BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 603025 issued to RASHIDAT KIKELOMO BELLO \$ \$ \$ \$

AGREED ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of RASHIDAT KIKELOMO BELLO, Registered Nurse License Number 603025, 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 Agreed Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on October 8, 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 current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Diploma in Nursing from Abeokuta School of Nursing, Ogun State, Nigeria, on September 1, 1981. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on April 20, 1994.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

4/1994 – 5/1996

Staff RN

Seven Acres Jewish Geriatric Health Center Houston, Texas Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

5/1994 – 12/1995	Staff RN	Favorite Nurses Staffing Houston, Texas
1995 - 1996	Staff RN	Quality Home Health Agency Houston, Texas
1996 – 1997	Nursing Supervisor	Hometh Home Health Agency Houston, Texas
1996 – 1997	Nursing Supervisor	Home Care Resources, Inc. Houston, Texas
1997 – 1998	Nursing Supervisor	Homecor Home Health, Inc. Unknown
1998 – Present	Administrator/DON	Belltech Enterprises, Inc. Houston, Texas
2003 – Present	Owner/Administrator	Belltech Career Institute, Inc. Houston, Texas

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as the Owner/Administrator of the Belltech Career Institute, Inc. and had been in that position for approximately fifteen (15) years.
- 7. On or about April 24, 2018, while employed as the Owner/Administrator of Bell Tech Career Institute, Inc., Houston, Texas, Respondent inappropriately provided bottles/packages of expired prescription medications, that came from the patients at a home health agency owned by Respondent, to the nursing skills lab for use by students during medication administration learning experiences. Additionally, Respondent failed to remove patient identification from the labels attached to the bottles, and these medications were left unsecured and unlocked. Respondent's conduct resulted in a breach of the patients' personal health information, exposing the patients to risk of harm from the disclosure of said personal health information, and exposed the students unnecessarily to a risk of harm from exposure to expired prescription medications.
- 8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states the boxed patient medications were inadvertently placed in the skills lab while moving offices and the box of medications was designated for disposal in accordance with Respondent's home health agency's policies and procedures. Respondent states that the medications were never used by the students.

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)(E) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(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 603025, heretofore issued to RASHIDAT KIKELOMO BELLO.
- 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 **REMEDIAL EDUCATION WITH 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 Nursing Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 *et seq.*, and this Agreed 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 and video programs will not be approved.
- B. 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.
- C. <u>The course "Patient Privacy,"</u> a 5.4 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension.

D. The course "Professional Accountability," a 4.6 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 <u>not</u> being offered by a pre-approved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at <u>www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</u>.

V. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL <u>pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred</u> dollars (\$500.00) within forty-five (45) days of the effective date 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 Agreed 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 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 Other day of Dec., 20 18

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RASHIDAT KIKELOMO BELLO, Respondent

Swom to and subscribed before me this 12 day of December, 2018

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

Amanda Ellis, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 13th day of <u>Perembaro 18</u>.

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 12th day of December, 2018, by RASHIDAT KIKELOMO BELLO, Registered Nurse License Number 603025, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 13th day of December, 2018

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board