

In the Matter of \$ BEFORE THE TEXAS
Permanent Vocational Nurse \$
License Number 186200 \$
Issued to EMMA NICHOLE JOHNSON, \$
Respondent \$ BOARD OF NURSING

#### **ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

TO: EMMA JOHNSON 1522 DANSBY ST BRYAN, TEXAS 77803

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing was held on October 21, 2019 at 333 Guadalupe, Room 3-460, Austin, Texas, in which the Temporary Suspension of Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 186200, issued to EMMA NICHOLE JOHNSON was considered pursuant to Section 301.4551, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE. Staff of the Texas Board of Nursing appeared and presented evidence and information concerning the conduct of EMMA NICHOLE JOHNSON and whether her continued practice as a nurse would constitute a continuing and imminent threat to the public welfare.

After review and due consideration of the evidence and information presented, the Board finds that the following charge is substantiated:

#### CHARGE I.

On or about May 2, 2019, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Magnified Nursing and Rehabilitation, College Station, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on September 25, 2018. On or about May 2, 2019, Respondent produced a specimen for a random drug screen that resulted positive for alcohol biomarkers Ethyl Glucuronide (ETG) and Ethyl Sulfate (ETS). Noncompliance is the result of her failure to comply with Stipulation Number One (1), Subsection (D), of the order which reads, in pertinent part:

- IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT 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):
- D. RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep all applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas current.

The Texas Board of Nursing further finds that, given the nature of the charges concerning

her fitness to practice, the continued practice of nursing by EMMA NICHOLE JOHNSON

constitutes a continuing and imminent threat to public welfare and that the temporary suspension

of Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 186200, is justified pursuant to Section 301.4551,

TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Vocational Nurse License

Number 186200, issued to EMMA NICHOLE JOHNSON, to practice nursing in the State of Texas

be, and the same is/are, hereby SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY in accordance with Section

301.4551, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a probable cause hearing be conducted in accordance

with Section 301.455(c) not later than seventeen (17) days following the date of the entry of this

order, and a final hearing on the matter be conducted in accordance with 301.455(d) not later than

the 61st day following the date of the entry of this order.

Entered this 21st day of October, 2019,

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING** 

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 

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#### FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, EMMA NICHOLE JOHNSON, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 186200 which is in current 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 May 2, 2019, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Magnified Nursing and Rehabilitation, College Station, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on September 25, 2018. On or about May 2, 2019, Respondent produced a specimen for a random drug screen that resulted positive for alcohol biomarkers Ethyl Glucuronide (ETG) and Ethyl Sulfate (ETS). Noncompliance is the result of her failure to comply with Stipulation Number One (1), Subsection (D), of the order which reads, in pertinent part:

- IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT 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):
- D. RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep all applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas current.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(4),(5),(9),(10)(A),(10)(D)&(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, which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

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, <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Orders which are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Orders of the Board dated November 3, 2008, August 17, 2010, February 12, 2013, and September 25, 2018.

Filed this 21st day of October, 2019,

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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Attachments: Orders of the Board dated November 3, 2008, August 17, 2010, February 12, 2013, and September 25, 2018.

#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED

Vocational Nurse License Number 186200

§ issued to EMMA NICHOLE JOHNSON ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of EMMA NICHOLE JOHNSON, Vocational Nurse License Number 186200. 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), 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 September 6, 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 vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Blinn College, Bryan, Texas, on August 8, 2002. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 24, 2002.
- 5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

10/2002 to 11/2006

Telemetry Nurse

St. Joseph Regional Health Center Bryan, Texas.

