#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 827538 issued to JAIME LEE ALLEN AGREED ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JAIME LEE ALLEN, Registered Nurse License Number 827538, 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 December 3, 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 Central Texas College, Killeen, Texas, on December 17, 2010. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Massachusetts on January 27, 2011. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on October 26, 2012.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1/2011 - 3/2013

Registered Nurse

Veterans Healthcare Administration Temple, Texas Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

Medsynergies Registered Nurse 1/2013 - 12/2013Arlington, Texas Palo Pinto General Hospital Registered Nurse 6/2013 - 12/2015Mineral Wells, Texas

Texas Health Harris Methodist Registered Nurse 12/2015 - Present

Azle, Texas

- 6. On or about August 14, 2012, Respondent was issued an Agreed Eligibility Order through an Order of the Board. On or about April 17, 2015, Respondent successfully completed the terms of the Order. A copy of the August 14, 2012, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
- 7. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Texas Health Harris Methodist, Azle, Texas, and had been in that position for two (2) years and three (3) months.
- 8. On or about March 27, 2018, through March 28, 2018, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Texas Health Harris Methodist, Azle, Texas, Respondent failed to accurately document medication administration for Patient Medical Record Number 000305635, in that Respondent documented administering 25 grams of dextrose solution (D50W), but instead Respondent administered 16.67 grams, three quarters (3/4) of the ordered dose. Subsequently, the patient's blood glucose was 57 mg/dL requiring infusion of 12.5 grams of D50W. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that failure to administer dextrose infusion, as ordered by the physician, could have resulted in non-efficacious treatment of the patient's blood glucose levels.
- 9. On or about March 27, 2018, through March 28, 2018, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Texas Health Harris Methodist, Azle, Texas, Respondent failed to assess Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment (CIWA) score and administer medications, as ordered, for the aforementioned Patient Medical Record Number 000305635, in that Respondent gave 2 mg Ativan and 4 mg Morphine and did not reassess and document the CIWA score in two (2) hours, as required. Additionally, Respondent administered 2 mg Ativan and 4 mg Morphine three (3) times from 2310 to 0517; subsequently, the patient's blood pressure decreased from 100/70 to 82/62. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that failure to assess the CIWA and administer medications, as ordered by the physician, could have resulted in non-efficacious treatment of the patient's alcohol withdrawal status.

10. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent admits she split the D50W infusions and did not infuse as ordered so the patient's blood glucose levels would not spike quickly. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Nine (9), Respondent states that she administered Ativan and Morphine as PRN medications for anxiety and pain, and overlooked completing the CIWA, that would have determined dosage of medication to have been administered.

### **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  $\S217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(D),(1)(M)\&(1)(N)$  and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE  $\S217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)\&(4)$ .
- 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 827538, heretofore issued to JAIME LEE ALLEN.
- 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 **REPRIMAND WITH STIPULATIONS** 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: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/UnderstandingBoardOrders/index.asp">http://www.bon.texas.gov/UnderstandingBoardOrders/index.asp</a>. 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 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. <u>A Board-approved course in nursing documentation</u> 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. <u>The course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills,"</u> 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 <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. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as a nurse in the State of Texas, providing direct patient care in a clinical healthcare setting, <u>for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month</u> for eight (8) quarterly periods [two (2) years]

of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until eight (8) quarterly periods of employment as a nurse have elapsed. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of a registered nurse (RN) or a vocational nurse (LVN) license, as appropriate, will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement.

- A. Notifying Present and Future Employers: RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, prior to accepting an offer of employment.
- B. Notification of Employment Forms: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment form" to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- C. **Direct Supervision:** For the first year [four (4) quarters] of employment as a Nurse under this order, RESPONDENT SHALL be directly supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Direct supervision requires another nurse, as applicable, 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.
- D. Indirect Supervision: For the remainder of the stipulation/probation period, RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising nurse 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 nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years of experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the

RESPONDENT is currently working. 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.

E. Nursing Performance Evaluations: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer 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 individual who supervises the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising individual 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. 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 waive representation by counsel. 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 is subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing and a copy of this Order will be mailed to me once the Order becomes effective. 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 18	_ day of <u>F</u>	26 ruary, 2019.
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JAIME LEE AL	LEN, Respon	ndent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this / 8 day of

ROGER CLAYTON SNIDER Notary Public, State of Texas Comm. Expires 01-23-2023

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 18th day of February, 2019, by JAIME LEE ALLEN, Registered Nurse License Number 827538, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 25th day of April, 2019.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of JAIME LEE ALLEN, PETITIONER for Eligibility for Licensure AGREED

ELIGIBILITY ORDER

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Endorsement Application, which has been processed as a Petition for Declaratory Order pursuant to 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217,5(e) and §213,30, and supporting documents filed by JAIME LEE ALLEN, hereinafter referred to as PETITIONER, together with any documents and information gathered by staff and Petitioner's Certification contained herein.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that PETITIONER may be ineligible for licensure pursuant to Sections 301.452(b)(3)&(10) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.

