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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of § AGREED  
Registered Nurse License Number 761777 §  
issued to PATRICIA CHAPARRO § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of PATRICIA CHAPARRO, Registered Nurse License Number 761777, 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 December 15, 2017.

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 a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Centro Medico De Especialidades, Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, on February 14, 1997. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on October 13, 2008.
5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

11/2008 - 3/2009	Registered Nurse	Del Sol Medical Center El Paso, Texas
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Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

1/2009 - Present      Registered Nurse      El Paso Psychiatric Center  
El Paso, Texas

6. Redacted
7. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with El Paso Psychiatric Center, El Paso, and had been in that position for three (3) years and four (4) months
8. On or about May 16, 2012, while employed as a Registered Nurse with El Paso Psychiatric Center, El Paso, Texas, Respondent administered 500 mg Clozapine to Patient Number 281775, which was not ordered by the physician. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient from adverse reactions including seizures, respiratory arrest and tachycardia.
9. On or about January 15, 2013, while employed as a Registered Nurse with El Paso Psychiatric Center, El Paso, Texas, Respondent withdrew one (1) tab of Clonazepam 0.5 mg from the medication dispensing system for Patient Number 203904, but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedure for wastage of the unused portions of the medication. Respondent's conduct left medications unaccounted for, was likely to deceived the hospital pharmacy, and placed the pharmacy in violation of the Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
10. On or about June 5, 2013, while employed as a Registered Nurse with El Paso Psychiatric Center, El Paso, Texas, Respondent withdrew one (1) tab of Lorazepam 0.5 mg from the medication dispensing system for Patient Number 291995, but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedure for wastage of the unused portions of the medication. Respondent's conduct left medications unaccounted for, was likely to deceived the hospital pharmacy, and placed the pharmacy in violation of the Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
11. On or about October 30, 2014, through October 31, 2014, while employed as a Registered Nurse with El Paso Psychiatric Center, El Paso, Texas, Respondent administered Hydroxyzine to Patient Number 302467, which was ordered "as needed" (PRN), but failed to document the reason for administering the medication. Respondent's conduct created an incomplete medical record.
12. On or about May 20, 2015, while employed as a Registered Nurse with El Paso Psychiatric Center, El Paso, Texas, Respondent administered the wrong medications to Patient Number

305565, causing the patient to require additional monitoring. The patient was administered Lithium 500 mg, Dilantin 100 mg, and Olanzapine 40 mg. These medications were not ordered for the patient. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient from adverse reactions to unordered medications.

13. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Eight (8) through Twelve (12), Respondent denies the allegations.
14. Formal Charges were filed on July 11, 2016.
15. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on July 12, 2016.

### 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),(B),(C)&(D) and 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(4),(10)(C)&(11)(B).
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 761777, heretofore issued to PATRICIA CHAPARRO.
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, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of **REMEDIAL EDUCATION WITH 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. 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. **A Board-approved course in medication administration** with a didactic portion of not less than six (6) hours and a clinical component of not less than twenty-four (24) hours. Both the didactic and clinical components must be provided by the same Registered Nurse. The course's content shall include: a review of proper administration procedures for all standard routes; computation of drug dosages; the six (6) rights of medication administration; factors influencing the choice of route; and possible adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. Successful completion of this course requires RESPONDENT to successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course.
- C. **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 study courses and video programs will not be approved.
- D. The course **"Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills,"** 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 pre-approved provider. *Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at [www.bon.texas.gov/compliance](http://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. 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.

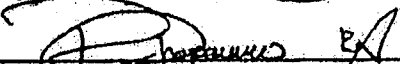
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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

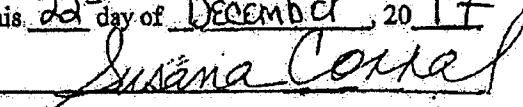
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary 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.

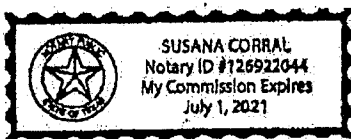
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PATRICIA CHAPARRO, Respondent

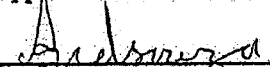
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2017

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



Approved as to form and substance.

  
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Andre D'Souza, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 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 22nd day of December, 20 17, by PATRICIA CHAPARRO, Registered Nurse License Number 761777, and said Order is final.

Effective this 9th day of January, 20 18.



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