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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of License Number § AGREED
issued to PATRICIA A. JONES § ORDER

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of PATRICIA A. JONES, License Number 525805, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Article 4525(b)(12), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, and Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on May 26, 2000, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

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 informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in Texas.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Alvin Community College, Alvin, Texas, in May, 1985. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 28, 1985. Respondent received certification as a Nurse Midwife from the Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, in 1987. Respondent received approval as a Certified Nurse Midwife from the Board of Nurse Examiners on August 25, 1988. Respondent practiced as a Direct Entry Midwife from 1980-1985.

5. Respondent's professional employment history includes:

1978-1985	Instructor Jefferson Davis Childbirth Education Association Houston, Texas
1979-1980	Instructor University of Texas Medical School Houston, Texas
1979-1985	Instructor Baylor College of Medicine Houston, Texas
1979-Present	Seminar Speaker Houston area hospitals, schools, and conferences
1980-Present	Monitrice Houston, Texas
1980-1988	Coordinator American Society for Psychoprophylaxis in Obstetrics Texas
1980-1988	Founder/Director Birth Education Center, Inc. Houston, Texas
1982-1985	Instructor Midwifery Training Institute, Inc. Houston, Texas
1982-1985	Birth Assistant Women's Health Care Houston, Texas
1985-1987	Staff Nurse Labor and Delivery Women's Hospital of Texas Houston, Texas

1987-Present

Instructor
Texas Department of Health's Lay Midwifery
Education Program
Houston, Texas

1987-Present

Owner, Director, CNM
Women's Health and Birth Care, Inc.
Houston, Texas

6. At the time of the incidents, Respondent was employed as Owner/Director/CNM with Women's Health and Birth Care, Inc., Houston, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately twelve (12) years.
7. While employed as Owner and Director of Women's Health & Birth Care, Houston, Texas, Respondent failed to maintain protocols as required by Board Rule §221.12. In 1998, Respondent failed to assure that protocols were signed and re-evaluated on a yearly basis. Protocols were signed in December 1997 and not again until March 1999. Correctly maintained protocols assure that patients receive the highest standard of care which is current and up-dated, and Respondent's failure to maintain protocols according to Board rules unnecessarily exposed the patients to the risk of harm.

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 violations of Article 4525(b)(12), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN. (as amended through August 1999), 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1) (effective December 1992), Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1) (effective September, 1999).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against License Number 525805, heretofore issued to PATRICIA A. JONES, including revocation of Respondent's professional license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 *et seq.* and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-size license issued to PATRICIA A. JONES, to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners within ten (10) days of receipt of signed Order for appropriate notation.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing jurisprudence. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience must include registered nurses. It must be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, and documentation of care. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT's successful completion of the course. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

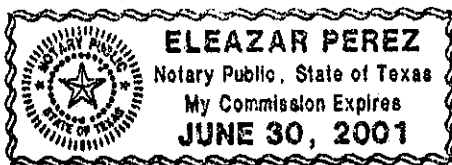
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, 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 to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 25th day of July, 2000.

Patricia A. Jones
PATRICIA A. JONES, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of July, 2000.

SEAL



[Signature]
(Notary Public in and for the State of Texas)

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Approved as to form and substance.

Doreen Zeh Bartlett
Doreen Zeh Bartlett, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 20th day of July, 2000.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 25th day of July, 2000, by PATRICIA A. JONES, License Number 525805, and said Order is final.

Effective this 2nd day of August, 2000.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Katherine A. Thomas".

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board