

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Petition for Reinstatement, hereinafter referred to as the Petition, of Vocational Nurse License Number 227968, held by LATONYA N. CRAMER, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner.

Petitioner waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Reinstatement Agreed Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on December 17, 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 Petitioner and Petitioner was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
- 2. Petitioner waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Reinstatement Agreed Order.
- 3. Petitioner received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Platt College, Moore, Oklahoma, on June 1, 2009. Petitioner was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 4, 2010.
- 4. Petitioner's nursing employment history includes:

LVN Warr Acres Nursing Center

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

LVN Grace Living Center

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Petitioner's nursing employment history continued:

LVN Meadowlakes Estates

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

LVN Angels of Care Pediatric Home Health

Dallas, Texas

LVN Southwest Nursing & Rehabilitation

Fort Worth, Texas

- 5. On or about July 6, 2012, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to Count 1DIST OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE INCL POSS W/INTENT, Count 2 DISTRIBUTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, POSSESS WITH INTENT, Count 3 ACQUIRE PROCEEDS FROM DRUG ACTIVITIES, Count 4 USE OF FIREARM WHILE COMMITTING A FELONY, Count 5 RECEIVE, POSSESS OR CONVEAL STOLEN PROPERTY, a Felony offense, in the District Court of Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma, under Case No. CF-2011-2725. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of four (4) years, and ordered, to pay a fine and court costs.
- 6. On or about November 12, 2013, Petitioner's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas was Revoked through a Default Order of the Board. A copy of the November 12, 2013, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Reinstatement Agreed Order.
- 7. On or about March 15, 2020, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of License to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 8. Petitioner presented the following in support of said petition:
 - A. Letter of support dated December 13, 2019, from Daron Lawrence, Post-Sale Support Manager, IronPlanet/RitchieBros, Ft. Worth, Texas.
 - B. Letter of support dated December 26, 2019, from Niquita Sherae Davis, LVN.
 - C. Letter of support dated May 29, 2020, from Treva Whitney, LPN, Decatur, Georgia.
 - D. Documented proof of drug screens from December 29, 2016, through January 18, 2017, and from January 30, 2018, through December 3, 2018.
 - E. Documentation of AA/NA Support Group Attendance in January 2017, February 2017, and periodically in 2018.
 - F. Documentation of the required continuing education contact hours.
- 9. Petitioner provides May 15, 2015, as her date of sobriety.

- 10. On or about June 2020, Petitioner complete a forensic psychological evaluation performed by Kit Harrison Ph.D. Dr. Harrison states Petitioner would be able to currently and consistently behave in accordance with the requirements of Board Rules 213.27—213.29 as well as the minimum nursing standards set forth in Board Rule 217.11. Further, it is Dr. Harrison's opinion that the Petitioner would avoid behaviors identified by the Board as constituting unprofessional conduct, and that, during her first year of nursing employment, she would benefit from formal supervision from another licensee, emphasizing professional relationship issues, trust, and acceptance of policies with which she may not entirely agree. It is recommended she not engage in independent or self-employed status for a period of at least two years, or as recommended by the Board.
- 11. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past behavior in light of the factors set out in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27 and determined that Petitioner currently demonstrates the criteria required for relicensure.
- 12. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past criminal conduct in light of the considerations and criteria provided in 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§213.28 & 213.33, and, as applicable, Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 13. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's substance use disorder, and subsequent rehabilitation as provided in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.29 and in accordance with 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.33.
- 14. Relicensure of Petitioner poses no direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public provided Petitioner complies with the stipulations outlined in this Order.
- 15. The Executive Director's review of Petitioner's eligibility for relicensure has been made on the basis of Petitioner's disclosures.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. This reinstatement is made pursuant to Sections 301.453(c) and 301.467, Texas Occupations Code and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26.
- 3. The Board may relicense an individual upon evaluation of the factors in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27, and pursuant to 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.33, if the Board is satisfied that the individual is able to consistently conform her conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.

- 4. The Board may license an individual who has been previously convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to any crime whether or not a sentence was imposed upon consideration of the factors set out in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.28 and evaluating the direct relationship to nursing according to 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.28 and, as applicable, Chapter 53, Section 53.001 *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code.
- 5. The Board may license an individual who has a history of substance use disorder after consideration of the criteria set out in 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.29 if the Board determines the individual does not pose a direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public.
- 6. This Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of Petitioner's disclosures. Any subsequently discovered discrepancies will result in investigation and possible disciplinary action, up to revocation of Petitioner's license(s).
- 7. 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. REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that the petition of LATONYA N. CRAMER for reinstatement of license to practice nursing in the State of Texas be **GRANTED** and Vocational Nurse License Number 227968 is hereby **REINSTATED** in accordance with the terms of this Order.

