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Allison Porter-Edwards
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of	§	
Advanced Practice Nurse	§	AGREED
License Number AP115212 with	§	
Prescription Authorization Number 7107	§	
& Registered Nurse License Number 753580	§	
issued to CARLOS EDWAN BUFORD	§	ORDER
PETITIONER for Exception	§	

A public meeting of the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee of the Board, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, was held on December 11, 2018, at 333 Guadalupe, Tower 3, Suite 460, Austin, Texas, to consider the Petition for Exception, hereinafter referred to as the Petition, and supporting documents filed by CARLOS EDWAN BUFORD, hereinafter referred to as PETITIONER.

PETITIONER appeared in person.

Board Members in attendance were: Allison Porter-Edwards, DrPH, MS, RN, CNE, Nina Almasry, DNP, RN, CNE, and Frances Stokes, BA.

Petitioner waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered by the Committee on December 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 Petitioner and Petitioner was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
2. Petitioner waived notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
3. Petitioner is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

4. Petitioner received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Alcorn State University, Natchez, Mississippi, on May 10, 2003, and received a Master's Degree in Nursing specializing as a Family Nurse Practitioner from Alcorn State University, Natchez, Mississippi, on May 13, 2006. Petitioner was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on April 30, 2008, and became Board recognized as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Prescriptive Authority on August 4, 2006.
5. Petitioner's professional nursing employment history includes:

5/03 - 5/06	RN	University of Mississippi Medical Center Jackson, Mississippi
1/04 - 6/06	RN	Natchez Regional Medical Center Natchez, Mississippi
11/06 - 1/08	FNP	American Medical Clinic Houston, Texas
1/08 - 12/10	FNP	Baylor College of Medicine Houston, Texas
4/11 - 7/13	Temporary assignments at various staffing agencies	
7/13 - 7/17	Assistant Professor	UT Health School of Nursing Houston, Texas
1/14 - 2/15	FNP	Central Care Community Health Center Houston, Texas
5/16 - 7/17	FNP	University of Texas Health Services Clinic Houston, Texas
9/17 - 1/18	FNP	Kimberly Cares, LLC Houston, Texas
2/18 - present	FNP	Premier Physical Medicine Pearland, Texas

6. On July 23, 2015, Petitioner's license to practice professional nursing was Suspended, with the suspension stayed, and Petitioner was placed on Probation for a period of two (2) years through an Agreed Order of the Board. In addition, Petitioner's prescription authorization was limited to exclude prescribing any controlled substances. A copy of the Agreed Order, including the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, dated July 23, 2015, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
7. On February 9, 2018, Petitioner submitted the Petition requesting the limitation on Prescription Authorization Number 7107 which prohibits prescribing of controlled substances be removed in order to fully restore Petitioner's prescribing authorization.
8. Petitioner has not been permitted to prescribe controlled substances since July 23, 2015, pursuant to the terms of the Order issued to him by the Board on July 23, 2015. As a result, Petitioner has not been able to adequately demonstrate that his conduct, as described in the Findings of Fact in the Agreed Order dated July 23, 2015, does not continue to pose risk to the public health and safety.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.455, 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)(C), (1)(D), (4)(A) & (4)(B) and 217.12.(1)(A), (1)(B) & (4), 221.13 (*effective* Feb. 25, 2001, through Nov. 20, 2013); 222.4 (*effective* Nov. 26, 2003, as amended Feb. 14, 2010, through Nov. 20, 2013); 222.5 (*effective* Nov. 26, 2003, as amended Feb. 14, 2010, through Nov. 20, 2013); and 222.6 (*effective* Nov. 26, 2003, as amended Feb. 14, 2010, through Nov. 20, 2013).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b) (10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP115212 with Prescription Authorization Number 7107, and Registered Nurse License Number 753580, heretofore issued to CARLOS EDWAN BUFORD, including revocation of Petitioner's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that the Petition is **GRANTED** and all encumbrances of Prescription Authorization Number 3364, previously issued to Petitioner, are hereby **REMOVED** and the Petitioner is subject to the following **STIPULATIONS**, conditions, and requirements of this Order:

(1) The stipulations, conditions, and requirements specified herein SHALL SUPERCEDE those of any Order previously entered by the Texas Board of Nursing.

(2) While under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Petitioner to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

(3) This Order SHALL be applicable to Petitioner's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

(4) As a result of this Order, PETITIONER's license(s) will be designated "single state" and PETITIONER may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state.

(5) Petitioner SHALL 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.

In Order to complete the terms of this Order, Petitioner must work as an advanced practice registered nurse, providing direct patient care in a licensed healthcare setting, for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month for eight (8) quarterly periods [two (2) years] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until eight (8) quarterly periods of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse have elapsed. Any quarterly

period without continuous employment as an advanced practice registered nurse with the same employer for all three (3) months will not count towards completion of this requirement. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement. Further, Petitioner may not work as a registered nurse (RN) while under the terms of this Order.

