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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of	§	AGREED ORDER
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License	§	
Number AP112692 with Prescription	§	
Authorization Number 5319	§	
& Registered Nurse License Number 569316	§	
issued to STACY MAUREEN STONE	§	

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of STACY MAUREEN STONE, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP112692 with Prescription Authorization Number 5319, and Registered Nurse License Number 569316, 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 August 26, 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 a Family Nurse Practitioner is in current status with Prescription Authorization Number 5319 in current status.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on December 1, 1990. Respondent completed a Family Nurse Practitioner Program from West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas, on August 15, 2003. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on April 29, 1991. Respondent was licensed to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the State of Texas with authorization as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Prescription Authorization on September 11, 2003.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

4/1991 – 1995	Unknown	
1996 – 1998	RN	Covenant Plainview Plainview Hospital
1999 – 2000	Unknown	
2001 – 2003	RN	Covenant Medical Center Lubbock, Texas
2004	Unknown	
2005 – 2014	FNP	Dr. Kenneth M. Rice Lubbock, Texas
2012 – 2013	FNP	Joe Arrington Cancer Center Lubbock, Texas
2013- 2015	Hospitalist - CNP	Apogee Physicians – Hospitalist Las Cruces, New Mexico
2015 – 2016	Hospitalist - CNP	Island Medical Management Carlsbad, New Mexico
12/2016- 3/2018	FNP	Sound Physicians Tacoma, Washington Covenant Plainview Hospital Plainview, Texas
4/2018	Unknown	
5/2018 - Present	FNP	Roswell MediCo Roswell, New Mexico

6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Sound Physicians, Tacoma, Washington, and assigned to Covenant Plainview Hospital, Plainview, Texas.

7. On or about December 5, 2016, through April 4, 2018, while employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Sound Physicians, Tacoma, Washington, and assigned to Covenant Plainview Hospital, Plainview, Texas, Respondent issued fifty-five (55) prescriptions for controlled substances, including Acetaminophen with Codeine, Guaifenesin with Codeine, Carisoprodol, Clonazepam, and Zolpidem Tartrate, to various members of her family

without documenting any assessments to justify her prescribing practices. Respondent's conduct falls below the minimum applicable standard of care.

8. On or about December 5, 2016, through April 4, 2018, while employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Sound Physicians, Tacoma, Washington, and assigned to Covenant Plainview Hospital, Plainview, Texas, Respondent issued fifty-five (55) prescriptions for controlled substances, including Acetaminophen with Codeine, Guaifenesin with Codeine, Carisoprodol, Clonazepam, and Zolpidem Tartrate, to various members of her family without authorization. More specifically, Respondent used a prescription pad belonging to Covenant Plainview Hospital to issue controlled substances to her family members despite the fact they were not patients of the hospital. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the pharmacy and resulted in unauthorized prescriptions being submitted to the pharmacy.
9. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states the primary reason she treated her family members was their lack of insurance and their inability to see a primary care provider in their small, rural community. Respondent acknowledges it was a poor choice on her part to treat her family members and prescribe them controlled substances. She states each prescription was issued for a legitimate medical reason and each time she treated a family member she performed the same type of head-to-toe or focused assessment as she would on any other patient.
10. Respondent submitted a letter of support from Siavash Karimian, MD, DABFM, who wrote that Respondent "is an individual of the highest personal and professional integrity."
11. Respondent submitted a letter of support from Staci West, ACNP-BC DNP, who wrote that Respondent "is an asset to our medical practice and patients in this community."
12. On or about January 24, 2019, Respondent successfully completed a course entitled, "Prescription Opioids: Risk Management and Strategies for Safe Use."
13. On or about January 24, 2019, Respondent successfully completed a course entitled, "Responsible and Effective Opioid Prescribing."
14. On or about January 29, 2019, Respondent successfully completed a course in Texas Nursing Jurisprudence and Ethics, which would have been a requirement of this order.

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)&(4), 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4), (6)(H)&(10)(E), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §222.4(a)(1)(A).

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 AP112692 with Prescription Authorization Number 5319, and Registered Nurse License Number 569316, heretofore issued to STACY MAUREEN STONE.
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 **REPRIMAND WITH STIPULATIONS AND FINE** 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 nursing documentation** that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. Home study courses 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 Accountability,"** a 4.6 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 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.*

V. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

VI. 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 eight (8) quarterly periods [two (2) years] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until eight (8) 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. Should Respondent successfully complete a similar order issued by another Compact Party State's Board of Nursing, Respondent may request that the Texas Board of Nursing consider whether her completion of the similar order satisfies her Texas 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 for at least one (1) hour duration each meeting. Meetings may be longer and more frequent if the monitor determines necessary. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- D. Nursing Performance Evaluations:** RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each supervising 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 the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for eight (8) quarters [two (2) years] of employment as a nurse.

VII. 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.

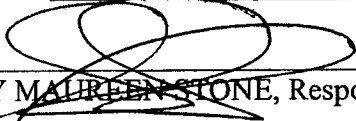
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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

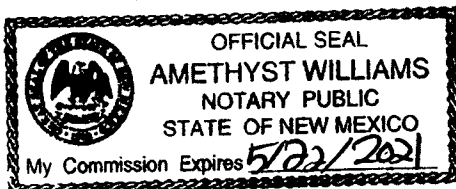
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action 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 2 day of November, 2020.


STACY MAUREEN STONE, Respondent

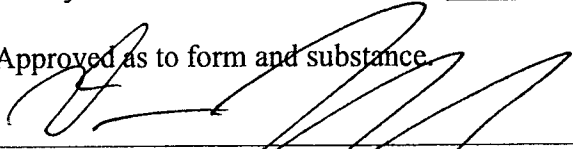
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2 day of November, 2020.

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Notary Public in and for the State of New Mexico

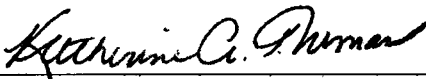
Approved as to form and substance.


Dan Lype, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 6 day of November, 2020.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 2nd day of November, 2020, by STACY MAUREEN STONE, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP112692, and Registered Nurse License Number 569316, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 8th day of December, 2020.



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