- A. Until successfully completed, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to PETITIONER to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- B. Until successfully completed, this Order SHALL be applicable to PETITIONER'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. As a result of this Order, PETITIONER'S license(s) will be designated "single state" as applicable and PETITIONER 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, PETITIONER 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 Reinstatement Agreed Order.

III. REQUIREMENTS FOR VOCATIONAL NURSING REFRESHER COURSE, EXTENSIVE ORIENTATION, OR NURSING PROGRAM OF STUDY IN VOCATIONAL NURSING

Prior to practicing as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas, PETITIONER SHALL:

- A. Apply for a Six Month Temporary Permit to Complete Refresher Course, Extensive Orientation, or Nursing Program of Study in Vocational Nursing for the limited purpose of completing a refresher course, extensive orientation, or nursing program of study in vocational nursing. The application for the Six Month Temporary Permit is available via the Nurse Portal on the Board's website (www.bon.texas.gov). PETITIONER SHALL NOT, in any way, attempt to use the temporary permit for any purpose other than completing the refresher course, extensive orientation, or nursing program of study in vocational nursing.
- B. <u>Successfully complete a Board approved refresher course, extensive orientation, or nursing program of study for vocational nursing.</u> Petitioner MUST obtain Board approval of the nursing refresher course, extensive orientation, or nursing program, as applicable, prior to enrollment. In order for the course to be approved:
 - 1. The target audience shall include vocational nurses;
 - 2. The course instructor must be a qualified registered nurse who meets or exceeds the Board's minimum criteria for eligibility as an instructor;
 - 3. The course's content shall, at a minimum, include:
 - o Review of NPA, Rules, and Position Statements;
 - Determination of Individual Scope of Practice and role in patient safety;
 - Review of the clinical problem solving process for the provision of individualized, goal directed nursing care to include: (i) Collecting data & performing focused nursing assessments; (ii) Participating in the planning of nursing care needs for clients; (iii) Participating in the development & modification of the comprehensive nursing

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care plan for assigned clients; (iv) Implementing appropriate aspects of care within the LVN's scope of practice; and (v) Assisting in the evaluation of the client's responses to nursing interventions and the identification of client needs;

- Pharmacology review;
- o Medication administration;
- Documentation, quality assurance, and legal implication for nursing practice; and
- Documentation of current CPR certification prior to beginning precepted clinical learning experience; and
- 4. The course must contain no less than a total of 80 hours of clinical practice providing direct patient care precepted by a qualified registered or vocational nurse. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.
- C. Upon completion of the refresher course, extensive orientation, or nursing program of study for vocational nursing, PETITIONER SHALL return the temporary permit to the Board's office and PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to notify the Board, on a form provided by the Board, of Petitioner's successful completion of the refresher course, including the required 80 hours of precepted clinical practice.
- D. <u>Upon verification of successful completion of the conditions</u> as set out in Paragraphs A through C of this Section, PETITIONER SHALL submit a completed License Reactivation Form for Vocational Nurses, which is available via the Nurse Portal on the Board's website (www.bon.texas.gov). PETITIONER shall pay all re-registration fees and, subject to meeting all other requirements for licensure in Texas, shall be issued the applicable license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, which shall be subject to the terms of this Order.

IV. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, PETITIONER SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) within one (1) year of relicensure, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

A. <u>A Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics</u> 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.

In order to receive credit for completion of this/these course(s), PETITIONER 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. PETITIONER SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is <u>not</u> being offered by a pre-approved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at <u>www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</u>.

V. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, PETITIONER must work as a nurse in the State of Texas, providing direct patient care in a clinical healthcare setting, <u>for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month</u> for eight (8) quarterly periods [two (2) years] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until eight (8) 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 <u>and will not count towards completion of this requirement.</u>

A. Notifying Present and Future Employers: PETITIONER 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, PETITIONER 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: PETITIONER 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. PETITIONER 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. **Direct Supervision:** For the first year [four (4) quarters] of employment as a Nurse under this order, PETITIONER SHALL be directly 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. Direct supervision requires another nurse, as applicable, to be working on the same unit as PETITIONER and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. PETITIONER SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). PETITIONER SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- D. Indirect Supervision: For the remainder of the stipulation/probation period, PETITIONER 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 PETITIONER, 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 of experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the PETITIONER is currently working. PETITIONER SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). PETITIONER SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- E. Nursing Performance Evaluations: PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, periodic reports as to PETITIONER'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the individual who supervises the PETITIONER 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 eight (8) quarters [two (2) years] of employment as a nurse.