A public meeting of the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee of the Board, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, was held on March 20, 2012 at 333 Guadalupe, Tower 3, Suite 460, Austin, Texas, in which the Petition for Declaratory Order of PETITIONER was considered.

PETITIONER appeared in person. PETITIONER was notified of her right to be represented by legal counsel and elected to waive representation by counsel.

Board Members in attendance were: Deborah Hughes Bell, CLU, ChFC; Kristin Benton, MSN, RN; and Kathy Leader-Horn, LVN. Staff present were: Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director; James W. Johnston, General Counsel; Jena Abel, Assistant General Counsel; Nikki Hopkins, Assistant General Counsel; John Griffith, Assistant General Counsel;

Anthony L. Diggs, Director, Enforcement Division; Earl E. Stearns, CFE, Supervising Investigator; Andrea Gonzalez, Legal Secretary; and Allison Hassinger, Legal Assistant.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- On or about March 14, 2012, Petitioner submitted an Endorsement Application requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Sections 301.252, 301.257, and 301.260, Texas Occupations Code, and the Board's Rules at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.5(e) and §213.30.
- 2. Petitioner waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Petitioner received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Cental Texas College, Killeen Texas, on May 1, 2010.
- 4. Petitioner completed the Endorsement Application and answered "Yes" to the question which reads as follows: "For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal, have you:
  - A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
  - B. been convicted of a felony?
  - C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
  - D. received deferred adjudication?
  - E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
  - F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
  - G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
  - H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
  - I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
  - J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?

(You may only exclude Class C misdemeanor traffic violations.)"

5. Petitioner disclosed the following criminal history, to wit:

On or about November 16, 2007, Petitioner was arrested by the San Marcos Police Department, San Marcos, Texas, for EVADING ARREST/DETENTION WITH VEHICLE, a State Jail felony offense and DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class A misdemeanor offense.

On or about November 12, 2008, Petitioner pled Guilty to EVADING ARREST/DETENTION W/VEHICLE, a State Jail felony offense committed on November 16, 2007, in the 22<sup>rd</sup> District Court of Hays County, Texas, under Cause No. CR-08-0020.

As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Petitioner were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt and Petitioner was placed on probation for a period of four (4) years. Additionally Petitioner was ordered to pay a fine and court costs. On or about November 8, 2011, Petitioner was granted an early termination from probation.

On or about November 19, 2009, the offense of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (a Class A misdemeanor offense committed on November 16, 2007), in the County Court at Law in and for Hays County, Texas, under Cause No. 87895, was dismissed after Petitioner was found not guilty.

- In response to Finding of Fact Number Five (5), Petitioner states she was studying for an 6. exam at the Texas State Library. On her way back home a friend phoned her and asked her to meet him at the square in San Marcos to hang out. After catching up for a couple of hours, Petitioner got ready to leave, realizing she did not know how to get to the highway. She called her friend on her cell phone to get directions to get out of town. In the meantime, she turned down a two way street in the roundabout and didn't realize it because of the road system. Every surrounding road was headed in the same direction, except the one she turned on. A police car pulled behind her and turned his lights on. Petitioner naturally pulled over and waited for the officer to approach her car. He did not get out of his car, instead he turned on his siren and signaled her out of the way. Petitioner drove forward and turned at the red light to get out of his way. He then turned off his lights and waited at the light behind her. Petitioner continued to drive, trying to find her way to the highway. After turning right on the last street a siren was flipped on behind her so she pulled over into the gas station and turned her car off. The officer stormed out of his car, pulled his gun, and pointed it at her through the window. Petitioner put her hands up and waited for him to signal to her to get out of the car. The officer was very rude and abrupt and did not want to hear anything she had to say. He accused her of drinking and driving and trying to avoid him with her car. He then arrested her.
- 7. There is no evidence of any subsequent criminal conduct.
- 8. Petitioner provided letters of support/recommendation to the Board from the following:
  - A letter of reference was submitted to the Board on behalf of Petitioner by Tammy Niswonger, MSN, RN, Fourth Semester Faculty/Clinical Instructor, Central Texas College, Killeen, Texas.
  - A letter of recommendation was submitted to the Board on behalf of Petitioner by Jason Bradshaw, RN, BSN, LT, USN (RET).
  - A letter of recommendation was submitted to the Board on behalf of Petitioner by Armenda Frost, Nursing Supervisor, RN, Central Texas VA Hospital.

