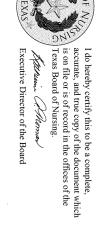
BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of \$ AGREED ORDER Registered Nurse License Number 901666 \$ & Vocational Nurse License Number 321174 \$ issued to JORDAN ELISE REMCHUK \$



On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JORDAN ELISE REMCHUK, Registered Nurse License Number 901666, and Vocational Nurse License Number 321174, 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)(10)&(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 5, 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 Agreed Order.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in current status. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Ranger College, Graham, Texas, on May 1, 2014. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Texas State Technical College, Sweetwater, Texas, on April 1, 2016. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on August 14, 2014. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 21, 2016.

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5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

| 09/14 - 12/14 | LVN | Eastland Memorial Hospital Eastland, Texas |
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| 01/15 – 06-16 | LVN | Stephenville Nursing & Rehab Stephenville, Texas |
| 07/16 – Unknown | Weekend RN | Dove Hill Care Center Hamilton, Texas |
| 11/16 – 12/16 | RN | Lake Granbury Medical Center Granbury, Texas |
| 01/17 04/17 | Unknown | |
| 05/17 - 08/17 | RN | Cross Country Healthcare Center Brownwood, Texas |
| 09/17 – 10/17 | Unknown | |
| 11/17 – 11/19 | RN | Angels of Care Pediatric Home Health Sherman, Texas |
| 12/17 - 03/18 | RN | Eastland Memorial Hospital Eastland, Texas |
| 12/19 - Present | Unknown | |

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse (RN) with Eastland Memorial Hospital, Eastland, Texas, and had been in that position for three (3) months.
- 7. On or about March 15, 2018, while employed with Eastland Memorial Hospital, Eastland, Texas, Respondent falsely documented that she administered two (2) nebulized morphine treatments to Patient Number 1008867 [GP] in that the patient and her family members denied that she received the nebulizer treatments. Additionally, the respiratory therapist (RT) and RN Charge Nurse were unable to locate a delivery device in the patient's room. Respondent's conduct was deceptive, created an inaccurate medical record, and was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to base their decisions for future care.

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- 8. On or about March 15, 2018, while employed with Eastland Memorial Hospital, Eastland, Texas, Respondent signed out inhalation Morphine at 1730 on the Controlled Substance Administration Record (CSAR) for Patient Number 1008867 [GP], but failed to document the administration of the Morphine in the patient's medication administration record (MAR) and/or Nurse's Notes. Additionally, Respondent failed to follow the facility's policy and procedure for wastage of any unused portions of the Morphine. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patient. Additionally, Respondent's conduct left medications unaccounted for, and placed the hospital in violation of Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
- 9. On or about March 15, 2018, while employed with Eastland Memorial Hospital, Eastland, Texas, Respondent failed to perform a Head-to-Toe assessment, or failed to document her assessment, for Patient Number 1008867 [GP] in the patient's medical record. Additionally, Respondent failed to perform and/or document that she performed Hourly Rounding for Patient GP. Respondent's conduct created an incomplete medical record and was likely to injure the patient that subsequent care givers would not have complete information to base their decisions for further care.
- 10. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) through Nine (9), Respondent states that she told her employer that the nebulizer setup tubing had gotten feces on it so she threw it away. Respondent states that the RT and RN charge nurse did not look for the tubing in the garbage. Respondent further states that she was drug tested after this incident and it was negative.

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)(C)&(1)(D) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B), (1)(C),(4),(6)(A),(6)(H),(10)(C)&(11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 901666, and Vocational Nurse License Number 321174, heretofore issued to JORDAN ELISE REMCHUK.
- 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 WARNING 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 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: 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.

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 the effective date of this Order, 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.

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 <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>.

V. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) within forty-five (45) days of the effective date 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.

VI. 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, <u>for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month</u> 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 <u>and will not count towards completion of this requirement</u>.

- 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. **Indirect Supervision:** 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 of 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.

D. 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 four (4) quarters [one (1) year] of employment as a nurse.

VII. 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.

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 1st day of February, 2020, by JORDAN ELISE REMCHUK, Registered Nurse License Number 901666, and Vocational Nurse License Number 321174, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 10th day of March, 2020.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board