(6) PETITIONER SHALL notify each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on Petitioner's license(s). PETITIONER SHALL present a complete copy of this Order to each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL notify all future employers, practice sites and/or credentialing agencies in nursing and present a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, to each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing prior to accepting an offer of employment and/or assignment.

(7) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.

(8) For the duration of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be directly supervised by a physician. Direct supervision requires the physician to be working on the same unit as RESPONDENT and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. RESPONDENT SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(9) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the physician to submit, on forms provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, periodic reports as to PETITIONER'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the physician who supervises the PETITIONER and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising physician to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month period for two (2) years of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse.

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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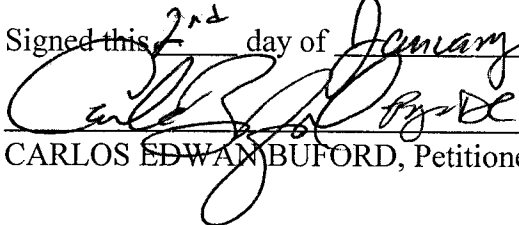
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PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

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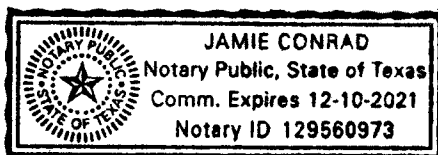
I have reviewed this Order. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification 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(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

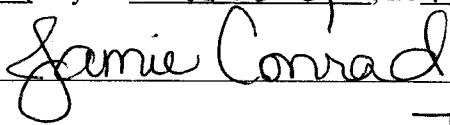
Signed this 2nd day of January, 2019.


CARLOS EDWAN BUFORD, Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of January, 2019.

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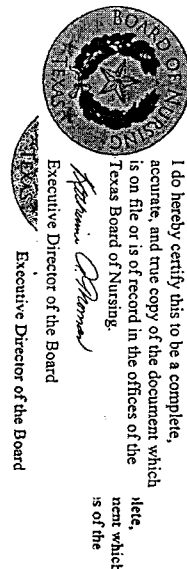

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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 2nd day of January, 2019, by CARLOS EDWAN BUFORD, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP115212 with Prescription Authorization Number 7107, and Registered Nurse License Number 753580, and said Order is final.

Effective this 7th day of January, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine A. Thomas".

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



BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Advanced Practice Registered	§	AGREED
Nurse License Number AP115212, Prescription	§	
Authorization Number 7107, and	§	
Registered Nurse License Number 753580	§	
issued to CARLOS EDWAN BUFORD	§	ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CARLOS EDWAN BUFORD, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP115212, with Prescription Authorization Number 7107, and Registered Nurse License Number 753580, 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 June 17, 2015.

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. Respondent's license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Alcorn State University, Natchez, Mississippi on May 10, 2003, and received a Master's Degree in Nursing specializing as a Family Nurse Practitioner, from Alcorn State University, Natchez, Mississippi on May 13, 2006. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on April 30, 2008 and became Board recognized as a Family Nurse Practitioner and with Prescriptive Authority in the State of Texas on August 4, 2006.

5. Respondent's complete nursing employment history is unknown.
6. On or about October 5, 2010, through January 31, 2011, while employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Hobby Medical Clinic, Houston, Texas, Respondent's practice fell below the minimum standards of nursing practice in that he engaged in non-therapeutic prescribing practices. Over the period of approximately four (4) months, Respondent issued approximately seven hundred one (701) prescriptions for controlled substances, including, Hydrocodone, Soma, Alprazolam, and Ambien for approximately two hundred seventy-eight (278) patients. Respondent's practice of prescribing controlled substances falls below the standard of care in that such quantities and combinations of controlled substances creates an unacceptable risk to patients and the public, which outweighs any therapeutic benefit.
7. From on or about October 8, 2008, through January 21, 2011, while employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Hobby Medical Clinic, Houston, Texas, Respondent's practice fell below the minimum standards of nursing practice in that he engaged in non-therapeutic prescribing practices. Respondent prescribed controlled substances to patients FC, EC, HG, MH, LL-R, SM, MM, JP, AR, TS, RT, WT, CV, WV, and CW, without conducting complete and appropriate assessments to justify Respondent's prescribing practices. Respondent failed to exhaust low-risk, evidence based treatments before resorting to high-risk, non-evidence based treatments. Respondent continually prescribed controlled substances without regard to therapeutic benefit. This type of prescribing falls below the standard of care in that the combination of central nervous system (CNS) depressants in such unsupported quantities has more risks than therapeutic benefit. Further, Respondent failed to adequately collaborate with a delegating/collaborating physician and/or failed to accurately and completely document such collaboration in the patients' medical records, as required by law. Respondent also failed to appropriately monitor patients for abusive and/or drug seeking behavior.
8. Formal Charges were filed on December 11, 2014.
9. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on December 11, 2014.
10. First Amended Formal Charges were filed on June 3, 2015.
11. First Amended Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on June 15, 2015.

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 the law.