- A letter of reference dated November 26, 2011, was submitted to the Board on behalf of Petitioner by Lindsay Williams, RN, VA Hospital, Temple, Texas.
- A letter of recommendation was submitted to the Board on behalf of Petitioner by Andrew Freeman.
- 9. Petitioner has sworn that, with the exception of matters disclosed in connection with the Endorsement Application, her past behavior conforms to the Board's professional character requirements at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27.
- 10. Petitioner presented no evidence of behavior which is inconsistent with good professional character.
- 11. The Committee considered evidence of Petitioner's past behavior in light of the character factors set out in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27 and determined that Petitioner currently demonstrates the criteria required for good professional character.
- 12. The Committee considered evidence of Petitioner's past criminal conduct in light of the considerations and criteria provided in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§213.28 & 213.33, and, if applicable, Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 13. Licensure of Petitioner poses no direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public provided Petitioner complies with the stipulations outlined in this Order.
- 14. The Committee's review of the grounds for potential ineligibility has been made on the basis of Petitioner's disclosures.
- 15. Petitioner has been advised by the Board that any information found to be incomplete, incorrect or misleading to the Board or a subsequent discovery of a basis of ineligibility will be considered by the Board and may result in an ultimate determination of ineligibility or the later revocation of a license obtained through fraud or deceit.
- 16. Petitioner shall immediately notify the Board of any fact or event that could constitute a ground of ineligibility for licensure under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 301.452 and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
- 2. On or about March 14, 2012, Petitioner submitted an Endorsement Application requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Sections 301.252, 301.257, and 301.260, Texas Occupations Code, and the Board's Rules at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.5(e) and §213.30.

- 3. Petitioner's history reflects conduct which may constitute grounds for denial of a license under Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code.
- The Board may probate the denial of a license under conditions for a specified term pursuant to Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
- 5. The Board may license an individual who has been previously convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to any crime whether or not a sentence was imposed upon consideration of the factors set out in 22 Tex. ADMIN. Code §213.28 and evaluating the direct relationship to nursing according to 22 Tex. ADMIN. Code §213.28 and, if applicable, Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 6. The Board may license an individual with prior behaviors inconsistent with the Board's character requirements if, upon evaluation of the factors in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27, and pursuant to 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.33, the Board is satisfied that the individual is able to consistently conform her conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.
- 7. This Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of Petitioner's disclosures. Any subsequently discovered discrepancies will result in investigation and possible disciplinary action, up to revocation of Petitioner's license(s).

#### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED that the application of PETITIONER is hereby GRANTED, and upon payment of the required fees, PETITIONER SHALL be issued the applicable license to practice nursing in the State of Texas, which shall be subject to the following stipulations:

PETITIONER SHALL obtain and read the Texas Nursing Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure, and Practice.

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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to PETITIONER'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of

Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while PETITIONER'S license is encumbered by this Order, PETITIONER may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact privilege without the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where PETITIONER wishes to work.

(1) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of licensure, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. PETITIONER SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It 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. PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify PETITIONER'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. Boardapproved courses may be found at the following Board website address: http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD PETITIONER PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, PETITIONER WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND PETITIONER MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64)

HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWELVE (12) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN) OR A VOCATIONAL NURSE (LVN) LICENSE, AS APPROPRIATE, WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

- (2) PETITIONER SHALL notify each present employer 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 and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. PETITIONER SHALL notify all future employers 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 and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.
- (3) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each present employer 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 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.
- (4) PETITIONER SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed and practicing as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed and practicing as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising Nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as PETITIONER, but should be on the facility

grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the PETITIONER is currently working. PETITIONER SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). PETITIONER SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(5) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each employer 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 Nurse who supervises the PETITIONER. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month period for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from PETITIONER'S license to practice nursing in the State of Texas and PETITIONER shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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#### PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I am the Petitioner in this matter. I have fully and truthfully disclosed all of my past conduct which could constitute grounds for licensure ineligibility, and I have caused a complete and accurate criminal history to be submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing from each jurisdiction in which I have been adjudged guilty by way of conviction or deferred order. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my application, has been in conformity with the Board's character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past conduct in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of conviction, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

In connection with my application, I acknowledge that I have read and I understand Sections 301.157(d), 301.252, 301.253, 301.257, 301.258, 301.260, 301.452, and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code, and Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq., Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§213.27, 213.28, 213.29, and 213.30. I agree with all terms of this Order, including the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any stipulations as set out in this Order. I acknowledge that this Order is stipulated and I understand that I am not eligible to receive a Temporary Permit to practice nursing. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to accepting any license from the Texas Board of Nursing.

