

In the Matter of

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Registered Nurse License Number 782728

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issued to BETTY OPAL COHN

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of BETTY OPAL COHN, Registered Nurse License Number 782728, 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)(1),(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 June 4, 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 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 Brookhaven College, Farmers Branch, Texas on December 10, 2009. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 16, 2010.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

2010 - 05/2012	Registered Nurse	Veteran's Medical Center Dallas, Texas
05/2012 - 01/2013	Registered Nurse	Medical City Dallas Hospital Dallas, Texas
02/2013 - 05/2017	Unknown	
06/2017 - 10/2017	Director of Nursing	Chosen Healthcare, LLC Pflugerville, Texas
11/2017 - Present	Unknown	

- 6. On or about July 20, 2017, Respondent was issued the sanction of WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS through an Agreed Order by the Board. The Respondent has not yet completed the terms of the Order. A copy of the Agreed Order, including the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order dated July 20, 2017, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 7. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as Director of Nursing with Chosen Healthcare, LLC, Pflugerville, Texas, and had been in that position for less than one (1) month.
- 8. On or about July 20, 2017, through October 9, 2017, Respondent became non-compliant with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on July 20, 2017. Non-compliance is the result of her failure to comply with all requirements of the Order dated July 20, 2017. Stipulation Five (V) A, reads in part:

"RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Board's Notification of Employment to the Board....."

Respondent was employed as the Director of Nursing with Chosen Healthcare, LLC, Pflugerville, Texas, from June 12, 2017, through October, 2017, but failed to ensure that her employer submitted the required Notification of Employment Form to the Board, upon ratification of her July 20, 2017, Agreed Order.

9. On or about July 20, 2017, through October 9, 2017, Respondent became non-compliant with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on July 20, 2017. Non-compliance is the result of her failure to comply with all requirements of the Order dated July 20, 2017. Stipulation Five (V) C, reads in part:

"RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse..."

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Respondent was employed as the Director of Nursing with Chosen Healthcare, LLC, Pflugerville, Texas, from July 20, 2017, through October, 2017, and was not supervised by another Registered Nurse who was on the premises.

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- On or about August 21, 2017, while employed as the Director of Nursing with Chosen Healthcare, LLC, Pflugerville, Texas, Respondent's employer alleged that Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing, in that she was observed to have slurred speech, an inability to speak coherently, appeared disoriented, and had difficulty keeping her eyes open. Additionally, Respondent provided a specimen for a drug screen that initially showed a non-negative result for Opiates and Benzodiazepines, which was later attributed to prescription medications. Respondent's conduct could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected his/her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.
- 11. On or about July 21, 218, , Respondent became non-compliant with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on July 20, 2017. Non-compliance is the result of her failure to comply with all requirements of the Order dated July 20, 2017. Stipulation Four (IV) A, which reads in part:

"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 on Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. . .
- B. A Board-approved course in nursing documentation . . .
- C. The course 'Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills' ... "
- 12. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Eight (8) and Nine (9), Respondent states when she started working at Chosen Health Care, Respondent's understanding at the time was that her position was a clinical position in which she performed administrative work, rather than providing direct nursing services to patients. Because the Order stated that the notification was to be provided for "employment as a nurse," she did not believe this provision required the notification to the Board. However, on or about October 6, 2017, Respondent was called on to assist in controlling an unruly patient. At this time, it became apparent that her employer was beginning to require her to do more than just administrative work. Respondent did not return to work after October 6, and shortly thereafter resigned from her position. In response to Finding of Fact Number Ten (10), Respondent states her husband was admitted to the hospital on August 11th and was released on August 15th. He suffered a relapse of symptoms over the ensuing weekend at home. During the evening on August 20th and morning of August 21st, Respondent stayed up with her husband, helping him manage his pain. On the 21st, Respondent called her supervisor and asked if she could take the day off because she had been deprived of sleep, and that she had taken a prescription Tylenol to help her manage her pain from a medical procedure several years ago. Respondent's supervisor ordered her to come to work. Fearful of losing her job, she complied with his direction. After she arrived to work, her supervisor immediately sent her to Express MD for a drug test. Respondent's preliminary results were wrongfully produced prior to the MRO review. After the MRO reviewed the results, the final results were negative for Opiates and Benzodiazepines.

13. Formal Charges were filed on April 5, 2018.

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)(B)&(1)(T) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B),(1)(E),(4),(5),(10)(A)&(11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(1),(10),(12)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 782728, heretofore issued to BETTY OPAL COHN, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 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 AND FINE** 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 Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 et seq., and this Order.

III. SUPERCEDING ORDER

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that the sanction and conditions of this Order SHALL supercede all previous stipulations required by any Order entered by the Texas Board of Nursing.

IV. 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.

V. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensurerenewal, 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 courses and video programs will not be approved.

- B. 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.
- C. The course <u>"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 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.

VI. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) within ninety (90) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

VII. 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, for a minimum

of sixty-four (64) hours per month 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 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.

