

#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 767370 issued to ASHLEY HANSON AGREED ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of ASHLEY HANSON, Registered Nurse License Number 767370, 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)(1)&(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 November 16, 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 an Associate Degree in Nursing from Tyler Jr College, Tyler, Texas, on December 11, 2008. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on April 9, 2009.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history unknown.

- 6. On or about January 8, 2018, Respondent was required to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) through an Order of the Board. A copy of the January 8, 2018, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
- 7. On or about September 9, 2018, Respondent became non-compliant with the Agreed Order issued to Respondent by the Texas Board of Nursing on April 5, 2018. On or about September 9, 2018, Respondent submitted a urine sample that resulted positive for alcohol and admitted to consuming alcohol, in violation of the requirements of TPAPN.
- 8. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

## **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(11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 767370, heretofore issued to ASHLEY HANSON.
- 5. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

### TERMS OF ORDER

## I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that Registered Nurse License Number 767370, previously issued to ASHLEY HANSON, to practice nursing in the State of Texas is/are hereby **SUSPENDED** and said suspension is **ENFORCED** until RESPONDENT:

- A. Applies to, is accepted into, and completes enrollment in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN), including payment of a non-refundable participation fee to TPAPN in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), if licensed as a registered nurse, or in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00), if licensed as a vocational nurse;
- B. Is <u>cleared to safely practice as a nurse</u> based on a fitness evaluation, as may be required by TPAPN; and
- C. Waives confidentiality and provides a copy of the fully executed TPAPN participation agreement to the Board.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, upon verification of successful completion of the above requirements, the Suspension will be **STAYED**, and RESPONDENT will be placed on **PROBATION** for such time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the TPAPN **AND** until RESPONDENT fulfills the additional requirements of this Order.

- D. RESPONDENT SHALL pay all re-registration fees, if applicable, and RESPONDENT'S licensure status in the State of Texas will be updated to reflect the applicable conditions outlined herein.
- E. RESPONDENT SHALL <u>comply with all requirements of the TPAPN</u> <u>participation agreement</u> during its term and SHALL keep all applicable licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas in current status.
- F. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to <u>notify the Texas Board of</u> Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.
- G. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to RESPONDENT to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- H. This Order SHALL be applicable to RESPONDENT'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- I. 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. SUPERSEDING ORDER

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that the sanction and conditions of this Agreed Order SHALL supersede all previous stipulations required by any Order entered by the Texas Board of Nursing.

## 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 suspension being stayed, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

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 and video programs will not be approved.

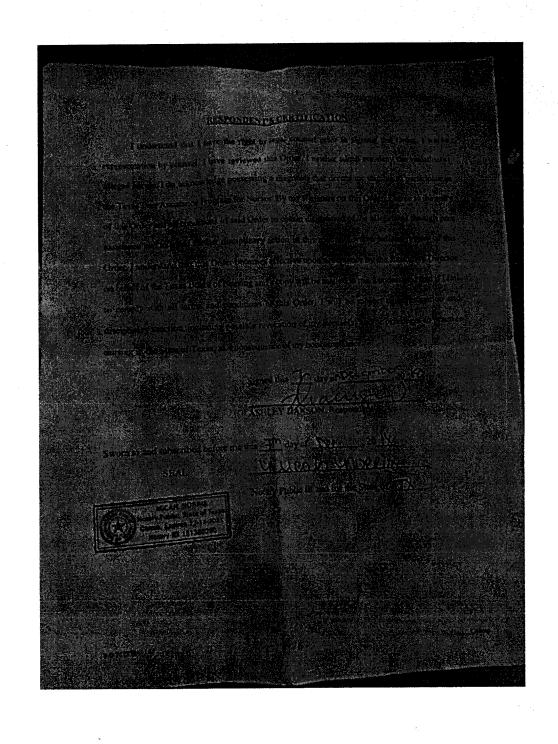
In order to receive credit for completion of this/these course(s), RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form or SHALL submit the continuing education certificate, as applicable, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office. RESPONDENT SHALL first 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>.