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.

I understand that I can be represented by an attorney in this matter. I waive representation, notice, administrative hearing, and judicial review of this Order and request that the Texas Board of Nursing ratify this Order.

Signed this // day of July 2012

JAIME LEE ALLEN, PETITIONER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this // day of July 201L

SEAL

Notary Public in and for the State of 1/1/5

Jaime Allen:063

February 9, 2018

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Eligibility Order that was signed on the 11th day of July, 2012, by JAIME LEE ALLEN, PETITIONER for Eligibility for Licensure, and said Order is final.

Effective this 14th day of August , 2012

atherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf of said Board



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mile Director of the Board

April 17, 2015

Jaime Allen 355 Spring Branch LP Kyle, Texas 78640

Dear Ms. Allens:

Our file reflects that all requirements of the Order of the Board entered on August 14, 2014, have been met.

Should you wish to reinstate your nurse licensure compact privilege(s), you will need to complete and return the Sworn Declaration of Primary State of Residence form that can be found on the Board's website (www.bon.texas.gov) under "Verification & Licensing" then under "Download other Paper Applications and Forms," or directly at the following link: http://www.bon.texas.gov/forms\_primary\_state\_of\_residence\_sworn\_declaration.asp

Good luck in any future endeavors and should you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 305-6832.

Sincerely,

Maureen Hill

Administrative Assistant IV

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## Texas Board of Nursing

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November 19, 2010

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Jaime Lee Allen 355 Spring Branch Loop Kyle, Texas 78640

Dear Ms. Allen:

Your Application for Licensure by Examination and the supporting information related to your potential ineligibility for licensure under the Nursing Practice Act and the Board's Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice was considered by the Executive Director of the Board on September 28, 2010. The Executive Director reviewed your case based on your petition pursuant to the Occupations Code §§301.257, 301.452, and 301.453.

Based on the review of your file, the Executive Director finds you ineligible for licensure as a nurse in the State of Texas on the grounds discussed below.

On or about November 16, 2007, Petitioner was arrested by the San Marcos Police Department, San Marcos, Texas, for EVADING ARREST/DETENTION WITH VEHICLE, a State Jail felony offense and DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class A misdemeanor offense.

On or about November 12, 2008, Petitioner entered a plea of Guilty to EVADING ARREST/DETENTION W/ VEHICLE (a State Jail felony offense committed on November 16, 2007), in the 22<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Hays County, Texas, under Cause No. CR-08-0020. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Petitioner were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt and Petitioner was placed on probation for a period of four (4) years. Additionally Petitioner was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

On or about November 19, 2009, the offense of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (a Class A misdemeanor offense committed on November 16, 2007), in the County Court at Law in and for Hays County, Texas, under Cause No. 87895, was dismissed after Petitioner was found not guilty.

The Occupations Code §301.452(b) provides that a person is subject to denial of a license for:

- (3) a conviction for, or placement on deferred adjudication community supervision or deferred disposition for, a felony or for a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;
- (10) unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that, in the Board's opinion, is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure a patient or the public;

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Further, §301.452(c) provides that the Board may refuse to admit a person to a licensing examination for a ground described under §301.452(b).

The Board requires that petitioners demonstrate their ability to consistently conform to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice. Further, petitioners must possess good professional character and pose no threat to the health and safety of patients and the public.

Your past criminal conduct demonstrates lack of judgment and respect for interpersonal boundaries, which is necessary for the safe practice of nursing. Additionally, your past criminal conduct constitutes grounds for ineligibility under §301.452(b)(10) and 22 Tex. Admin. Code §217.11(1)(A) and §217.12(13).

- 8217.12(13). The unprofessional conduct rules are intended to protect clients and the public from incompetent, unethical, or illegal conduct of licensees. The purpose of these rules is to identify unprofessional or dishonorable behaviors of a nurse which the Board believes are likely to deceive, defraud, or injure clients or the public. Actual injury to a client need not be established. These behaviors include but are not limited to:
- (13) Criminal Conduct--including, but not limited to, conviction or probation, with or without an adjudication of guilt, or receipt of a judicial order involving a crime or criminal behavior or conduct that could affect the practice of nursing.

You have failed to provide sufficient evidence of good professional character, as is required by 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.27.

