#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

\*\*ASS\*\* Executive Director of the Board\*\*

\*\*Executive Director of the Board\*\*

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Petition for Reinstatement, hereinafter referred to as the Petition, of Registered Nurse License Number 702697, held by GINA CAVENDER ANDREWS, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner.

Petitioner waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Reinstatement Agreed Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on November 8, 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 Petitioner and Petitioner was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
- 2. Petitioner waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Reinstatement Agreed Order.
- 3. Petitioner received an Associate Degree in Nursing from San Jacinto College South, Houston, Texas, on December 12, 2003. Petitioner was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 12, 2004.
- 4. Petitioner's nursing employment history includes:

11/2005-12/2005 Unknown

01/2006-09/2007 RN Christus St. John Hospital

Texas City, Texas

10/2007-05/2008 Unknown

# Petitioner's nursing employment history continued:

06/2008-01/2009	RN	Premier Staffing Houston, Texas
01/2009-06/2009	Triage RN	Memorial Hermann Home Health Houston, Texas
07/2009-04/2010	Unknown	
05/2010-08/2011	RN	Clear Lake Regional Webster, Texas
08/2011	RN PRN	Pro-Health Staffing Houston, Texas
08/2012-11/2012	Field Staff	Apostle Home Health Friendswood, Texas
11/2012-01/2013	Case Manager	Apostle Home Health Friendswood, Texas
01/2013-04/2015	Director of Nursing	Apostle Home Health Friendswood, Texas
04/2015	RN PRN	Living Hope Home Health Houston, Texas
11/2015-01/2016	RN PRN	Denson Home Health Webster, Texas
01/2016-06/2016	Case Manager	Threcare Home Health Houston, Texas
07/2016-11/2017	RN	Texas Home Health Galveston, Texas
06/2017-08/2017	RN	Maxim Health Care/Greenwich Hospital Greenwich, Connecticut
12/2017-01/2018	RN	TrueStaff/Robert Packet Hospital Sayre, Pennsylvania

Petitioner's nursing employment history continued:

05/2018-06/2018

RN

Sam Hospital

Baltimore, Maryland

08/2018-11/2018

RN

Shady Grove

Rockville, Maryland

12/2018-Present

Not employed in nursing

- 5. On or about July 27, 2018, the Board accepted the Voluntary Surrender of Petitioner's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas through an Order of the Board. A copy of the July 27, 2018, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Reinstatement Agreed Order.
- 6. On or about August 19, 2019, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of License to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 7. Petitioner presented the following in support of said petition:
  - A. Letter of recommendation from Ruben Garcia, stating he has known Petitioner for three years. Petitioner is well versed in all aspects of cardiovascular work in the labs, is friendly, confident, and cooperative.
  - B. Documentation of the required continuing education contact hours.
- 8. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past behavior in light of the factors set out in 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.27 and determined that Petitioner currently demonstrates the criteria required for relicensure.
- 9. Relicensure of Petitioner poses no direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public provided Petitioner complies with the stipulations outlined in this Order.
- 10. The Executive Director's review of Petitioner's eligibility for relicensure has been made on the basis of Petitioner's disclosures.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. This reinstatement is made pursuant to Sections 301.453(c) and 301.467, Texas Occupations Code and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26.

- 3. The Board may relicense an individual upon evaluation of the factors in 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.27, and pursuant to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.33, if the Board is satisfied that the individual is able to consistently conform her conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.
- 4. This Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of Petitioner's disclosures. Any subsequently discovered discrepancies will result in investigation and possible disciplinary action, up to revocation of Petitioner's license(s).
- 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. REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that the petition of GINA CAVENDER ANDREWS for reinstatement of license to practice nursing in the State of Texas be **GRANTED** and Registered Nurse License Number 702697 is/are hereby **REINSTATED** in accordance with the terms of this Order.

- A. PETITIONER SHALL pay all re-registration fees, if applicable, and PETITIONER'S licensure status in the State of Texas will be updated to reflect the applicable conditions outlined herein.
- B. Until successfully completed, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to PETITIONER to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. Until successfully completed, this Order SHALL be applicable to PETITIONER'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- D. As a result of this Order, PETITIONER'S license(s) will be designated "single state" and PETITIONER 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, PETITIONER 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 Reinstatement Agreed Order.

#### III. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, PETITIONER SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) within one (1) year of relicensure, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

- A. <u>A Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics</u> 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 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. <u>The course "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.
- D. <u>The course "Professional Boundaries in Nursing,"</u> a 3.0 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), PETITIONER 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. PETITIONER SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is <u>not</u> being offered by a pre-approved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at <u>www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</u>.

#### IV. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, PETITIONER 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 four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) 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: PETITIONER 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, PETITIONER 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: PETITIONER 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. PETITIONER 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. Indirect Supervision: PETITIONER 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 PETITIONER, 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 of experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the PETITIONER is currently working. PETITIONER SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). PETITIONER SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

D. Nursing Performance Evaluations: PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, periodic reports as to PETITIONER'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the individual who supervises the PETITIONER 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 four (4) quarters [one (1) year] of employment as a nurse.

