BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of

§ AGREED ORDER

Vocational Nurse License Number 335422

FOR

issued to ZARA DEVON PACKARD

KSTAR PILOT PROGRAM

xecutive Director of the Board

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of ZARA DEVON PACKARD, Vocational Nurse License Number 335422, 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 April 20, 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.
- 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 current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Brightwood College-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Texas on October 1, 2016. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 20, 2016.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

01/2017-06/2017

Staff Nurse

Senior Care of Windcrest San Antonio, Texas

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- 07/2017-Present Unknown
- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with Senior Care of Windcrest, San Antonio, Texas, and had been in that position for five (5) months.
- 7. On or about June 21, 2017, while employed as a Staff Nurse with Senior Care of Windcrest, San Antonio, Texas, Respondent inappropriately assigned and allowed unlicensed nursing assistant EG to administer Lorazepam to Patient Number 16171 and Tramadol to Patient Number 16069. Both Lorazepam and Tramadol are Controlled Substances, and unlicensed nursing assistant EG was neither trained to administer medications, nor authorized to handle controlled substances. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients from adverse effects of medications administered improperly. Further, Respondent's conduct placed the facility in violation of the Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).
- 8. On or about June 21, 2017, while employed as a Staff Nurse with Senior Care of Windcrest, San Antonio, Texas, Respondent failed to document that Lorazepam was administered to Patient Number 16171, or that Tramadol was administered to Patient Number 16069, in the medical records of the patients. Respondent's conduct resulted in inaccurate and incomplete medical records.
- 9. In response to the incident in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight(8), Respondent admits that she failed to document the medication administrations, and reports that inaccurate and incomplete medical records are due to heavy workload, insufficient staff, and insufficient training.
- 10. Formal Charges were filed on January 11, 2018.
- 11. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on January 17, 2018.

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)(C),(1)(D),(1)(S),(2)(A)&(2)(B) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 335422, heretofore issued to ZARA DEVON PACKARD.

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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. 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. KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, TRAINING, ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH (KSTAR) PILOT PROGRAM

IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the Knowledge, Skills, Training, Assessment and Research (KSTAR) Pilot Program and RESPONDENT SHALL:

(A) Within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order, apply to and enroll in the KSTAR Pilot Program, including payment of any fees and costs, unless

otherwise agreed in writing;

- (B) Submit to an individualized assessment designed to evaluate RESPONDENT'S nursing practice competency and to support a targeted remediation plan;
- (C) Follow all requirements within the remediation plan, if any;
- (D) Successfully complete a Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics as part of the KSTAR Pilot Program; and
- (E) Provide written documentation of successful completion of the KSTAR Pilot Program to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office.

IV. FURTHER COMPETENCY ISSUES AND VIOLATIONS

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT'S individualized KSTAR Pilot Program assessment identify further competency issues and violations of the Nursing Practice Act, including inability to practice nursing safely, further disciplinary action, up to and including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, may be taken based on such results in the assessments.

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, 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. 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 1st day of Juve, 2018.

ZARA DEVON PACKARD, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

_day of <u>June</u>

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Expires March 19, 2022

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 <u>lst</u> day of <u>June</u>, 2018, by ZARA DEVON PACKARD, Vocational Nurse License Number 335422, and said Order is final.

Effective this _____19th_ day of _______, 2018___.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board