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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of
Registered Nurse License Number 785255
issued to STEPHANIE ANN BEAM

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AGREED ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of STEPHANIE ANN BEAM, Registered Nurse License Number 785255, 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), 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 February 27, 2019.

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 Northeastern Junior College, Sterling, Colorado, on December 12, 2008, and received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming, in December, 2016. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 8, 2010.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

6/2010 – 05/2013	Unknown
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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

6/2013 – 5/2018	Registered Nurse	Maxim Healthcare Austin, Texas
8/2013 – 1/2018	Registered Nurse	Hope Hospice New Braunfels, Texas
2/2018-Present	Unknown	

6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Hope Hospice, New Braunfels, Texas, and had been in that position for four (4) years and four (4) months.
7. On or about December 3, 2017, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Hope Hospice, New Braunfels, Texas, Respondent exhibited a lack of fitness to practice in that she was observed walking outside topless carrying her infant, with combative and confused behavior. Subsequently, Respondent was brought to the Emergency Room by Emergency Medical Services, required sedating medication, and was then discharged to an inpatient psychiatric facility for treatment. Respondent's conduct could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing patients in potential danger.
8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that the facts are untrue and irrelevant as she was not scheduled to work on December 3, 2017.
9. On or about January 3, 2019, Respondent underwent a Board required mental health evaluation with Dr. Sean Connolly. Dr. Connolly recommended that the Board request current records or statements from Respondent's current treating providers, and if there is support and agreement with the opinion of the current assessment, that consideration be given by the Board to continue Respondent's license to practice professional nursing, with provisions for supervision for at least a year and restrictions on employment in high stress environments, such as an Emergency Room or Intensive Care Unit.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.

3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)&(5).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 785255, heretofore issued to STEPHANIE ANN BEAM.
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** and RESPONDENT'S license(s) shall be placed in **INACTIVE** status.

Should RESPONDENT decide in the future to reactivate his/her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, RESPONDENT SHALL be required to petition the Board for reactivation of the license and satisfy all then existing requirements for reactivation. Further, RESPONDENT'S reactivated license(s) SHALL BE subject to, at a minimum, the remedial education courses, work restrictions, supervised practice, and employer reporting which would have been requirements of this Order had RESPONDENT not chosen to inactivate his/her nursing license(s).

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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. I further understand that, should I decide in the future to reactivate my license(s), I will be required to satisfy, at a minimum, the additional requirements that would have been part of this Order had the license(s) not been placed in inactive status, as stated herein, as well as all then existing requirements for reactivation.

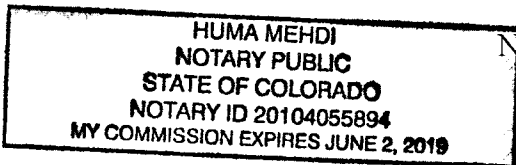
Signed this 12th day of April, 2019.

Stephanie A. Beam
STEPHANIE ANN BEAM, Respondent

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

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Notary Public in and for the State of Colorado

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 12th day of April, 2019, by STEPHANIE ANN BEAM, Registered Nurse License Number 785255, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 14th day of May, 2019.



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