VIII. 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. 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 when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, 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 possible revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

	Signed this 18 day of June, 20 19 Buth Oper Char BETTY OPAL COHN, Respondent
Sworn to and subscribed before me	this 19th day of June, 20 19. Notary Public in and for the State of
FRANK M. REILLY ID #6419618 My Commission Expires March 20, 2023	Approved as to form and substance. FRANK M. REILLY, Attorney for Respondent Signed this 6 day of 50, 206.

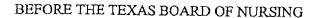
WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 19th day of June, by BETTY OPAL COHN, Registered Nurse License Number 782728, and said Order is final.

Effective this 13th day of August , 2019.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board





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FINDINGS OF FACT

- Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these 1. 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).
- Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order. 2.
- Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current 3. status.
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02/2013 - Present

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- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Medical City Dallas Hospital, Dallas, Texas, and had been in that position for eight (8) months.
- 7. On or about January 5 2013, and January 6, 2013, while employed with Medical City Dallas Hospital, Dallas, Texas, Respondent failed to complete shift assessments and nurses notes for Patient Medical Record Numbers H00725296948, H0725350898, H072532203, and H00725325066. Respondent's conduct resulted in an incomplete medical record, and was likely to injure the patients in that subsequent care givers did not have accurate information on which to base their decisions for further care.
- 8. On or about January 6, 2013, while employed with Medical City Dallas Hospital, Dallas, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that she was observed having slurred and garbled speech, seemed confused and sleepy, and was unsteady on her feet. Additionally, Patient Medical Record Number H00725296948 and the patient's family requested that she not provide care again due to her "odd" behavior. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.
- 9. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states: "Prior to this shift I was feeling poorly and had requested to be removed from the schedule. When told that I must either work the entire weekend or risk losing my employment I chose to work. After many years experience since this incident I am fully aware that the well being of my patients requires my own health first, and would not make such a decision, again."
- 10. Formal Charges were filed on July 12, 2016.
- 11. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on July 15, 2016.

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.
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V. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

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VI. DRUG AND ALCOHOL RELATED REQUIREMENTS

A. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the use of alcohol, nalbuphine, propofol and all controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose. If prescribed, RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the licensed practitioner to submit a written report identifying the medication, dosage and the date the medication was prescribed. The report shall be submitted directly to the office of the Board by the prescribing practitioner, within ten (10) days of the date of the prescription. In the event that prescriptions for controlled substances are required for periods of two (2) weeks or longer, the Board may require and RESPONDENT SHALL submit to a pain management and/or chemical dependency evaluation by a Board approved evaluator. The performing evaluator must submit a written report meeting the Board's requirements to the Board's office within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.

- B. While working as a nurse under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for alcohol, nalbuphine, propofol and controlled substances. The Board will provide instructions on how to enroll in the Board's drug and alcohol testing program following the entry of this Order and screening will begin when RESPONDENT obtains employment and submits the Notification of Employment form to the Board.
 - For the probation period, random screens shall be performed at least once every month period.

All random screens SHALL BE conducted through urinalysis. Any test result for a period of time in which the RESPONDENT is not working as a nurse under the terms of this Order will not count towards satisfaction of this requirement. All screens shall be properly monitored and produced in accordance with the Board's policy on Random Drug Testing. A complete chain of custody shall be maintained for each specimen obtained and analyzed. RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for the costs of all random drug screening during the stipulation/probation period.

<u>Specimens shall be screened</u> for any or all of the following substances and/or their metabolites:

Amphetamine MDA Alpha-o-alprazolam Desmethyldiazepam Oxazepam Butabarbital Phenobarbital Hydrocodone Morphine Oxymorphone Cocaine Heroin Meperidine Nalbuphine	Methamphetamine Alprazolam Alpha-Hydroxytriazolam Lorazepam Temazepam Butalbital Secobarbital Hydromorphone Opiates Propoxyphene Phencyclidine Fentanyl Carisoprodol Ketamine	MDMA Diazepam Clonazepam Midazolam Amobarbital Pentobarbital Codeine Methadone Oxycodone Cannabinoids Ethanol Tramadol Butorphanol Propofol
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Upon enrollment in the Board's drug and alcohol testing program, RESPONDENT SHALL, on a daily basis, call or login online to the Board's designated drug and alcohol testing vendor to determine whether or not RESPONDENT has been selected to produce a specimen for screening that day and SHALL, if selected, produce a specimen for screening that same day at an approved testing location and/or comply with any additional instructions from the vendor or Board staff. Further, a Board

representative may appear at the RESPONDENT'S place of employment at any time during the probation period and require RESPONDENT to produce a specimen for screening.

Consequences of Positive or Missed Screens. Any positive result for which RESPONDENT does not have a valid prescription or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen may subject RESPONDENT to 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. Further, failure to report for a drug screen, excessive dilute specimens, or failure to call in for a drug screen may be considered the same as a positive result or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen.

VII. 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 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 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 when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, 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 possible revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 15 day of _	Q.	, 20	1.7
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BETTY OPAL COHN, Res	pondent		

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of June, 2017

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WENDRA PHILLIPS
Notary ID # 11342282
My Commission Expires
December 29, 2018

Notary Public in and for the State of <u>Texas</u>

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 15th day of June, 2017, by BETTY OPAL COHN, Registered Nurse License Number 782728, and said Order is final.

Effective this 20th day of July, 2017.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board