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

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Reinstatement Agreed Order, all encumbrances will be removed from PETITIONER'S license(s) and/or privilege(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, PETITIONER may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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#### **PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION**

I understand this Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of my petition and disclosures. I further understand that subsequently discovered discrepancies in my petition and/or disclosures will result in investigation and possible disciplinary action, up to revocation of my license(s).

I have reviewed this Order. I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I waive representation by counsel. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order. 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 agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to reinstating my license(s) to practice nursing in the state of Texas. 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) and/or nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 26 day of 10c, 2019.

GINA CAVENDER ANDREWS, PETITIONER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 day of 20/9.

**SEAL** 

Notary Public in and for the State of PA

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Notarial Seal CINDY J WILSON – Notary Public ORANGE TWP, COLUMBIA COUNTY My Commission Expires May 2, 2021 WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Reinstatement Agreed Order that was signed on the \_26th\_ day of \_December\_, 20\_19\_, by GINA CAVENDER ANDREWS, Registered Nurse License Number 702697, and said Reinstatement Agreed Order is final.

Effective this \_11th\_ day of \_February\_, 20\_20\_.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

# BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 702697 issued to GINA CAVENDER ANDREWS



#### ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of GINA CAVENDER ANDREWS, Registered Nurse License Number 702697, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from San Jacinto College, Houston, Texas, on December 12, 2003. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 12, 2004.
- 4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

01/04 - 11/04	RN	Memorial Hermann Southeast Houston, Texas
11/04 - 11/05	RN	Bayshore Medical Hospital Pasadena, Texas

Code.

# Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

11/05 - 01/06	Unknown	
01/06 - 09/07	RN	Christus St. John Hospital Texas City, Texas
09/07 - 06/08	Unknown	
06/08 - 01/09	RN	Premier Staffing Houston, Texas
01/09 - 06/09	Triage RN	Memorial Hermann Home Health Houston, Texas
_05/10 - 08/11	RN	Clear Lake Regional Webster, Texas
08/11 - Unknown	RN PRN	Pro-Health Staffing Houston, Texas
08/12 - 11/12	Field Staff	Apostle Home Health Friendswood, Texas
11/12 - 01/13	Case Manager	Apostle Home Health Friendswood, Texas
01/13 - 04/15	Director of Nursing	Apostle Home Health Friendswood, Texas
04/15 - Unknown	RN PRN	Living Hope Home Health Houston, Texas
11/15 - 01/16	RN PRN	Denson Home Health Webster, Texas
01/16 - 06/16	Case Manager	Therecare Home Health Houston, Texas
07/16 - 11/16	RN	Texas Home Health Galveston, Texas
11/16 - Present	Unknown	

- 5. Formal Charges were filed on December 15, 2017. A copy of the Formal Charges are attached and incorporated herein by reference part of this order.
- 6. On July 27, 2018, the Board received a statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated July 27, 2018, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part 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)(A),(1)(B),(1)(D)&(1)(J) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4),(6)(D),(6)(G),(8),(10)(E)&(11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10),(12)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 702697, heretofore issued to GINA CAVENDER ANDREWS, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
- 6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

### TERMS OF ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of Registered Nurse License Number 702697, heretofore issued to GINA CAVENDER ANDREWS, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas

Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

- 1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional/registered nursing, use the title "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
- 2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until at least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
- Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

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.

Effective this 27th day of July, 2018.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING Sollhum C. Moman

By:

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

of said Board

# GINA CAVENDER ANDREWS PO Box 31 Washingtonville, PA 17884 Registered Nurse License Number 702697

# Voluntary Surrender Statement

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:
I no longer desire to be licensed as a nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license(s) to practice in Texas.
I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement
of my license. I understand that I may not petition for reinstatement until one (1) year from the effective date of the
Order. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time
Signature
the State of Texas
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared GINA CAVENDER ANDREWS who, being duly sworn by me, stated that she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that she understood same.  Sworn to before me the day of, 20
Notary Public in and for the State of

In the Matter of Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 702697 Issued to GINA CAVENDER ANDREWS, Respondent BEFORE THE TEXAS

BOARD OF NURSING

#### FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301,452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, GINA CAVENDER ANDREWS, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 702697, 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 September 9, 2016, through November 2, 2017, while employed as a Home Health Nurse with Texas Home Health, Galveston, Texas, and while caring for Patient IM, Respondent violated the professional boundaries of the nurse/patient relationship in that she visited Patient J.M. during non-business hours, and continued communication with Patient J.M. through text messages, telephone calls, and social media. In addition, Respondent engaged in an inappropriate relationship with Patient J.M., stayed overnight at Patient J.M.'s residence, and moved in with Patient J.M. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that it could have resulted in confusion between the needs of the nurse and those of the patient, In addition, Respondent's conduct may have caused delayed distress for the patient, which may not be recognized or felt by the patient until harmful consequences occur.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)&(1)(J), and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(1)(A),(4)&(6)(D).

#### CHARGE II.

On or about October 24, 2016, through October 31, 2016, while employed as a Home Health Nurse with Texas Home Health, Galveston, Texas, Respondent failed to complete documentation for nursing home health visits for patients J.H., J.B., C.T., M.B., W.H., W.K., and J.M. Respondent's conduct resulted in an inaccurate medical record and was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would not have complete information on which to base their care decisions.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)&(1)(D), and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

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 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.bobytexas.gov

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, located at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.33(b), which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.borrtexas.gov.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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