board Rules, this Order shall be treated as prior disciplinary action and will become public information.

#### V. EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE

SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in 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.

# VI. 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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## RESECUNDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this Z day of August 2016

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WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept and enter the Confidential Agreed Order for Peer Assistance Program that was signed on the 12th day of August, 2016, by JONETTE FISHER LUTTRALL, Registered Nurse License Number 699212 and Vocational Nurse License Number 135269, and said Order is final.

Effective this 30th day of August, 2016.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board