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Executive Director of the Board

Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

06/2005 to 11/2006	Field Nurse	Choice Home Care Bryan, Texas.
12/2006 to 04/2007	Unknown	
04/2007 to 10/2007	Private Duty	Pediatric Services of America Austin, Texas.
11/2007 to 01/2008	Unknown	
02/2008 to 03/2009	Field Nurse	Traditions Healthcare Bryan, Texas.
03/2009 to 8/2010	LVN Charge	Hearne Healthcare Center Hearne, Texas.
8/2010 - Present	unknown	

- 6. On or about November 3, 2008, Respondent was issued an Agreed Order of Remedial Education by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated November 3, 2008, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 7. On or about August 17, 2010, Respondent was issued an Agreed Order of Warning with Stipulations by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated August 17, 2010, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 8. On or about February 12, 2013, Respondent was issued an Agreed Order of Reprimand with Stipulations by the Texas Board of Nursing. Respondent has not completed the terms of the Order. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated February 12, 2013, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 9. On or about June 27, 2018, July 20, 2018, and August 7, 2018, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to Respondent on February 12, 2013, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number eight (8), of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose.

On June 27, 2018, July 20, 2018, and August 7, 2018, Respondent submitted a random drug

- screen that resulted positive for alcohol biomarkers Ethyl Glucuronide (ETG) and Ethyl Sulfate (ETS).
- 11. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
- 12. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact resulted from or was significantly influenced by Respondent's substance use disorder.
- 13. 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 substance use disorder.
- 14. 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 301.451-301.555, 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 (11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 186200, heretofore issued to EMMA NICHOLE JOHNSON, 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.
- 6. 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.

#### TERMS OF ORDER

#### I. PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT 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):

- A. Within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL apply to TPAPN;
- B. Within ninety (90) days following the date of entry of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement and complete the enrollment process, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee payable to TPAPN in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00);
- C. 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;
- D. RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep all applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas current; and
- E. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.

### II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW AND APPLICABILITY

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.

- 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.

#### 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. 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 entry of this Order:

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.

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.

# V. EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE

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 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.

# VI. 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 waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) 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 entry of this Order and all conditions of said 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 of 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(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 24 day of September, 20 18

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018, by EMMA NICHOLE JOHNSON, Vocational Nurse License Number 186200, and said Order is final.

Effective this 25th day of September, 2018.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

# BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of \$ AGREED Vocational Nurse License Number 186200 \$ issued to EMMA NICHOLE JOHNSON \$ ORDER

I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document white is on file or is of record in the offices of the Z. Texas Board of Nursing.

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of EMMA NICHOLE JOHNSON, Vocational Nurse License Number 186200, 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)(2)&(10) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on September 6, 2012, subject to ratification by the Board.

#### **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 representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Blinn College, Bryan, Texas, on August 8, 2002. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 24, 2002.
- 5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. On or about November 3, 2008, Respondent was issued an Order of a REMEDIAL EDUCATION by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the November 3, 2008 Agreed Order, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.

- 7. On or about August 17, 2010, Respondent was issued an Order of a WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the August 17, 2010 Agreed Order, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 8. On or about May 20, 2010, Respondent pled Guilty to POSS MARIJ<20Z, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on January 26, 2010, in the County Court of Robertson County, Texas, under Cause No. 10115CR. As a result, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of six (6) months and ordered to pay court costs.
- On or about August 10, 2010 Respondent submitted an Online Renewal Document Vocational Nurse to the Texas Board of Nursing, in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:
  - 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 any pending criminal charges?
  - I. been <u>cited</u> 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?"

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about May 20, 2010, Respondent pled Guilty to POSS MARIJ<20Z, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on January 26, 2010, in the County Court of Robertson County, Texas, under Cause No. 10115CR.

- 10. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Eight (8) and Nine (9), Respondent states she was on her way home when she was stopped for a headlight being out. The car was searched and marijuana was found in the vehicle. Respondent had just received the car back from her cousin who borrowed it while she was at work. Respondent at the time was under a Board order and never submitted a positive UA.
- 11. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of Respondent's misuse of and/or criminal activity regarding illegal substances.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I)&(13).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 186200, heretofore issued to EMMA NICHOLE JOHNSON, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

### **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REPRIMAND WITH STIPULATIONS, and RESPONDENT 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, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license(s) is/are encumbered by this Order, Respondent 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 Respondent wishes to work.

### IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

- (1) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) 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.
- (2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT 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. RESPONDENT 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 RESPONDENT'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. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

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(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," 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 program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND RESPONDENT MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR TWO (2) YEAR(S) OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWENTY-FOUR (24) 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:

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations conditions on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT 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. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and

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the stipulations conditions on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT 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.

- (5) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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 nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. 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 two (2) years of employment as a nurse.

(8) RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of 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.

(9) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol. For the first three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per week. For the next three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least twice per month. For the next six (6) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per month. For the remainder of the stipulation period, random screens shall be performed at least once every three (3) months. All random screens SHALL BE conducted through urinalysis. Screens obtained through urinalysis are the sole method accepted by the Board.

Specimens shall be screened for at least the following substances:

Amphetamines Barbiturates

Barbiturates Benzodiazepines

Cannabinoids

Cocaine Ethanol

tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)

Meperidine Methadone

Methaqualone

Opiates

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

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 period.

Any positive result for which the nurse does not have a valid prescription or failure to report for a drug screen, which may be considered the same as a positive result, will be regarded as non-compliance with the terms of this Order and may subject the nurse to further disciplinary action including EMERGENCY 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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that 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 shall 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 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, 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 Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, 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(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this Of day of January, 20 13.

EMMA NICHOLE JOHNSON, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of 5 amary, 2013.



Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the Signed this 9th day of January, 2013, by EMMA NICHOLE JOHNSON, Vocational Nurse License Number 186200, and said Order is final.

Effective this 12th day of February, 2013.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

# BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse

AGREED

License Number 186200

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issued to EMMA NICHOLE HUFFMAN

ORDER,

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of EMMA NICHOLE HUFFMAN, Vocational Nurse License Number 186200, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on June 18, 2010, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

# **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.
- 2. 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Blinn College At Bryan, Bryan, Texas on August 8, 2002. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 24, 2002.
- Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

10/2002 to 11/2006

Telemetry Nurse

St. Joseph Regional Health Center Bryan, Texas.

Respondent nursing employment history continued:

06/2005 to 11/2006	Field Nurse	Choice Home Care Bryan, Texas.
12/2006 to 04/2007	Unknown	
04/2007 to 10/2007	Private Duty	Pediatric Services of America Austin, Texas.
11/2007 to 01/2008	Unknown	
02/2008 to 03/2009	Field Nurse	Traditions Healthcare Bryan, Texas.
03/2009 to Present	LVN Charge	Hearne Healthcare Center Hearne, Texas.

- 6. On November 3, 2008, Respondent was issued an Agreed Order by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the November 3, 2008 Agreed Order, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 7. At the time of the incident described in Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent was employed as a Field Nurse with Traditions Healthcare, Bryan, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately two (2) years.
- 8. On or about March 12, 2009, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Traditions Health Care, Bryan, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Marijuana in that she produced a drug screen, which resulted positive for Marijuana. Possession of Marijuana is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Marijuana by a Vocational 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, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
- 9. Respondent states she was told that she did test positive for marijuana use. Respondent states that if she had to take a drug test today she would pass. Respondent states that she has never reported to work under the influence of any drugs or alcohol.

- On or about March 28, 2009, Respondent completed a course in Nursing Jurisprudence and Ethics, which would have been a requirement for this Order.
- 11. 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.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 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 of Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(10)(A),(D)&(11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 186200, heretofore issued to EMMA NICHOLE HUFFMAN, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

#### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS, and RESPONDENT 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 Respondent's nurse licensure compact 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 nurse

licensure compact 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 that:

- (1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-sized license issued to EMMA NICHOLE HUFFMAN, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days from the date of ratification of this Order.
- (2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," 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 program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. Information regarding this workshop may be found at the following web address: <a href="http://ncsbn.hivelive.com/hives/a0f6f3e8a0/summary">http://ncsbn.hivelive.com/hives/a0f6f3e8a0/summary</a>.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND RESPONDENT 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

VOCATIONAL NURSE (LVN) LICENSE WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license. RESPONDENT 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. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license. RESPONDENT 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.
- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- 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.