VI. DRUG AND ALCOHOL RELATED REQUIREMENTS

- A. While under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL abstain from the use of alcohol, nalbuphine, propofol and all controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose. If prescribed, PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the licensed practitioner to submit a written report identifying the medication, dosage and the date the medication was prescribed. The report shall be submitted directly to the office of the Board by the prescribing practitioner, within ten (10) days of the date of the prescription. In the event that the prescriptions for controlled substances are required for periods of two (2) weeks or longer, the Board may require and PETITIONER SHALL submit to a pain management and/or chemical dependency evaluation by a Board approved evaluator. The performing evaluator must submit a written report meeting the Board's requirements to the Board's office within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.
- B. While working as a nurse under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL submit to random periodic screens for alcohol, nalbuphine, propofol and all controlled substances. The Board will provide instructions on how to enroll in the Board's drug and alcohol testing program following the entry of this Order and screening will begin when PETITIONER obtains employment and submits the Notification of Employment form to the Board.
 - For the first three (3) month [1st quarter] period PETITIONER works as a nurse under the terms of this Order, random screens shall be performed at least once per week.
 - For the next three (3) month [2nd quarter] period, random screens shall be performed at least twice per month.
 - For the next six (6) month period [3rd & 4th quarters], random screens shall be performed at least once per month.
 - For the remainder of the probation period, if any, random screens shall be performed at least once every three (3) month quarterly period.

All random screens SHALL BE conducted through urinalysis. Any test result for a period of time in which the PETITIONER is not working as a nurse under the terms of this Order will not count towards satisfaction of this requirement. All screens shall be properly monitored and produced in accordance with the Board's policy on Random Drug Testing. A complete chain of custody shall be maintained for each specimen obtained and analyzed. PETITIONER SHALL be responsible for the costs of all random drug screening during the stipulation/probation period.

<u>Specimens shall be screened</u> for any or all of the following substances and/or their metabolites:

Amphetamine

Methamphetamine

MDMA Diazepam

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Clonazepam Alpha-o-alprazolam Alpha-Hydroxytriazolam Midazolam Desmethyldiazepam Lorazepam Amobarbital Temazepam Oxazepam Pentobarbital Butalbital Butabarbital Secobarbital Codeine Phenobarbital Methadone Hydromorphone Hydrocodone Oxycodone Opiates Morphine Propoxyphene Cannabinoids Oxymorphone Cocaine Phencyclidine Ethanol Heroin Fentanyl Tramadol Carisoprodol Butorphanol Meperidine Ketamine **Propofol** Nalbuphine

Upon enrollment in the Board's drug and alcohol testing program, <u>PETITIONER SHALL</u>, on a daily basis, call or login online to the Board's designated drug and alcohol testing vendor to determine whether or not <u>PETITIONER has been selected to produce a specimen for screening that day</u> and SHALL, if selected, produce a specimen for screening that same day at an approved testing location and/or comply with any additional instructions from the vendor or Board staff. Further, <u>a Board representative may appear</u> at the PETITIONER'S place of employment at any time during the probation period and require PETITIONER to produce a specimen for screening.

Consequences of Positive or Missed Screens. Any positive result for which PETITIONER does not have a valid prescription or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen may subject PETITIONER to further disciplinary action, including TEMPORARY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Petitioner's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas. Further, failure to report for a drug screen, excessive dilute specimens, or failure to call in for a drug screen may be considered the same as a positive result or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen.

VII. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Reinstatement Agreed Order, all encumbrances will be removed from PETITIONER'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, PETITIONER may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I understand this Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of my petition and disclosures. I further understand that subsequently discovered discrepancies in my petition and/or disclosures will result in investigation and possible disciplinary action, up to revocation of my license(s).

