BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 720012 issued to ANGELA JOSEPHINE MACAULEY AGREED ORDER

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of ANGELA JOSEPHINE MACAULEY, Registered Nurse License Number 720012, 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 September 14, 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.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from El Centro College, Dallas, Texas, on May 12, 2005. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 16, 2005.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

8/2005 - 12/2005

Unknown

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

1/2006 – 1/2017	RN	Methodist Dallas Medical Dallas, Texas
12/2007 – 1/2012	RN	Kindred Hospital Dallas, Texas
1/2007 – 1/2017	RN	Methodist Health System Dallas, Texas
5/2015 – 1/2018	RN	Methodist Hospital for Surgery Addison, Texas
2/2018 - 5/2018	Unknown	
6/2018 - 6/2020	RN	Aveanna Dallas, Texas
8/2018 – 4/2019	RN	Baylor Scott & White Centennial Frisco, Texas
3/2019 – 4/2019	RN	Viva Pediatrics Plano, Texas
5/2019 – Present	Not employed in Nursing	Ş

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Viva Pediatrics, Plano, Texas, and had been in that position for one (1) month.
- 7. On or about April 22, 2019 through April 23, 2019, while employed with Viva Pediatrics, Richardson, Texas, and assigned to provide nursing care for Patient RIC2256-PDN, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that she was sleeping during her shift. Respondent's conduct could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.
- 8. On or about May 22, 2020, through June 5, 2020, while employed with Aveanna Healthcare, Dallas, Texas, and assigned to provide nursing care for Patient A.T., Respondent was observed sleeping and snoring on at least six (6) different occasions during her shift. Respondent's conduct could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make

- rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.
- 9. On or about May 22, 2020, through June 5, 2020, while employed with Aveanna Healthcare, Dallas, Texas, and assigned to provide nursing care for Patient A.T., Respondent silenced and/or turned off the patient's pulse oximetry monitor. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient to a risk of harm in that the lack of information from the monitoring equipment could have deprived the patient of timely medical intervention.
- 10. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent explains that she was not aware she fell asleep until the next day when she was called in by Viva and the report was made. Respondent states she takes her duties, the Nurse Practice Act, and rules and regulations very seriously and intent was not to cause harm or neglect. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Eight (8) and Nine (9), Respondent states she might have dozed off, but she could not recollect. She also states most times the family would tell her she didn't need to turn the pulse ox machine on since the baby was doing so well during the day. Respondent states she walked into her shift and the patient was completely off oxygen and not on monitor. Respondent explains during the 10pm feeding, the patient's saturation got as low as the 70's and she got up to suction, turned the patient, elevated his legs, changed the site of the probe, tried stimulating the patient by rubbing his chest and face so he could take a deep breath, and lastly converted oxygen from pedi to standard at 21pm. Despite all these measures, Respondent states the saturation only increased to 85% and the monitor alarm was still going off, but the patient seemed in a deep comfortable sleep, skin looked pink, and no difficulty in breathing noticed. According to Respondent, she turned off the monitor for about 10-15 minutes as she wasn't sure if the monitor had malfunctioned. About 2 minutes after turning it off, Respondent states the dad came out of his room and she let him know what was going on and why she turned it off for a few minutes. Respondent states that's the only time she has completely turned it off and waited a minute before turning back on.

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),(1)(E),(4)&(5).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 720012, heretofore issued to ANGELA JOSEPHINE MACAULEY.

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** 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. 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

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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 and video programs will not be approved.
- B. <u>The course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills,"</u> 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), 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 <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, RESPONDENT 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

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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 of 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. No Night or Rotating Shifts, Overtime, or On-Call: For the first year [four (4) quarters] of employment as a Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a nurse on the night shift, rotate shifts, work overtime, accept on-call assignments, or be used for coverage on any unit other than the identified, predetermined unit(s) to which RESPONDENT is regularly assigned.
- E. **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 eight (8) quarters [two (2) years] of employment as a nurse.

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 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 26 day of +

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HEATHER DISNEY
Notary Public, State of Texas
Comm. Expires 06-30-2024

Notary Public in and for the State of

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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 <u>26th</u> day of <u>February</u>, 20<u>21</u>, by ANGELA JOSEPHINE MACAULEY, Registered Nurse License Number 720012, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 23rd day of March, 2021.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board