

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of
Registered Nurse License Number 678834
issued to JENNIFER JO BRISENO

referred to as Respondent.

AGREED ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JENNIFER JO BRISENO, Registered Nurse License Number 678834, hereinafter

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 April 1, 2020.

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 Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas, on May 1, 2001. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 10, 2001.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

07/2001 - 09/2018

RN

Texas Children's Hospital Houston, Texas

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

10/2018 - Present

RN

Memorial Hermann Hospital Houston, Texas

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, Texas, and had been in that position for seven (7) years and one (1) month.
- 7. On or about August 1, 2018, through August 31, 2018, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, Texas, Respondent failed to administer Hydrocodone/APAP to patients as ordered by a physician. More specifically, Respondent administered Hydrocodone/APAP to patients noted as being asleep and/or with a documented pain score of zero despite the physician's order stating to administer the medication for a pain score of 1-5 or 6-10. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients in that failure to administer medication as ordered by a physician could have resulted in non-efficacious treatment.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent takes full responsibility for her actions. Respondent states it was her practice to review her patients' charts and visit with each of them at the beginning of her shift to discuss their care. Respondent states she always asked the patients if they want to be woken up to take their scheduled pain medication. Respondent states the patients who were documented as being asleep responded that they wanted to be woken up to take their scheduled pain medication because they did not want to be in pain. Respondent states she had been told by physicians to give the patients their pain medication as scheduled even if their pain level was zero, so long as it was scheduled and they requested it.

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), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12 (1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).
- 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 678834, heretofore issued to JENNIFER JO BRISENO.

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 apprivileges, 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)

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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. 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 nother Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. Home study and video programs will not goe approved.
- B. <u>A Board-approved course in medication administration</u> with a didactic portion of not less than six (6) hours and a clinical component of not less than twenty-four (24) hours. Both the didactic and clinical components must be provided by the same Registered Nurse. The course's content shall include: a review of proper administration procedures for all standard routes; computation of drug dosages; the six (6) rights of medication administration; factors influencing the choice of route; and possible adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. Successful completion of this course requires RESPONDENT to successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course.
- C. 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/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. 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) 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, 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 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 becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on 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 possible revocation of my license(s) and/or privileges to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

ARUN ABRAHAM Notary Public, State of Texas Comm. Expires 07-19-2020	Signed this 7th day of May, 20 20
Notary ID 130744079	JEMNIFER JO BRISENO, RESPONDENT
Sworn to and subscribed before me	this
SEAL	C/O
	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 7th day of May, 2020, by JENNIFER JO BRISENO, Registered Nurse License Number 678834, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 7th day of May, 2020.

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

of said Board