

#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 572992 issued to VALOREE LYNN BOWEN AGREED ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of VALOREE LYNN BOWEN, Registered Nurse License Number 572992, 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)(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on November 14, 2019.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
- 2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from the University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas, on May 1, 1991. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 26, 1991.
- 5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

08/91 - 02/00

RN

Texas Health Resources Cleburne, Texas

# Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

06/99 – 08/01	LVN Faculty	Hill College Cleburne, Texas
07/00 - 08/06	RN	Lake Granbury Medical Center Granbury, Texas
01/03 - 05/04	RN AND Faculty	Weatherford College Weatherford, Texas
2004 – 2006	BSN Faculty	University of Texas at Arlington Arlington, Texas
2007 – 2008	Interim DON	Colonial Manor Nursing Home Cleburne, Texas
2008 – 2009	Interim DON	Cleburne Rehabilitation Health Cleburne, Texas
08/10 - 02/15	RN	Las Colinas Medical Center Irving, Texas
02/15 - 05/18	RN	Baylor Medical Center Frisco, Texas
11/17 – 8/19	BSN Faculty	West Coast University Dallas, Texas
01/19 – Present	Visiting Faculty	Chamberlain University Irving, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse (RN) with Baylor Medical Center, Frisco, Texas, and had been in that position for three (3) years and two (2) months.
- 7. On or about April 17, 2018, while employed as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the Newborn Nursery of Baylor Scott & White Medical Center at Frisco, Frisco, Texas, Respondent administered a Hepatitis B vaccine to newborn Patient Number F000231217 without obtaining a signed written consent form from the patient's mother.

- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states she asked the patient's mom if it would be okay to administer the Hepatitis vaccine at the same time as the Vitamin K. Respondent states the parents agreed so she continued with the admission. Respondent states she went ahead and gave the admission medication, including the Hepatitis vaccine, and documented it soon after completing the admission. Respondent states that the Team Leader went to get the admission consents signed, including the Hepatitis B vaccine; however, the mom would not sign the consent for the vaccine at that time.
- 9. Respondent completed courses in nursing jurisprudence and ethics on June 1, 2019; critical thinking on May 14, 2019; and documentation on June 1, 2019, which would have been requirements of this Order.

## **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)(D) & (1)(P).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 572992, heretofore issued to VALOREE LYNN BOWEN.
- 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 **REMEDIAL EDUCATION** in accordance with the terms of this Order.

A. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to RESPONDENT to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

- B. This Order SHALL be applicable to RESPONDENT'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. As a result of this Order, RESPONDENT'S license(s) will be designated "single state" and RESPONDENT may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state.

### II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT agrees to comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nursing Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 *et seq.*, and this Agreed Order.

### III. UNDERSTANDING BOARD ORDERS

Within thirty (30) days of entry of this Order, RESPONDENT must successfully complete the Board's online course, "Understanding Board Orders", which can be accessed on the Board's website from the "Discipline & Complaints" drop-down menu or directly at: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/UnderstandingBoardOrders/index.asp">http://www.bon.texas.gov/UnderstandingBoardOrders/index.asp</a>. Upon successful completion, RESPONDENT must submit the course verification at the conclusion of the course, which automatically transmits the verification to the Board.

### IV. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and, subject to meeting all existing eligibility requirements in Texas Occupations Code Chapter 304, Article III, RESPONDENT may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

# **RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION**

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing and a copy of this Order will be mailed to me once the Order becomes effective. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including possible revocation of my license(s) and/or privileges to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

	Signed this 14th day of Novembr, 2019.
	VALOREE LYNN BOWEN, Respondent
Sworn to and subscribed before me t	his, 20
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	Notary Public in and for the State of
	Approved as to form and substance.  Taralynn R. Mackay, Attorney for Respondent
	Signed this 14th day of November, 2019.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 14th day of November, 20 19, by VALOREE LYNN BOWEN, Registered Nurse License Number 572992, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 14th day of November, 20 19.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board