### VI. EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE

SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further disciplinary action including TEMPORARY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of RESPONDENT'S license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

## VII. 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.



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 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018, by ASHLEY HANSON, Registered Nurse License Number 767370, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2019.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

## BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of

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Registered Nurse License Number 767370

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issued to ASHLEY HANSON

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of ASHLEY HANSON, Registered Nurse License Number 767370, 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 October 20, 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 an Associate Degree in Nursing from Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas on December 11, 2008. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on April 9, 2009.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

04/2009 - 07/2013

Unknown

08/2013 - 12/2016

Registered Nurse

University Medical Center

Health System Lubbock, Texas

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

10/2015 - 05/2016	Registered Nurse	AMN Healthcare San Diego, Texas
01/2017 - 05/2017	Registered Nurse	Interim Home Health Lubbock, Texas
05/2017 - 09/2017	Registered Nurse	Kindred at Home Lubbock, Texas
10/2017 - Present	Unknown	

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with University Medical Center Health System, Lubbock, Texas, and had been in that position for three (3) years and three (3) months.
- 7. On or about November 15, 2016, though November 29, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with University Medical Center Health System, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent removed Dilaudid, Morphine, Lorazepam, and Promethazine from the Medication Dispensing System, but failed to document or accurately and/or completely document the administration of the medication in the patient's Medication Administration Records and/or Nurse's Notes. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate patients, which could result in an over dose.
- 8. On or about November 15, 2016, though November 29, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with University Medical Center Health System, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent removed Dilaudid, Morphine, Lorazepam, and Promethazine from the Medication Dispensing System, but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedures for the wastage of any of the unused portions of the medications. Respondent's conduct left medications unaccounted for, was likely to deceive the facility pharmacy, and placed the pharmacy in violation of Chapter 481 (Controlled Substance Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
- 9. On or about November 15, 2016, though November 29, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with University Medical Center Health System, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Dilaudid, Morphine, Lorazepam, and Promethazine belonging to the facility and patient's thereof, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.
- 10. On or about August 2, 2017, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Kindred at Home, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Hydrocodone belonging to Patient Medical Record Number 104702380, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the

medications.

- 11. On or about August 5, 2017, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Kindred at Home, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Hydrocodone belonging to Patient Medical Record Number 113600439, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.
- 12. On or about September 2, 2017, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Kindred at Home, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Hydrocodone belonging to Patient Medical Record Number 104703209, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.
- 13. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
- 14. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact resulted from or was significantly influenced by Respondent's substance use disorder.
- 15. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to substance use disorder.
- 16. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

### 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  $\S 217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(D)\&(3)$  and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE  $\S 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(4),(6)(G),(10)(C)\&(11)(B)$ .
- 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 767370, heretofore issued to ASHLEY HANSON.
- 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.
- 6. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program

approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

## TERMS OF ORDER

# I. PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN):

- A. Within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL apply to TPAPN;
- B. Within ninety (90) days following the date of entry of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement and complete the enrollment process, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee payable to TPAPN in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00);
- C. Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN participation agreement to the Texas Board of Nursing;
- D. RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep all applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas current; and
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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 will be designated "single state" and Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state without first obtaining the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the nurse licensure compact party state where Respondent wishes to work.

## III. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

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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. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order and all conditions of said Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and 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 revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 4 day of Arten, 2018

ASHLEY HANSON, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of Annay, 2018

MADISON ALISE MIKAEL

A Notary Public, State of Texas

Semin, Expires 07-23-2020

Notary ID 129064000

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

TONY BEROTLINO, ATTORNEY, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this Study of The , 20/f.

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 4th day of January, 2018, by ASHLEY HANSON, Registered Nurse License Number 767370, and said Order is final.

Effective this 8th day of January, 2018.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board