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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

## BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of	§	AGREED ORDER
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License	§	
Number AP115265 with Prescription	§	
Authorization Number 7162	§	
& Registered Nurse License Number 637677	§	
issued to TERRI JENAI DENEUI	§	

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of TERRI JENAI DENEUI, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP115265 with Prescription Authorization Number 7162, and Registered Nurse License Number 637677, 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 June 25, 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. Respondent's license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Texas with authorization as an Acute Care Adult Nurse Practitioner is in current status with Prescription Authorization Number 7162 in current status.

4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from El Centro College, Dallas, Texas, on December 1, 1996; received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Women's University, Denton, Texas, in August 2003; received a Master's Degree in Nursing from The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas, on August 15, 2006; and received a Doctorate in Nursing Practice from The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas, in May 2018. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 11, 1997. Respondent was licensed to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the State of Texas with authorization as an Acute Care Adult Nurse Practitioner on September 1, 2006. Respondent was licensed to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the State of Texas with authorization as an Acute Care Adult Nurse Practitioner with Prescription Authorization on September 1, 2006.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

2/1997 – 2003	Registered Nurse	Methodist Dallas Medical Center Dallas, Texas
2000-2003	Nurse Manager	Methodist Dallas Medical Center Dallas, Texas
8/2003-11/2006	Registered Nurse	Methodist Dallas Medical Center Dallas, Texas
2006-2010	Acute Care Adult Nurse Practitioner	Physicians Emergency Care Associates of Dallas Dallas, Texas
2007-2009	Acute Care Adult Nurse Practitioner	Wise County Medical and Surgical Associates Decatur, Texas
2008-2010	Acute Care Adult Nurse Practitioner	EmCare Inpatient Management Services Unknown
5/2008-Present	Acute Care Adult Nurse Practitioner/Owner	Evexias Medical Centers Southlake, Texas
2010-2012	Acute Care Adult Nurse Practitioner	EmCare Emergency Medicine Services Unknown

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as an Acute Care Adult Nurse Practitioner and Owner of Evexias Medical Centers, Southlake, Texas, and had been in that position for seven (7) years and three (3) months.
7. On or about August 27, 2015, through May 9, 2017, while employed as an Acute Care Adult Nurse Practitioner and Owner of Evexias Medical Centers, Southlake, Texas, Respondent failed to adequately document assessments and/or clinic visits of a family member, including the basis for prescriptions which included controlled substances. Respondent's conduct resulted in an incomplete medical record and could have exposed the patient to a risk of harm in that subsequent caregivers would not have reliable information on which to base their care decisions.
8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Eight (7), Respondent states that she understands that providing care and writing prescriptions for a family member should only occur in limited circumstances, and she also knows that the clinical and documentation standards of care still apply. Respondent states that each prescription was medically necessary and appropriately prescribed, but recognizes that her documentation regarding the basis for each prescription could have been better. Respondent adds that she completed a 6.4 hours of online courses on ethics, jurisprudence, documentation, and record keeping. Respondent states that she has now revised Evexias' policies on documentation and instituted a new policy on prescribing by APRNs at Evexias that honors the Board stance on prescribing to family members, thereby disallowing the practice.

#### 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)(M)&(4)(B) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12 (1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)&(4).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP115265 with Prescription Authorization Number 7162, and Registered Nurse License Number 637677, heretofore issued to TERRI JENAI DENEUI.
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** 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.
- C. **The course "Professional Boundaries in Nursing,"** 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), 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 not being offered by a pre-approved provider. *Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at [www.bon.texas.gov/compliance](http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance).*

## V. **EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS**

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as an advanced practice registered 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 an advanced practice registered nurse have

elapsed. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement. Further, Respondent may not work as a registered nurse (RN) or a vocational nurse (LVN) license, as applicable, while under the terms of this Order.

- A. **Notifying Present and Future Employers, Practice Sites and Credentialing Agencies:** RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers, practice sites and/or credentialing agencies in nursing and present a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, to each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing prior to accepting an offer of employment and/or assignment.
- B. **Notification of Employment Forms:** RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the RESPONDENT by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the RESPONDENT by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- C. **Monitored Practice:** RESPONDENT'S advanced practice registered nursing must be monitored by a Physician or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in the same advanced role and population focus area as RESPONDENT who has been approved by the Board. RESPONDENT MUST, within ten (10) days of entry of this Order or within (10) days of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse, provide to the Board a list of three (3) Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and/or three (3) Physicians from which the Board shall select an approved monitor. For each Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Physician, the list must include name, license number or social security number, educational background and professional employment history. Monitoring shall commence no later than thirty (30) days following the date of RESPONDENT'S receipt of the name of the approved monitor selected by the Board. The monitor will offer guidance, advice

and assistance to the RESPONDENT as necessary to ensure that deficiencies such as those set forth in this Order do not reoccur. RESPONDENT SHALL meet with the monitor at least twice a month, at least one (1) hour duration each. Meetings may be longer and more frequent if the monitor determines necessary. Multiple employers are prohibited.

- D. Nursing Performance Reports:** RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each supervising/monitoring Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician 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 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician who supervises/monitors the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising/monitoring Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician 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.

**VI. 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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**RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION**

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. 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 is subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing and a copy of this Order will be mailed to me once the Order becomes effective. 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 26 day of June, 2020.

*[Signature]*  
TERRI JENAI DENEUI, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 day of June, 2020.

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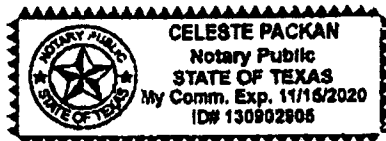
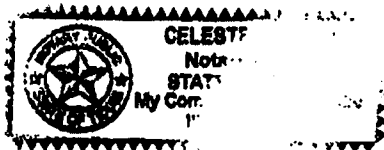
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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

*[Signature]*  
Laura Diamond, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 26 day of June, 2020.





WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, by TERRI JENAI DENEUI, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP115265, and Registered Nurse License Number 637677, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 18th day of August, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine A. Thomas".

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