

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of \$ AGREED ORDER Vocational Nurse License Number 149376 \$ FOR issued to TREVA CAROL SOUTHERN \$ KSTAR PROGRAM

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of TREVA CAROL SOUTHERN, Vocational Nurse License Number 149376, 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 for KSTAR Program approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on March 30, 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 for KSTAR Program.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Odessa College-Andrews, Andrews, Texas, on August 11, 1994. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 10, 1994.

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5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

10/1994 – 11/2007 Licensed Vocational Nurse Buena Vida Nursing and Rehabilitation Odessa, Texas

11/2007 - Present Licensed Vocational Nurse Senior Care/Midland Medical Lodge

Midland, Texas

10/2014 – 10/2018 Case Manager Basin Medical Solution

Odessa, Texas

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Midland Medical Lodge, and had been in that position for twelve (12) years and eleven (11) months.
- 7. On or about October 28, 2019, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse at Midland Medical Lodge, Midland, Texas, Respondent incorrectly administered eleven (11) units of Humalog subcutaneously to Resident HH at 06:12, instead of with meals, as ordered. Subsequently, Resident HH was found by another nurse to be in an altered state, with a blood glucose level of 32 mg/dl. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the resident due to complications related to hypoglycemia.
- 8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that she administered the medication as provided and the resident was in fair condition when she left the room to continue to provide care to the other residents. Respondent states that the Treatment Nurse informed her that the resident was acting strange. Respondent states that she was in the middle of caring for another resident, so she asked the nurse to recheck the resident's blood sugar. Respondent states that the nurse returned and stated that the resident's blood sugar was low. Respondent states she followed policy to care for low blood sugar and when she rechecked, the blood sugar level was stable. Respondent states she assisted the resident to the dining room for his meal.

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) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(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 Vocational Nurse License Number 149376, heretofore issued to TREVA CAROL SOUTHERN.
- 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 for KSTAR Program.

III. KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, TRAINING, ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH (KSTAR) PROGRAM

IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, successfully complete the Knowledge, Skills, Training, Assessment and Research (KSTAR) Program and RESPONDENT SHALL:

- A. Within forty-five (45) days following the effective date of this Order, apply to and enroll in the KSTAR Program, including payment of any fees and costs, unless otherwise agreed in writing;
- B. Submit to an individualized assessment designed to evaluate RESPONDENT'S nursing practice competency and to support a targeted remediation plan;
- C. Follow all requirements within the remediation plan, if any;
- D. Successfully complete a Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics as part of the KSTAR Program; and
- E. Provide written documentation of successful completion of the KSTAR Program to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office.

IV. FURTHER COMPETENCY ISSUES AND VIOLATIONS

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT'S individualized KSTAR Program assessment identify further competency issues and violations of the Nursing Practice Act, including inability to practice nursing safely, further disciplinary action, up to and including revocation of RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, may be taken based on such results in the assessments.

V. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order for KSTAR Program, 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

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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 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 27 day of May, 2020.

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TREVA CAROL SOUTHERN, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of May, 20 20.

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Notary Public in and for the State of Tixas



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order for KSTAR Program that was signed on the 27th day of May, 2020, by TREVA CAROL SOUTHERN, Vocational Nurse License Number 149376, and said Agreed Order for KSTAR Program is final.

Effective this 18th day of August, 2020.

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board