3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(D),(4)(A)&(4)(B), 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B), and (4), 221.13 (*effective* Feb. 25, 2001, through Nov. 20, 2013); 222.4 (*effective* Nov. 26, 2003, as amended Feb. 14, 2010, through Nov. 20, 2013); 222.5 (*effective* Nov. 26, 2003, as amended Feb. 14, 2010, through Nov. 20, 2013), and 222.6 (*effective* Nov. 26, 2003, as amended Feb. 14, 2010, through Nov. 20, 2013); and State and Federal laws regarding the prescribing of controlled substances.
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP115212, with Prescription Authorization Number 7107, and Registered Nurse License Number 753580, heretofore issued to CARLOS EDWAN BUFORD, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
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 Prescription Authorization Number 7107, heretofore issued to CARLOS EDWAN BUFORD, is **LIMITED** by the Texas Board of Nursing, as follows:

- (a) As of the effective date of this Order, RESPONDENT is no longer authorized by the Board to prescribe any controlled substances under Prescription Authorization Number 7107, and SHALL NOT prescribe or order any controlled substances.
- (b) RESPONDENT shall not petition the Board for the authority to prescribe controlled substances until RESPONDENT has successfully completed all of the terms and requirements of this Order.
- (c) RESPONDENT shall surrender all DEA Controlled Substances Registration Certificate(s) and DPS Controlled Substances Registration Certificate(s) held by RESPONDENT, if any, on the effective date of this Order. Respondent shall not re-register or otherwise obtain a DEA Controlled Substances Registration Certificate(s) or DPS Controlled Substances Registration Certificate(s) until Respondent has petitioned the Board for the authority to prescribe controlled substances and has received such written authorization from the Board.

- (d) RESPONDENT shall not petition the Board for permission to re-register or obtain a DEA Controlled Substances Registration Certificate(s) or DPS Controlled Substances Registration Certificate(s) until RESPONDENT has successfully completed all of the terms and requirements of this Order.
- (e) Upon petitioning for reinstatement of RESPONDENT'S authority to prescribe controlled substances, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements, including completion of ten (10) hours of continuing education approved by the Board that relates to diagnosis and treatment of chronic pain. The topics covered by such CE must include: risk assessment, urine drug testing, addictions, evidence based conservative treatment options, care of patients with mental health co-morbidities and accidental lethal drug overdose. These continuing education requirements are in addition to the remedial education requirements included in the probation stipulations outlined below. Further, the Board may impose additional restrictions or stipulations to accompany the re-issuance of the RESPONDENT'S authority to prescribe controlled substances, as deemed appropriate and necessary by the Board.

I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP115212, with Prescription Authorization Number 7107, and Registered Nurse License Number 753580, previously issued to CARLOS EDWAN BUFORD, to practice nursing in Texas are hereby **SUSPENDED** with the suspension **STAYED** and Respondent is hereby placed on **PROBATION**, in accordance with the terms of this Order, for a minimum of two (2) years **AND** until Respondent fulfills the requirements 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. 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.

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. 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 courses within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

- A. A 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. 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.*

IV. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) within three hundred sixty-five (365) 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.

V. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as an advanced practice registered nurse, providing direct patient care in a licensed healthcare setting, for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month for eight (8) quarterly periods [two (2) years] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until eight (8) quarterly periods of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse have elapsed. Any quarterly period without continuous employment as an advanced practice registered nurse with the same employer for all three (3) months will not count towards completion of this requirement. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of a advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement. Further, Respondent may not work as a registered nurse (RN) or a vocational nurse (LVN) license, as applicable, while under the terms of this Order.

- A. Notifying Present and Future Employers, Practice Sites and Credentialing Agencies:** RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers, practice sites

and/or credentialing agencies in nursing and present a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, to each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing prior to accepting an offer of employment and/or assignment.

- B. Notification of Employment Forms:** RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- C. Indirect Supervision:** RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician who is on the premises. The supervising Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. If being supervised by an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, the supervising APRN must be in the same advanced role and population focus area as Respondent. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- D. Nursing Performance Evaluations:** RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each supervising/monitoring Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician to submit, on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician who supervises/monitors the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising/monitoring Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for eight (8) quarters [two (2) years] of employment as a nurse.

VI. FURTHER COMPLAINTS

If, during the period of probation, an additional allegation, accusation, or petition is reported or filed against the Respondent's license(s), the probationary period shall not expire and shall automatically be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

VII. 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 RESPONDENT may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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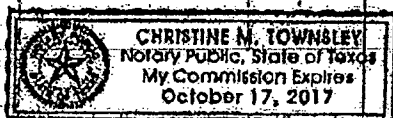
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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.

Signed this 14th day of JUNE, 2015.
Carlos Edward Buford
CARLOS EDWAN BUFORD, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of June, 2015.

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Christine Townsley
Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

Approved to form and substance.

James R. Epo
James R. Epo, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 15th day of June, 2015

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 19th day of June, 2015, by CARLOS EDWAN BUFORD, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP115212, with Prescription Authorization Number 7107; and Registered Nurse License Number 753580, and said Order is final.

Effective this 23rd day of July, 2015.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katherine A. Thomas".

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