In the Matter of Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 679130 Issued to SHAUNA BETH CARPENTER, Respondent BEFORE THE TEXAS

BOARD OF NURSING

ELIGIBILITY AND

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

ORDER OF THE BOARD

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TO: Shauna Carpenter 9442 E Woodmark Conroe, TX 77304

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on May 14, 2019, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by



reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 679130, previously issued to SHAUNA BETH CARPENTER to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 14th day of May, 2019

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment: Formal Charges filed April 3, 2019

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Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 679130
Issued to SHAUNA BETH CARPENTER
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the May of My My, 2014, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as follows:

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Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, Copy Via USPS First Class Mail Shauna Carpenter

9442 E Woodmark Conroe, TX 77304

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD In the Matter of \$BEFORE THE TEXAS
Permanent Registered Nurse \$
License Number 679130 \$
Issued to SHAUNA BETH CARPENTER, \$BOARD OF NURSING Respondent

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301 452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, SHAUNA BETH CARPENTER, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 679130, which is in delinquent 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.

CHARGE I.

On or about March 16, 2018, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Complete Nurse Solutions, LLC., Montgomery, Texas, it was reported Respondent had misappropriated Oxycodone from Patient Medical Record Number 751. Respondent subsequently admitted to law enforcement she had taken approximately fifteen (15) pills from the patient. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patient of the cost of the medication.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B),(4),(6)(G),(8),(10)(E)&(11)(B).

CHARGE II.

On or about March 30, 2018, while employed as Registered Nurse with Complete Nurse Solutions, LLC., Montgomery, Texas, Respondent obtained Hydrocodone/APAP 10/325mg tablets and Fentanyl 25mcg patches from Walgreens Pharmacy, Willis, Texas, without the knowledge or approval of Patient Medical Record Number 678. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the pharmacy and possession of Hydrocodone through use of an unauthorized prescription is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(1)(B),(4),(6)(G),(6)(H),(8),(10)(E)&(11)(B).

CHARGE III.

On or about March 30, 2018, while employed as Registered Nurse with Complete Nurse Solutions, LLC., Montgomery, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Hydrocodone/APAP 10/325mg tablets from Patient Medical Record Number 678. Respondent subsequently admitted to law enforcement she had taken approximately eight (8) pills from the patient. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patient of the cost of the medication.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B),(4),(6)(G),(8),(10)(E)&(11)(B).

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 adopted policies related to Substance Use Disorders and Other Alcohol and Drug Related Conduct, and on adopted policies related to Behavior Involving Fraud, Theft, and Deception, which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints, Board Policies & Guidelines" section of 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.

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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 March 24, 2009.

Filed this	3~	day of	April	, 2019
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BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



I do hereby certify this to be a compliance and true copy of the document is on file or is of record in the office.

Texas Board of Nursing.

All true.

Executive Director of the Board

In the Matter of Registered Nurse

License Number 679130

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License Number 679130 issued to SHAUNA BETH DIGGS (CARPENTER)

ORDER

AGREED

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Boar considered the matter of SHAUNA BETH DIGGS (CARPENTER), Registered Nurse License Number 679130, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(9),(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on January 20, 2009, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

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.
- Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from South Plains College, Levelland, Texas on December 14, 2000. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 17, 2001.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

09/98 - 01/02

Insurance Specialist/

RN

Dr. Stephen Pierce Unknown location Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

12/00 - 09/02	RN	Covenant Health System Lubbock, Texas
09/02 - 02/04	RN	Lubbock Cancer Center Lubbock, Texas
02/04 - 10/04	RN	Vista Care Hospice Lubbock, Texas
10/04 - 06/08	RN	Covenant Health System Lubbock, Texas
07/08 - present	Unknown	

- 6. At the time of the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) through Ten (10), Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Covenant Health System, Lubbock, Texas, and had been in this position for one (1) year and eight (8) months.
- 7. On or about June 20, 2008 through June 22, 2008, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Covenant Healthcare System, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent withdrew Darvocet from the Medication Dispensing System (Pyxis) for Patient Medical Record Number 000-969-587-8142, but failed to document or accurately document the administration of the medication in the patients' Medication Administration Record and/or nurse's notes. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patient which could result in an overdose.
- 8. On or about June 20, 2008 through June 22, 2008, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Covenant Healthcare System, Lubbock, Texas, withdrew Darvocet from the Medication Dispensing System (Pyxis) for Patient Medical Record Number 000-969-587-8142, but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedure for wastage of any of the unused portions of the medication. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy and place them in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (controlled Substance Act).
- 9. On or about June 20, 2008 through June 22, 2008, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Covenant Healthcare System, Lubbock, Texas, misappropriated Darvocet from the facility and the patients thereof, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.

- On or about June 25, 2008, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Covenant Healthcare System, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Darvocet in that she submitted to a reasonable cause drug screen which resulted in a positive result for Propoxyphene. Possession of Propoxyphene is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Propoxyphene by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgements, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
- 11. The Respondent's conduct described in the preceding Findings of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
- 12. 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 chemical dependency.
- 13. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) through Ten (10), Respondent admits to all the allegations, including the misappropriation of Darvocet and the subsequent positive drug screen for Darvocet. Respondent states that she was pregnant at the time and suffering from back pain. Respondent regrets her actions and is willing to be compliant in the investigatory process.
- 14. Respondent's conduct described in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) through Ten (10) resulted from Respondent's impairment by dependency on chemicals.
- 15. 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

- 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 violations of Section 301.452(b)(9),(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A)(C)&(D). and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)(B),(4),(5),(6)(A)(G)(H),(10)(A)(B)(C)&(11)(B).

- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 679130, heretofore issued to SHAUNA BETH DIGGS (CARPENTER), including revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 5. 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.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT, in lieu of the sanction of Revocation under Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code, 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):

RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-sized license issued to SHAUNNA BETH DIGGS, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days from the date of ratification of this Order.

- (1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to TPAPN and SHALL, within ninety (90) days following the date of entry of this final Order, sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) payable to TPAPN.
- (2) 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.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep his/her license to practice nursing in the State of Texas current.

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, Section §§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 Respondent's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, 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 revocation of Respondent's license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations 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 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Conditions One (1) through Four (4) of this 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 to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 13th day of March, 2009.

SHAUNNA BETH DIGGS (CARPENTER), Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day o

day of March

, 2059.

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Notary Public in and for the State of Jexas

VICKI RITCHERSON
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires
July 05, 2010

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept and enter the Agreed Order that was signed on the 13th day of March, 20 09, by SHAUNA BETH DIGGS (CARPENTER), Registered Nurse License Number 679130, and said Order is final.



Entered and effective this $\frac{24}{2}$ day of Mark, 2009.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN Executive Director on behalf

of said Board