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Patricia A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of
JOHN EDWARD HARGER,
Registered Nurse License Number 744733

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ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JOHN EDWARD HARGER, Registered Nurse License Number 744733, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

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

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 Lone Star College, Conroe, Texas, on June 18, 2007. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 17, 2007.
4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

7/2007 – 9/2007 Unknown

10/2007 – 3/2008	RN	Cleveland Regional Medical Center Cleveland, Texas
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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

4/2008 – 5/2009	RN	Ben Taub General Hospital Houston, Texas
5/2009 – 9/2013	RN	Solara Hospital Conroe, Texas
9/2013 – 2/2014	RN	Huntsville Memorial Hospital Huntsville, Texas
3/2014 – 7/2017	Unknown	
8/2017 – 7/2019	RN	HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest Houston, Texas
8/2019 – Present	Unknown	

5. On or about July 6, 2019, while employed as a Registered Nurse with HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest, Houston, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing in that he was found unconscious and slumped over on the floor inside a locked facility bathroom, with a tourniquet on his arm with multiple syringes labeled Versed and Fentanyl and a butterfly needle in close proximity. Furthermore, nursing staff had to use vigorous stimuli to arouse Respondent. Respondent's actions could have affected his ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing his patients in potential danger.
6. On June 8, 2020, the Board received a statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas.

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) 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4)&(5).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 744733, heretofore issued to JOHN EDWARD HARGER, 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 744733 is accepted by 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 himself 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:
 - A. At least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and
 - B. RESPONDENT has objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

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IT IS FURTHER 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 8th day of June, 2020



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