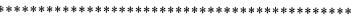
BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of \$ AGREED ORDER Vocational Nurse License Number 338946 \$ issued to TRINA MAE WEAVER \$

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EXAS Executive Director of the Board**

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of TRINA MAE WEAVER, Vocational Nurse License Number 338946, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on October 17, 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 vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas, on August 1, 2017. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on August 24, 2017.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

8/2017

Unknown

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

9/2017 - 07/2018

LVN

CHRISTUS Clinic

Canton, Texas

07/2018 - Present

LVN

Angels of Care Pediatric Home

Health

Tyler, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a licensed vocational nurse with CHRISTUS Clinic, Canton, Texas, and had been in that position for seven (7) months.
- 7. On or about April 12, 2018, while employed as Vocational Nurse with CHRISTUS Trinity Clinic, Canton, Texas, Respondent failed to properly identify Patient 100077031 when initiating care, and documented medical information in the electronic health record of Patient 099624019. The error was identified when the provider went to assess the patient. Respondent's conduct created an inaccurate medical record and was likely to injure the patient(s) in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to treat and/or manage the patient(s) care.
- 8. On or about June 6, 2018, while employed as Vocational Nurse with CHRISTUS Trinity Clinic, Canton, Texas, Respondent failed to clean a dirty exam room prior to rooming another patient. The exam table and pillow were soiled with blood from a previous patient. Respondent's failure to clean biohazard secretions may have caused harm by potentially exposing the patient to infectious pathogens and/or communicable conditions.
- 9. On or about June 19, 2018, while employed as Vocational Nurse with CHRISTUS Trinity Clinic, Canton, Texas, Respondent inappropriately gave discharge information to the wrong patient violating HIPPA regulations. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm from disclosure of confidential medical information without written authorization.
- 10. On or about June 28, 2018, while employed as Vocational Nurse with CHRISTUS Trinity Clinic, Canton, Texas, Respondent failed to properly and/or accurately document medication refills in patient(s) medical record(s). Respondent's conduct was likely to cause harm by potentially delaying access to medication ordered by the physician and created an inaccurate medical record.
- 11. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that both patients were female and that she failed to get the date of birth to verify the accuracy of the patient. Respondent states that she did documented Patient 100077031 information within Patient

099624019 record because she had it open since that patient was next and that the error occurred due to having both charts open at the same time. In response to Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent states that she failed to clean a dirty room prior to rooming another patient because she was distracted by the provider telling her to do several things at the same time. In response to Finding of Fact Number Nine (9), Respondent states that she had two patient's charts pulled up on the computer at the same time and was scheduling a follow-up appointment for one of them when she clicked on the wrong patient, printed off the appointment reminder, and gave the reminder to the wrong patient. In response to Finding of Fact Number Ten (10), Respondent states she was not performing or documenting refills per policy. Instead, she was sending a note to a different provider because she had become over whelmed.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.11 (1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(D),(1)(E),(1)(O),&(2)(A) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12 (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 Vocational Nurse License Number 338946, heretofore issued to TRINA MAE WEAVER.
- 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 **WARNING 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: http://www.bon.texas.gov/UnderstandingBoardOrders/index.asp. Upon successful completion, RESPONDENT must submit the course verification at the conclusion of the course, which automatically transmits the verification to the Board.

IV. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

- A. 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 physical assessment 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 physical assessment of all body systems. The clinical component SHALL include physical assessment of live patients in a clinical setting; Performing assessments on mock patients or mannequins WILL NOT be accepted. 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. A Board-approved course in nursing documentation 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.
- E. <u>The course "Patient Privacy,"</u> a 5.4 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension.

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 four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) 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 <u>and will not count towards completion of this requirement.</u>

- 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. Indirect Supervision: 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.

D. 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 four (4) quarters [one (1) year] 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 12th day of March, 2019.

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TRINA MAE WEAVER, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of March, 2019.

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
October 12, 2019

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Wendy I. Byrd

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 12th day of March, 2019, by TRINA MAE WEAVER, Vocational Nurse License Number 338946, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 25th day of April, 2019.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board