BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 572684 issued to KATHY ANN LUNDEGREEN RSING

AGREED ORDEI

Board

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, consulated the matter of KATHY ANN LUNDEGREEN, Registered Nurse License Number 572684, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

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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 March 12, 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 an Associate Degree in Nursing from Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas, on May 15, 1991. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 26, 1991.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

8/1991 - 10/2000

Registered Nurse

St. Anthony Baptist Hospital Amarillo, Texas

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

5/2000 – 5/2002	Unknown	
6/2002 – 11/2008	Registered Nurse	Northwest Texas Hospital Amarillo, Texas
11/2008 – 2/2011	Registered Nurse	Home Care Connections Amarillo, Texas
2/2011 – 3/2012	Unknown	
3/2012 – 12/2012	Registered Nurse	Daybreak Community Connections Amarillo, Texas
12/2012 - 5/2013	Unknown	
5/2013 – 3/2017	Registered Nurse	Humana Health Louisville, Kentucky
3/2017 – 9/2017	Registered Nurse	Encompass Home Health Amarillo, Texas
9/2017 – 1/2018	Unknown	
1/2018 – 2/2018	Registered Nurse	Ussery Roan Texas State Veterans' Home Amarillo, Texas
2/2018 - 10/2018	Unknown	
10/2018 - Present	Registered Nurse	Children's Home Health Care Amarillo, Texas

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Children's Home Health Services, Amarillo, Texas, and had been in that position for one (1) year and one (1) month.
- 7. On or about November 11, 2019, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Children's Home Health Services, Amarillo, Texas, Respondent failed to appropriately intervene when the pulse oximeter was removed from pediatric patient M.S. during a physical therapy session; and, Respondent also failed to appropriately respond, including failure to immediately initiate emergency services, when the patient presented with low O2

saturations in the 20's once the pulse oximeter was reattached to the patient's foot by the physical therapist. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient to a risk of harm from a delay in interventions needed to prevent further complications.

8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states she should have called 911 much faster. Respondent also states she assessed the supportive breathing that was being administered by the physical therapist before troubleshooting the alarm tubing. Respondent further states she should have sent the patient to the hospital once emergency services arrived on scene.

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)(M)
- 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 572684, heretofore issued to KATHY ANN LUNDEGREEN.
- 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: 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. 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 and video programs will not be approved.

B. 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.

Signed this 11 day of 700, 20 20.	
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this

day of <u>May</u>, 20<u>36</u>

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Notary Public in and for the State of 1exas

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 11th day of May, 2020, by KATHY ANN LUNDEGREEN, Registered Nurse License Number 572684, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 19th day of May, 2020.

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board