BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 814552 issued to JOHN JOSEPH DILLON



ORDER OF THE BOARD

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JOHN JOSEPH DILLON, Registered Nurse License Number 814552, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from St. Clair County Community College, Port Huron, Michigan, on May 7, 2004. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 13, 2012.
- 4. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
- 5. On or about December 13, 2016, Respondent was issued the sanction of a Warning with Stipulations through an Agreed Order by the Board. A copy of the Finding of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order dated December 13, 2016, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

6. On or about December 13, 2017, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to him on December 13, 2016, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Three (III), subsection (A), of the order which reads, in pertinent part:

...within one (1) year of entry 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 minimum of six (6) hours in length.
- 7. On June 15, 2018, the Board received a statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated June 12, 2018, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 8. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.

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(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 814552, heretofore issued to JOHN JOSEPH DILLON, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
- 6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.

Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas 7. Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

TERMS OF ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Registered Nurse License Number 814552, heretofore issued to JOHN JOSEPH DILLON, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

- 1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional/registered nursing, use the title "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself/himself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
- RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until at 2. least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
- Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then 3. existing requirements for relicensure.

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.

Effective this 15th day of June, 2018.

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By:

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN Executive Director on behalf

of said Board



810-385-9313 Dillon686@gmail.com

5208 Lakeshore Road Fort Gratiot, Michigan 48059

June 12, 2018

Terry Washington Investigator 333 Guadalupe Street Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Terry,

I moved to Michigan in May of 2017 due to my mother passing away. I don't have plans to return to Texas to practice. I regret to inform you that I wish to surrender my Texas endorsement. Please forward this written notice to the appropriate department also included is my updated address.

With regards,

John Dillon

June 12, 2018

To whom it concerns,

My name is John Dillon I had an endorsement for Texas RN I would like to submit a change of address request. My previous address of 2501 Wickersham lane apt# 1624 Austin Texas 78741 is no longer valid. Please change to my new address of: 5208 Lakeshore Road Fort Gratiot Michigan 48059

Please send any correspondences to that address.

Thank you,

John Dillon

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of

AGREED

Registered Nurse License Number 814552

issued to JOHN JOSEPH DILLON

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JOHN JOSEPH DILLON, Registered Nurse License Number 814552, 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 July 13, 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 professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from St. Clair County Community College, Port Huron, Michigan, on May 7, 2004. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 13, 2012.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

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RN

McLaren Macomb Hospital Mt. Clemens, Michigan

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Executive Director of the Board

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

2011	Travel RN	Aya Healthcare Gold River, California
08/13 - 07/15	RN	Seton Shoal Creek Austin, Texas
07/14 - Present	RN	Cornerstone Hospital Austin/Round Rock, Texas
10/15 - 05/16	RN	Rock Springs Hospital Georgetown, Texas
11/15 - 02/16	RN	Care Cycle Solutions Round Rock, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Rock Springs Hospital, Georgetown, Texas, and had been in that position for seven (7) months.
- 7. On or about May 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Rock Springs Hospital, Georgetown, Texas, Respondent violated the professional boundaries of the nurse/client relationship by texting former Patient Number 005851-1 and meeting the patient for coffee. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that it could have resulted in confusion between the needs of the nurse and those of the patient. In addition, Respondent's conduct may have caused delayed distress for the patient, which may not be recognized or felt by the patient until harmful consequences occur.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states he came across a note from the patient, which included her phone number. Respondent admits he texted the patient and met her for coffee in a public place.

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)(A),(1)(B)&(1)(J) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4)&(6)(D).

- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 814552, heretofore issued to JOHN JOSEPH DILLON.
- 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 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 course(s) within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise specifically

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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. The course <u>"Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills,"</u> a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension.
- C. The course "Professional Boundaries in Nursing," a 3.0 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 <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. 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 four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) quarterly periods of employment as a nurse have 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.

- 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.
- Pursing 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 nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for four (4) quarters [one (1) year] of employment as a nurse.

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 18 day of Adventur, 2016.	
JOHN JOSEPHENILLON, Respondent	
his 18 day of November 2016	

Sworn to and subscribed before me the

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Commission # 130383985 My Commission Expires

Notary Public in and for the State of

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 18th day of November, 2016, by JOHN JOSEPH DILLON, Registered Nurse License Number 814552, and said Order is final.

Effective this 13th day of December, 2016.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board