executive Director of the Board

In the Matter of Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 793658 Issued to FELICIA ANN BUSH, Respondent

BEFORE THE TEXAS

BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

TO: FELICIA ANN BUSH 1802 CR 7570 LUBBOCK, TX 79423

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing was held on February 19, 2019 at 333 Guadalupe, Room 3-460, Austin, Texas, in which the Temporary Suspension of Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 793658, issued to FELICIA ANN BUSH was considered pursuant to Section 301.455, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE. Staff of the Texas Board of Nursing appeared and presented evidence and information concerning the conduct of FELICIA ANN BUSH and whether Her continued practice as a nurse would constitute a continuing and imminent threat to the public welfare.

After review and due consideration of the evidence and information presented, the Board finds that the following charge is substantiated:

CHARGE I.

On or about November 12, 2018, Respondent's employer reported Respondent's behavior was concerning, specifically, she had difficulty comprehending simple questions, diaphoretic, and shaky at times, she was frequently leaving the treatment floor, which leaves assigned patients un-attended, leaving the floor without informing the Charge Nurse and leaving assessments and other tasks unfinished, emotional instability at work, arriving to work for assigned shift and barely able to walk in to the lounge and stumbling.

On or about November 19, 2018 and November 28, 2018, Respondent underwent a Fitness for duty examination and evaluation with Dr. Nicole Keehn, RN, MSN, PsyD. Dr. Keehn states Respondent is currently unfit to practice nursing. Specifically, Respondent fails to consistently demonstrate best practice nursing skills and/or intrapersonal behaviors, cognitions, and emotional regulation necessary to perform duties of a registered nurse.

Dr. Keehn states Respondent "should not return to work as a registered nurse at this time. Evidence gathered in the assessment, recent issues in employment history and current symptomology suggest that Respondent would be unable to

maintain consistent general patient safety while completing tasks and

responsibilities required of a registered nurse."

The Texas Board of Nursing further finds that, given the nature of the charges concerning

her fitness to practice, the continued practice of nursing by FELICIA ANN BUSH constitutes a

continuing and imminent threat to public welfare and that the temporary suspension of Permanent

Registered Nurse License Number 793658, is justified pursuant to Section 301.455, TEXAS

OCCUPATIONS CODE.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Registered Nurse License Number

793658, issued to FELICIA ANN BUSH, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same

is/are, hereby SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY in accordance with Section 301.455, TEXAS

OCCUPATIONS CODE.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a probable cause hearing be conducted in accordance

with Section 301.455(c) not later than seventeen (17) days following the date of the entry of this

order, and a final hearing on the matter be conducted in accordance with 301.455(d) not later than

the 61st day following the date of the entry of this order.

Entered this 19th day of February, 2019.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, FELICIA ANN BUSH, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 793658 which is in current status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

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The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)&(5).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license(s) and/or privilege(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 213.27 - 213.33.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, located at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.33(b), which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order(s) which is/are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Order(s) of the Board dated June 29, 2018.

Filed this 19th day of February, 2019.

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Attachment(s): Order(s) of the Board dated June 29, 2018.

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BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of \$ CONFIDENTIAL AGREED ORDER FOR Street Number 793658 \$ AGREED ORDER FOR PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of FELICIA ANN BUSH, Registered Nurse License Number 793658, 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)(9),(10),(12)&(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 May 17, 2018.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 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 from Baker college of Owosso, Owosso, Michigan, on June 7, 2010. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on November 12, 2010.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

09/10/10/15	RN	Christian Care Center Mesquite, Texas
10/15-05/17	RN	Baylor Scott and White Medical Center Dallas, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

06/17-11/17 RN Covenant Medical Center Lubbock, Texas

01/18-02/18 RN University Medical Center Lubbock, Texas

03/18-Present Unknown

6. On or about December 19, 2017, Respondent was notified of the following allegations:

On or about October 2017, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Covenant Health, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent:

- a. withdrew Morphine and Dilaudid from the medication dispensing system for patients but failed to document, and/or accurately document, the administration of the medication in the patients medication administration records;
- b. withdrew Morphine and Dilaudid from the medication dispensing system but failed to follow facility policies and procedures for wastage of any of the unused portions of the medications;
- c. misappropriated Morphine and Dilaudid belonging to the facility and/or patients thereof, or failed to take precautions to prevent the misappropriation of Morphine and Dilaudid; and
- d. misappropriated four (4) Cyclobenzaprine belonging to the facility or patients thereof in that four (4) Cyclobenzaprine were found in Respondent locker.
- 7. On or about April 11, 2018, Respondent was notified of the following allegation:

On or about April 2018, while employed as Registered Nurse with University Medical Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Opiates and Barbiturates in that she submitted a specimen for a drug screen which produced a positive result for Opiates and Barbiturates. Additionally, Respondent disappeared from her preceptor and unit for periods of time without notifying her preceptor or supervisor. Subsequently, when Respondent was confronted about possible discrepancies in narcotics Respondent denied use of anything but prescribed medications, but stated she had previously struggled with alcohol abuse.

8. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) and Seven (7), Respondent states she is currently in TPAPN and would like to continue her TPAPN program participation.

- 9. 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.
- 10. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact resulted from or was significantly influenced by Respondent's substance use disorder.
- 11. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or substance use disorder.
- 12. 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

- 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 $\S 217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)\&(1)(D)$ and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE $\S 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(4),(5),(6)(G),(8),(10)(A),(10)(C),(10)(D)\&(11)(B)$.
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(9),(10),(12)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 793658, heretofore issued to FELICIA ANN BUSH.
- 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
- E. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.

II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW AND APPLICABILITY

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.

- 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.

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 course(s) within one (1) year of entry of this Order:

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.

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 preapproved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.

IV. CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS

While RESPONDENT remains in compliance with the terms of this Order, this Order shall remain confidential in accordance with the authority outlined in Section 301.466(d), Texas Occupations Code. However, should Respondent fail to successfully complete the terms of this Order or should Respondent commit a subsequent violation of the Nursing Practice Act or Board Rules, this Order shall be treated as prior disciplinary action and will become public information.

V. 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.

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. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2

PEDRO MONTANO Notary Public in and for the State of

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Taralynn Mackay, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 27 day of June, 20 18.

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept and enter the Confidential Agreed Order for Peer Assistance Program that was signed on the 26th day of June, 2018, by FELICIA ANN BUSH, Registered Nurse License Number 793658, and said Order is final.

Effective this 29th day of June, 2018.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board