I have reviewed this Order. I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I waive representation by counsel. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to reinstating my license(s) to practice nursing in the state of Texas. 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 TEMPORARY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, and/or REVOCATION of my license(s) and/or nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

	Signed this 16 day of 1 Arctry, 20 ZI. LATONYA N. CRAMER, PETITIONER
Sworn to and subscribed before me	e this \underline{i} \underline{b} day of \underline{j} \underline{a} \underline{a} , 2021 .
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	Notary Public in and for the State of Texa

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Reinstatement Agreed Order that was signed on the 16th day of January, 2021, by LATONYA N. CRAMER, Vocational Nurse License Number 227968, and said Reinstatement Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 9th day of February, 2021.

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

IN THE MATTER OF VOCATIONAL	§	BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
NURSE LICENSE NUMBER 227968 ISSUED TO	§ §	ELIGIBILITY AND
LATONYA N. CRAMER	§	DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE



ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Latonya N. Cramer 1508 Arbor Town Circle#102 Arlington, TX 76011

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on November 12, 2013, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order

will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 Tex. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 227968, previously issued to LATONYA N. CRAMER, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 12th day of November, 2013.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

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Attachment: Formal Charge filed August 6, 2013.

Re: Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 227968
Issued to LATONYA N CRAMER
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the day of November, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as follows:

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

Latonya N. Cramer 1508 Arbor Town Circle#102 Arlington, TX 76011

Via USPS First Class Mail

Latonya N. Cramer 3278 SE 44th, Apt D Oklahoma City, OK 73135

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

In the Matter of Permanent	§	BEFORE THE TEXAS
Vocational Nurse License	§	
Number 227968 Issued to	§ .	
LATONYA N. CRAMER,	§	
Respondent	§:	BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, LATONYA N. CRAMER, is a Vocational Nurse holding License Number 227968, which is in delinquent status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

On or about November 6, 2012, Respondent was issued a Stipulation, Settlement and Order by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing wherein Respondent was referred to the Peer Assistance Program of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. Subsequently, on or about March 22, 2013, Respondent's license to practice practical nursing in the State of Oklahoma was revoked for failure to complete the Peer Assistance Program. Copies of the Stipulation, Settlement and Order issued by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, dated November 6, 2012, and letter issued by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, dated March 22, 1013, are attached and incorporated by reference as part of this pleading.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(8), Texas Occupations Code.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order(s) which are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Stipulation, Settlement and Order issued by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, dated November 6, 2012, and letter issued by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, dated March 22, 1013.

Filed this 6th day of August 20 13

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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Attachments: Stipulation, Settlement and Order issued by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, dated November 6, 2012, and letter issued by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, dated March 22, 1013.

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BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF LATONYA NELL CRAMER, l.p.n. LICENSE NO. L0057340 (LAPSED)

STIPULATION, SETTLEMENT AND ORDER

This matter comes on before the Informal Disposition Panel ("Panel") of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing ("Board") on the 23rd day of October, 2012, in the Conference Room of the Board Office, 2901 North Classen Boulevard, Suite 105, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Jan Sinclair, R.N., a Nurse Investigator with the Board, appears in person, and LaTonya Nell Cramer, I.p.n., (hereinafter, "Respondent") appears neither in person nor by counsel before the Panel on this date. Respondent and the Nurse Investigator participated in a telephonic conference on September 20, 2012, and subsequently consented to this Stipulation, Settlement and Order ("Order").

STIPULATION

Respondent and the Panel hereby stipulate and agree to the following joint stipulation and proposed Order of the Board incorporating this stipulation and agreement in the above-styled matter.

- 1. Respondent's license to practice licensed practical nursing in the State of Oklahoma, being License No. L0057340, lapsed on the 1st day of August, 2011.
- 2. On or about May 12, 2011, Information was filed in the District Court of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, Case No. CF-2011-2725, charging Respondent with Count 1: Possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute, Marijuana; Count 2: Possession of proceeds derived from a violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substance

Act, possessing currency on their person derived from a violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substance Act; Count 3: Possession of an offensive weapon while committing a felony; Count 5: Concealing stolen property and concealed a Panasonic television; and Count 6: Possession of a controlled dangerous substance in the presence of a child under twelve (12) years of age, marijuana. On July 6, 2012, in Plea of Guilty, Sentence on Plea, Respondent received a four (4) year deferred sentence, supervised probation through the Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office, 100 hours community service, payment of fees, fines, and court costs. The Information, Probable Cause Affidavit, Plea of Guilty Sentence on Plea, Supplemental Court Order and Rules and Conditions of Supervised Probation are attached as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.

