BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of \$ AGREED
Registered Nurse License Number 862182 \$
& Vocational Nurse License Number 194012 \$
issued to KAYLA DAWNE JONES \$ ORDER



On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of KAYLA DAWNE JONES, Registered Nurse License Number 862182 and Vocational Nurse License Number 194012, 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 June 15, 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 Howard College, San Angelo, Texas on May 15, 2004, and received an Associate Degree from Lamar State College, Port Arthur, Texas on May 5, 2014. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on July 13, 2004, and was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 31, 2014.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

05/2004 - 07/2006	Vocational Nurse	Park Plaza Nursing Home San Angelo, Texas	
05/2004 - 05/2012	Vocational Nurse	Dr. Fernando Gonzalez Pediatrics San Angelo, Texas	
04/2008 - 07/2014 07/2014 - 07/2015	Vocational Nurse Registered Nurse	National Nursing and Rehab San Angelo, Texas	
08/2015 - 05/2016	Registered Nurse	West Texas Medical Associates San Angelo, Texas	
04/2016 - 07/2017	Registered Nurse	MHMR for Concho Valley San Angelo, Texas	
07/2017 - 11/2017	Registered Nurse	Angmar Medical Holdings, Inc. San Angelo, Texas	
12/2017 - Present	Unknown		

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Angmar Medical Holdings, Inc., San Angelo, Texas, and had been in that position for four (4) months.
- 7. On or about November 17, 2017, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Angmar Medical Holdings, Inc., San Angelo, Texas, and assigned to provide nursing care for Patient #1832201, Respondent falsely documented a re-certification visit when the patient had been admitted to the hospital on November 15, 2017. Respondent's conduct created an inaccurate medical record and was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers did not have accurate and complete information on which to base their decisions for further care.
- 8. On or about November 20, 2017, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Angmar Medical Holdings, Inc., San Angelo, Texas, and assigned to provide nursing care for Patient # 2029701, Respondent falsely documented a resumption of care visit. Additionally, Respondent signed her own name under the "Client Signature" section of the documented visit. Respondent's conduct was deceptive and created an inaccurate medical record.
- 9. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states: "I arrived at the patient's home to perform my assessment. I had been previously instructed by the prior nurse who had provided care for this patient to begin visits prior to entering the home, as we must be at each patient's home for at least thirty minutes for the visit to be billable. When I

knocked on his door the day in question, I was yelled at and screamed at by someone inside the home to go away and told not to come back. I documented the visit because I was already logged in and had started the visit. I was unsure of how to discard the visit since I was new. I know that this in no way justifies my actions and I deeply regret the way I handled the situation." In response to Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent states: "I did not falsely document anything. This is a simple misunderstanding of me signing in the wrong spot by being in a hurry and not paying close enough attention while ending the visit and chatting with the patient while doing so."

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 $\S 217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)\&(1)(D)$ and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE $\S 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(4),(6)(A)\&(6)(H)$.
- 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 862182 and Vocational Nurse License Number 194012, heretofore issued to KAYLA DAWNE JONES.
- 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 AND A FINE** 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. 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: http://www.bon.texas.gov/UnderstandingBoardOrders/index.asp. 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. <u>A Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics</u> 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. A Board-approved course in nursing documentation that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. Home courses and video programs will not be approved.
- C. 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.

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 www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.

V. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

VI. 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. 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.
- 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 four (4) quarters [one (1) year] of employment as a nurse.

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, 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	day of	august	, 2018
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		, Respondent	

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6 day of August, 20 18.

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 6th day of August, 2018, by KAYLA DAWNE JONES, Registered Nurse License Number 862182 and Vocational Nurse License Number 194012, and said Order is final.

Effective this 11th day of September, 2018.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board