

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License	§	AGREED ORDER
Number 567141 and Privilege to Practice from	§	
Mississippi Registered Nurse License Number	§	
723517 issued to SHERROLYNN EDWARDS	§	

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of SHERROLYNN EDWARDS, Registered Nurse License Number 567141 and Privilege to Practice from Mississippi Registered Nurse License Number 723517, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Sections 301.452(b)(10)&(13) and 304.0015, Article V, 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 January 14, 2021.

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 delinquent status. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Mississippi, a member State in the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, is in current status.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston, Mississippi, on December 1, 1988. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 14, 1991.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
6. On or about June 23, 2016, through July 7, 2016, while utilizing a Privilege to Practice (PTP) nursing from the State of Mississippi and employed as a registered nurse with Plaza Medical Center, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent removed Fentanyl 100mcg and Midazolam 2mg from the facility medication dispensing system for patients but failed to accurately and/or completely and accurately document the administration of the medications in the patients' Medication Administration Record. Respondent's conduct could have injured the patients in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patient which could result in an overdose. Additionally, Respondent's conduct placed the hospital in violation of Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
7. On or about June 23, 2016, through July 7, 2016, while utilizing a Privilege to Practice (PTP) nursing from the State of Mississippi and employed as a registered nurse with Plaza Medical Center, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent removed Fentanyl 100mcg, Fentanyl 250mcg, and Midazolam 2mg from the facility medication dispensing system for patients but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedures for wastage of unused portions of the medications. Respondent's conduct left medications unaccounted for, was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy, and placed the pharmacy in violation of Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
8. On or about June 24, 2016, through July 7, 2016, while utilizing a Privilege to Practice (PTP) nursing from the State of Mississippi and employed as a registered nurse with Plaza Medical Center, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent misappropriated, or failed to take precautions to prevent the misappropriation of, Midazolam 2mg and Fentanyl 100mcg, belonging to the facility and patients thereof. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.
9. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6), Seven (7), and Eight (8), Respondent states that the assignment at issue was her first travel assignment, she was placed on an understaffed ICU, and for what became her final shift of the assignment, she was unexpectedly not relieved at the end of her shift, leaving her to work nearly 15 hours with only a break for lunch. After contacting her travel company regarding the lack of relief, she was escorted from the facility and her contract was terminated. If there were medications that were not appropriately wasted or documented as administered, it was due to her being asked to leave before her documentation was finished. Respondent offered to provide a drug screen and was told it would not be necessary. Respondent prides herself on her professionalism and did not intentionally make any errors in regard to her documentation.
10. Formal Charges were filed on January 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 §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)&(1)(D) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(4),(6)(G),(8),(10)(C),(10)(E)&(11)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13) and 304.0015, Article V, Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 567141, heretofore issued to SHERROLYNN EDWARDS.
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 RESPONDENT'S license(s), and any privilege(s) to practice, as applicable, shall be placed in **INACTIVE** status.

Should RESPONDENT decide in the future to reactivate his/her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, RESPONDENT SHALL be required to petition the Board for reactivation of the license and satisfy all then existing requirements for reactivation. Further, RESPONDENT'S reactivated license(s) SHALL BE subject to, at a minimum, the remedial education courses, work restrictions, supervised practice, and employer reporting which would have been requirements of this Order had RESPONDENT not chosen to inactivate his/her nursing license(s).

Until such time that RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas is/are reactivated, RESPONDENT SHALL NOT use a Privilege to Practice Nursing in the State of Texas from any Nurse License Compact member state.

II. SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, should the RESPONDENT'S conduct, as outlined in the findings of fact of this Agreed Order, result in subsequent judicial action, including a deferred disposition, RESPONDENT may be subject to further disciplinary action, up to, and including, revocation of RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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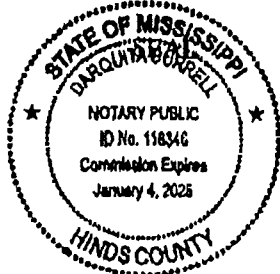
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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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. I further understand that, should I decide in the future to reactivate my license(s), I will be required to satisfy, at a minimum, the additional requirements that would have been part of this Order had the license(s) not been placed in inactive status, as stated herein, as well as all then existing requirements for reactivation.

Signed this 22 day of January, 2021.
Sherrolynn Edwards
SHERROLYNN EDWARDS, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of January, 2021.



DC
Notary Public in and for the State of MS

Approved as to form and substance.

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Darrin Dest, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 25 day of January, 2021.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 22nd day of January, 2021, by SHERROLYNN EDWARDS, Registered Nurse License Number 567141 and Privilege to Practice from Mississippi Registered Nurse License Number 723517, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 9th day of February, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Katherine A. Thomas".

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