- 3. Respondent has submitted to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing an Application for Reinstatement or Return to Active Status of License ("Application") to practice licensed practical nursing in the State of Oklahoma. The Application is attached as Exhibit "B" and made a part hereof.
 - 4. Respondent has requested a referral to the Peer Assistance Program.
- Respondent with a violation of the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act. Respondent understands that Respondent has a right to require that a formal Complaint be filed and the right to a formal hearing before the Board at which time Respondent could confront the witnesses against Respondent, cross-examine those witnesses, and present evidence in Respondent's own behalf. Respondent understands that by signing and agreeing to this Order Respondent is waiving those rights.
- 6. This stipulation is executed by the Respondent for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause. In this regard, Respondent authorizes the

Board to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent prior to or in conjunction with consideration of this Order. Furthermore, should this joint Order not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration of this Order and other documents and matters by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation, consideration or resolution of these proceedings.

- 7. Respondent fully understands and agrees that this Order will in no way preclude additional proceedings by the Board against Respondent for acts or omissions not specifically made a part of this stipulation.
- 8. Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps, and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this joint stipulation of facts, conclusions of law and imposition of discipline, and the Final Order of the Board incorporating said stipulation.
- 9. It is expressly understood that this Order is subject to approval of the Board and has no force and effect until approved and Ordered by the Board.
 - This Order constitutes formal disciplinary action.

STIPULATED DISPOSITION AND ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing that the Application for Reinstatement or Return to Active Status of License to practice licensed practical nursing filed herein by Respondent is hereby granted and Respondent is referred to the Peer Assistance Program of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing on the following terms and conditions:

 The Application for Reinstatement or Return to Active Status of License of Respondent's license to practice licensed practical nursing is hereby granted, but Respondent's license shall be immediately temporarily suspended until Respondent provides documentation, satisfactory to the Board, of Respondent's acceptance into the Peer Assistance Program by January 25, 2013.

- 2. If Respondent is not accepted into the Peer Assistance Program on or before January 25, 2013, or having been accepted is terminated from the Program for any reason other than successful completion of Respondent's contract and treatment plan, Respondent's license is hereby revoked for a period of two (2) years.
 - 3. Respondent's pocket license card shall be marked "Peer."
- application to reinstate Respondent's license shall not be considered by the Board until Respondent presents evidence satisfactory to the Board of compliance with the Board's Guidelines For Individuals Requesting Reinstatement After Suspension, Surrender Or Revocation For Misappropriation Or Misuse Of Drugs/Alcohol, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Respondent must also submit evidence of the continued qualifications for practice as set forth in the applicable Statutes and Rules of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing in effect at the time of Respondent's reinstatement.
- 5. In the event Respondent's license is revoked as provided herein, Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty payable to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). The administrative penalty shall be paid only by certified check, money order or cash. Any Application to Reinstate Respondent's license will not be considered until the administrative penalty is paid in full.

- 6. Upon Reinstatement, Respondent's license will be immediately placed in temporary suspension pending readmission to the Peer Assistance Program. Respondent shall provide documentation, satisfactory to the Board, of Respondent's acceptance into the Peer Assistance Program within sixty (60) days of reinstatement.
- a process server will be hired to obtain service of the Order. If it is thus necessary to serve the Respondent by a process server, the Respondent shall reimburse the Board for the actual cost of the process server. The Respondent shall pay to the Board the actual cost of the process service within sixty (60) days of service of the process served Order. The process service fee shall be paid only by certified check, money order or cash to the Board. Failure to timely pay the actual cost of the process service will result in a three (3) month suspension of license. A suspension of license will result in termination from the Peer Assistance Program for failure to maintain an active license. The revocation will be for the period described in paragraph 2 herein.
- 8. The parties agree that both (all) parties have participated in the drafting of this Order and that no presumption or construction against any party as the drafter of this Order, shall apply or be applied in the event of a claim of ambiguity of the document or a provision thereof.
- 9. This Order shall not be effective until the fully executed Order is received in the Board office.
- 10. Upon successful completion by Respondent of Respondent's Contract, Amended Contract(s), and treatment plan with the Peer Assistance Program, no further Order of the Board shall be deemed necessary.

11. This Order constitutes disciplinary action by the Board and may be used in any subsequent hearings by the Board. In the event other misconduct is reported to the Board, this Order may be used as evidence against Respondent to establish a pattern of behavior and for the purpose of proving additional acts of misconduct.

Approved and ordered this 6th day of November, 2012.

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING

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