- (6) 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 Registered Nurse or Licensed Vocational Nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. 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.
- (7) RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of 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 an evaluation by a Board approved physician specializing in Pain Management or Psychiatry. The performing evaluator will submit a written report to the Board's office, including results of the evaluation, clinical indications for the prescriptions, and recommendations for on-going treatment within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.
- (8) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol. For the first three (3) month period,

random screens shall be performed at least once per week. For the next three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least twice per month. For the next six (6) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per month. All random screens SHALL BE conducted through urinalysis. Screens obtained through urinalysis are the sole method accepted by the Board.

Specimens shall be screened for at least the following substances:

Amphetamines Meperidine Barbiturates Methadone Benzodiazepines Methaqualone Cannabinoids **Opiates** Cocaine Phencyclidine Ethanol Propoxyphene

tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)

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

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 period.

Any positive result for which the nurse does not have a valid prescription or failure to report for a drug screen, which may be considered the same as a positive result, will be regarded as non-compliance with the terms of this Order and may subject the nurse to further disciplinary action including EMERGENCY 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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT shall 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 alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, 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 Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 18 day of July, 20/0.

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EMMA NICHOLE HUFFMAN, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of Suly, 20/0.

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KENNETH R. STEPHENS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
December 8, 2010

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 1" day of July, 2010, by EMMA NICHOLE HUFFMAN, Vocational Nurse License Number 186200, and said Order is final.

Effective this 17th day of August, 2010.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

# BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of License Number 186200 issued to EMMA NICHOLE HUFFMAN

AGREED

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of EMMA NICHOLE HUFFMAN, Vocational Nurse License Number 186200, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on September 4, 2008, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 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 conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Blinn College, Bryan, Texas, on August 8, 2002. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 24, 2002.
- 5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. On or about July 28, 2008, Respondent submitted a renewal application to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she answered "Yes" to the following question: "Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:

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- A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
- B, been convicted of a felony?
- C, pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
- D. received deferred adjudication?
- been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not E. adjudicated guilty?
- ·F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
- G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
- been arrested or any pending criminal charges? H.
- been cited or charged with any violation of the law? I.
- J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgement/punishment/action?"

On or about October 17, 2007, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA 0-2 OZ, (a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on January 2, 2007), in the 272nd District Court at Brazos County, Texas, under Cause No. 07-00535-CRM-272. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Brazos County Jail for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days.

On or about July 28, 2008, Respondent submitted a written statement related to Finding of 7. Fact number Six (6), in which she stated, "On January 2, 2007, I was riding with a friend in my vehicle. We were stopped by a police officer, who said we were stopped because someone reported a suspicious vehicle that matched the description of my vehicle. The report indicated that my friend was believed to have a weapon in his possession. They searched the vehicle and us, and found marijuana. The marijuana was not mine, but I was charged and convicted because it was my vehicle."

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction 1. over this matter.
- 2, Notice was served in accordance with law.
- The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas 3. Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).
- The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations 4. Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 186200, heretofore issued to EMMA NICHOLE HUFFMAN, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

#### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION, and RESPONDENT 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 Respondent's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice vocational 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 State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

#### IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

- (1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-sized license issued to EMMA NICHOLA HUFFMAN to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days of the date of ratification of this Order for appropriate notation.
- (2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is <u>not</u> 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) contact 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. RESPONDENT 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 RESPONDENT'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. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice vocational 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 violation alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, 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 revocation of my license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 27 day of OCtober, 2008.

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EMMA NICHOLE HUFFMAN, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of October 2008

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REBECCA BAKER
Notary Public, State of Terres
My Commission Expires 01-22-2012

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 27th day of October , 2008, by EMMA NICHOLE HUFFMAN, Vocational Nurse License Number 186200, and said Order is final.

Effective this 3rd day of November 2008

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

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