BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 812225 issued to DANICA ALEXANDRIA HARRISON

AGREED ORDER

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of DANICA ALEXANDRIA HARRISON, Registered Nurse License Number 812225, 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), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on September 11, 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 Agreed Order.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in suspended status.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Blinn College, Bryan, Texas, on December 15, 2011. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on January 24, 2012.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1/2012-7/2013

Unknown

8/2013-Unknown

Registered Nurse

Baylor Scott & White College Station, Texas

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

6/2018 - Present

Registered Nurse

Thrive Skilled Pediatric Care College Station, Texas

- 6. On September 4, 2018, the Board temporarily suspended the license of the Respondent. Further, Formal Charges were filed on September 4, 2018. A copy of the Board's Formal Charges is attached hereto.
- 7. Respondent by her signature expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license.
- 8. Respondent does not admit to the allegations contained within Staff's Formal Charges and enters this Agreed Order solely for the purpose of avoiding further investigation and litigation at this time.

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(6)(C).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 812225, heretofore issued to DANICA ALEXANDRIA HARRISON.
- 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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Registered Nurse License Number 812225 is accepted by 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 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.
- 2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until at least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
- 3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then 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.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. 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 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 possible revocation of my license(s) and/or privileges to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 19 day of Sptenber, 20 8.

DANICA ALEXANDRIA HARRISON, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of September, 20 18.

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Notary Public, State of Texas
Comm. Expires 12-04-2021
Notary ID 131369605

Notary Public in and for the State of Texes

Approved as to form and substance.

Elisabeth Smith, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 21st day of Sept., 2018.

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 19th day of September, 2018, by DANICA ALEXANDRIA HARRISON, Registered Nurse License Number 812225, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 21st day of September, 2018.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

In the Matter of \$ BEFORE THE TEXAS
Permanent Registered Nurse \$
License Number 812225 \$
Issued to DANICA ALEXANDRIA HARRISON, \$
Respondent \$ BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, DANICA ALEXANDRIA HARRISON, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 812225, which is in current 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.

From approximately June 8, 2017, through March 12, 2018, Respondent's minor child, F.H. (Medical Record Number 9546473), underwent several invasive procedures and was unnecessarily treated for symptoms and/or medical conditions the child may not have ever had and may not have needed, based upon exaggerated and/or falsified information communicated to the child's healthcare providers by the Respondent. The Respondent communicated such information to the child's healthcare providers for the purpose of obtaining medical interventions for the child. However, there were discrepancies in the history provided to the child's healthcare providers by the Respondent and what was seen during clinical examinations of the child. Further, there were multiple unexplained clinical findings that did not match the severity of symptoms reported by the Respondent.

On or about January 22, 2018, F.H. was re-admitted to the facility and was not released until April 12, 2018, for a total of approximately 80 days. During this time period, from March 10, 2018, through March 12, 2018, Respondent was observed on the facility's surveillance system interfering with the child's life sustaining systems and taking a syringe out of her backpack and injecting an unknown liquid into the child's feeding tube. Subsequently Respondent was removed from the child's bedside, and the child was removed from her custody by Child Protective Services.

Since the time the Respondent was removed from the child's bedside, the child has made vast improvements, including, but not limited to: no further episodes of rectal bleeding, no increased output from her G-tube, no further line infections, no further blood infections, and no further need for antibiotics. The child was able to tolerate increased feedings per her G-tube without difficulty and began to take baby foods orally. Further, the child was able to sit with minimal support, pull to stand, and she had full head control.

Ultimately, the child was diagnosed with medical child abuse (as a result of Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy) and was removed from the Respondent's custody by Child Protective Services.

The medical conditions of F.H. (Medical Record Number 9546473), which were largely induced as a result of the Respondent's conduct, were potentially life threatening and could have resulted in the child's death.

The Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Baylor Scott & White at the time of the events and is currently employed as a Registered Nurse with Thrive Skilled Pediatric Care, College Station, Texas. Thrive Skilled Pediatric Care is a pediatric home health agency that provides at home-care to medically fragile children.

The Respondent's conduct directly caused harm and/or was likely to injure her minor child. Further, the Respondent's conduct may be indicative of a mental health condition that could prevent her from being able to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety. The Respondent's continued practice as a nurse poses a continuing and imminent threat to the public welfare.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10) & (12), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. Admin. Code \$217.12(4) & (6)(C).

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, www.bon.texas.gov.

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, www.bon.texas.gov.

Filed this 4th day of Systenber, 20 18.

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