- (a) Good professional character is the integrated pattern of personal, academic and occupational behaviors which, in the judgment of the Board, indicates that an individual is able to consistently conform his or her conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's rules and regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice including, but not limited to, behaviors indicating honesty, accountability, trustworthiness, reliability, and integrity.
- (b) Factors to be used in evaluating good professional character in eligibility and disciplinary matters are:
- (1) Good professional character is determined through the evaluation of behaviors demonstrated by an individual in his or her personal, academic and occupational history. An individual's age, education, and experience necessarily affect the nature and extent of behavioral history and, therefore, shall be considered in each evaluation.
- (2) A person who seeks to obtain or retain a license to practice professional or vocational nursing shall provide evidence of good professional character which, in the judgment of the Board, is sufficient to insure that the individual can consistently act in the best interest of patients/clients and the public in any practice setting. Such evidence shall establish that the person:
  - (A) is able to distinguish right from wrong;
  - (B) is able to think and act rationally;
  - (C) is able to keep promises and honor obligations;
  - (D) is accountable for his or her own behavior;
- (E) is able to practice nursing in an autonomous role with patients/clients, their families, significant others, and members of the public who are or who may become physically, emotionally, or financially vulnerable;

- (F) is able to recognize and honor the interpersonal boundaries appropriate to any therapeutic relationship or health care setting; and
- (G) is able to promptly and fully self-disclose facts, circumstances, events, errors, and omissions when such disclosure could enhance the health status of patients/clients or the public or could protect patients/clients or the public from unnecessary risk of harm.
- (3) Any conviction for a felony or for a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or order of probation with or without an adjudication of guilt for an offense that would be a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude if guilt were adjudicated.
- (4) Any revocation, suspension, or denial of, or any other adverse action relating to, the person's license or privilege to practice nursing in another jurisdiction.
- (c) The following provisions shall govern the determination of present good professional character and fitness of a Petitioner, Applicant, or Licensee who has been convicted of a felony in Texas or placed on probation for a felony with or without an adjudication of guilt in Texas, or who has been convicted or placed on probation with or without an adjudication of guilt in another jurisdiction for a crime which would be a felony in Texas. A Petitioner, Applicant, or Licensee may be found lacking in present good professional character and fitness under this rule based on the underlying facts of a felony conviction or deferred adjudication, as well as based on the conviction or probation through deferred adjudication itself.
  - (1) The record of conviction or order of deferred adjudication is conclusive evidence of guilt.
- (2) In addition to the disciplinary remedies available to the Board pursuant to Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §301.452(b)(3) and (4), Texas Occupations Code chapter 53, and §213.28, a licensee guilty of a felony under this rule is conclusively deemed to have violated Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §301.452(b)(10) and is subject to appropriate discipline, up to and including revocation.
- (f) An individual who applies for initial licensure, reinstatement, renewal, or endorsement to practice professional or vocational nursing in Texas after a negative determination based on a felony conviction, felony probation with or without an adjudication of guilt, or professional misconduct, or voluntary surrender in lieu of disciplinary action and whose application or petition is denied and not appealed is not eligible to file another petition or application for licensure until after the expiration of three years from the date of the Board's order denying the preceding petition for licensure.
- (g) The following disciplinary and eligibility sanction policies and guidelines shall be used by the Executive Director, the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), or the Board in evaluating good professional character in eligibility and disciplinary matters:
- (1) Disciplinary Sanctions for Fraud, Theft and Deception approved by the Board and published on February 22, 2008 in the *Texas Register* (33 TexReg 1646) and available on the Board's website at http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/dsp.html.
- (2) Disciplinary Sanctions for Lying and Falsification approved by the Board and published on February 22, 2008 in the *Texas Register* (33 TexReg 1647) and available on the Board's website at http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/dsp.html.
- (3) Disciplinary Sanctions for Sexual Misconduct approved by the Board and published on February 22, 2008 in the *Texas Register* (33 TexReg 1649) and available on the Board's website at http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/dsp.html.
- (4) Eligibility and Disciplinary Sanctions for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder and published on February 22, 2008 in the *Texas Register* (33 TexReg 1651) and available on the Board's website at http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/dsp.html.
- (5) Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct approved by the Board and published on March 9, 2007 in the *Texas Register* (32 TexReg 1409) and available on the Board's website at http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/discp-guide.html.

Please note that the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.27-§213.33 and the Occupations Code Chapter 53, are incorporated herein and can be located on the Board's website at <a href="https://www.bon.state.tx.us.">www.bon.state.tx.us.</a>

Due to this denial, you have the right to a public hearing before an Administrative Law Judge with the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Should you decide to appeal this decision, submit a written request for a public hearing, to the attention of Cynthia LoCastro, Legal Assistant, Office of General Counsel, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-460, Austin, Texas, 78701. Your written request to appeal this decision must be received in our office within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN

**Executive Director** 

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