

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of \$ AGREED ORDER Vocational Nurse License Number 339710 \$ issued to KRISTIN DANIELLE MCGEE \$

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of KRISTIN DANIELLE MCGEE, Vocational Nurse License Number 339710, 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)(1)&(10), 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 18, 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 vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Pioneer Pacific College, Wilsonville, Oregon, on October 1, 2015. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 22, 2017.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

10/2015 - 08/2017

LVN

Avamere Health Services Eugene, OR

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

03/2016 - 09/2016	LVN	Forensic Medical Unknown
06/2016 - 6/2017	LVN	Good Samaritan Society Eugene, Or
9/2017 – 11/2017	LVN	Thrive Skilled Pediatric Care San Antonio, TX
12/2017	Unknown	
1/2018 — 1/15/2019	LVN	Technical Healthcare Institute San Antonio, TX
1/2019 – 8/23/2019	LVN	Los Colinas of Westover Hills San Antonio, TX
12/19/2019 – Current	LVN	Mesa Vista Health Center San Antonio, TX

- 6. On or about October 25, 2018, Respondent was issued the sanction of Warning with Stipulations through an Order of the Board. A copy of the October 25, 2018, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
- 7. On or about February 5, 2019, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to Respondent on October 25, 2018, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Section IV, "EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS," Part B, of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:
 - "... "RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order."..."

Respondent was employed at Los Colinas of Westover Hills, San Antonio, Texas. Although Respondent received the final Order on October 25, 2018, Respondent never provided the Board with a Notification of Employment form.

- 8. In response to Findings of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that she thought that her supervisor during her employment at Los Colinas of Westover Hills, San Antonio, Texas, did complete the "Notification of Employment" form and sent it to the Texas Board of Nursing.
- 9. On or about May 5, 2019, and August 5, 2019, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to Respondent on October 25, 2018, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Section IV, "EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS," Part E, of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:
 - "... RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer 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 individual who supervised the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising individual 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."

At all times relevant, Respondent was employed at Los Colinas of Westover Hills, San Antonio, Texas. Although Respondent received the final Order on October 25, 2018, Respondent did not submit her May 5, 2019, or August 5, 2019, quarterly reports.

- 10. In response to Findings of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent states that she thought the quarterly reports were completed during her employment at Los Colinas of Westover Hills, San Antonio, Texas, and sent to the Texas Board of Nursing.
- 11. Formal Charges were filed on July 17, 2020.

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 §217.12 (11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b) (1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 339710, heretofore issued to KRISTIN DANIELLE MCGEE.

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 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" as applicable and RESPONDENT may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state using a Texas compact license.

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. COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR ORDER

The Order Warning with Stipulation of the Board issued to RESPONDENT on October 25, 2018, is still in effect in its entirety and RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for completing the terms of that Order Warning with Stipulation and any outstanding Remedial Education Courses required in the October 25, 2018, must be completed within six (6) months from the effective date of this Agreed Order.

IV. 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.

V. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) within forty-five (45) 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. 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 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.

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 7th day of December, 2020, by KRISTIN DANIELLE MCGEE, Vocational Nurse License Number 339710, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 21st day of January, 2021.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

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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 Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on June 25, 2018.

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 Order.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
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01/2018 - Present	LVN	Technical Healthcare Institute San Antonio, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Thrive Skilled Pediatric Care, San Antonio, Texas, and had been in that position for approximately two (2) months.
- 7. On or about November 12, 2017, while employed with Thrive Skilled Pediatric Care, San Antonio, Texas, and assigned to provide nursing care for Patient A00676-01, Respondent falsified nursing notes, including vital signs, in that she left the patient's home at 1pm, but submitted documentation for a full twelve (12) hour shift. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive other caregivers who needed complete information on which to base their care.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7) Respondent states she leaves her documentation at the client's home and turns it in every Saturday after her shift. The following Friday her client had taken her nurse's notes and she finished the last few notes on a blank piece of paper, knowing she'd be back the next day. Saturday, her patient brought her what she assumed was her Friday notes. Not looking, she filled out the remaining notes from the day prior and turned them in. She takes full accountability and knows better than to sign something without looking at it in full detail. There was never any intent and/or means to harm, lie or fraud anyone.

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) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B),(1)(C),&(6)(A).
- 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 339710, heretofore issued to KRISTIN DANIELLE MCGEE.
- 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 AND A 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 Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 *et seq.*, and this 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 courses and video programs will not be approved.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.

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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 preapproved 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 two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) within forty-five (45) days of entry 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 a 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 a nurse have elapsed. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of a registered nurse (RN) or a vocational nurse (LVN) license, as appropriate, will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement.

A. Notifying Present and Future Employers: RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, prior to accepting an offer of employment.

- B. Notification of Employment Forms: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment form" to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- C. Indirect Supervision: RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- D. Nursing Performance Evaluations: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer 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 individual who supervises the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising individual 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.

VII. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this 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.

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed 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 when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, 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) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 22 day of Septem Devo 18.

KRISTIN DANIELLE MCGEE, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of SEPTENBER, 2018.

G€RALD F. GIORDANO Notary Public, State of Texas Comm. Expires 06-24-2019 Notary ID 130272685

Comm. Expires 06-24-2019 Notary Public in and for the State of TBXAS

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>22nd</u> day of <u>September</u>, 20<u>18</u>, by KRISTIN DANIELLE MCGEE, Vocational Nurse License Number 339710, and said Order is final.

Effective this 25th day of October , 20 18.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board