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*Patricia A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

**In the Matter of  
Permanent Registered Nurse  
License Number 781055 &  
Permanent Vocational Nurse  
License Number 201646  
Issued to HEATHER ANN KING,  
Respondent**

**§ BEFORE THE TEXAS  
§ BOARD OF NURSING  
§ ELIGIBILITY AND  
§ DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

TO: Heather King  
2583 FM 1516 South  
San Antonio, TX 78263

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on March 23, 2021, 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 Registered Nurse License Number 781055, and Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 201646, previously issued to HEATHER ANN KING 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

Attachment: Formal Charges filed November 9, 2020

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Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 781055  
& Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 201646  
Issued to HEATHER ANN KING  
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, 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,  
Copy Via USPS First Class Mail

Heather King  
2583 FM 1516 South  
San Antonio, TX 78263

BY: 

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

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### **FORMAL CHARGES**

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, HEATHER ANN KING, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 781055 which is in current status at the time of this pleading. Further, Respondent is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 201646 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 September 9, 2020, Respondent became noncompliant with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on January 3, 2018. Noncompliance is the result of her failure to comply with the requirements of the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) participation agreement in that she failed to check into the program's drug testing administration system and missed three (3) unexcused tests. Additionally, Respondent has failed to fulfill the work requirements and has not completed the treatment recommendations (substance use education). Section I, Stipulation D of the Agreed Order for Peer Assistance Program dated January 3, 2018, states:

"(D) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term..."

On or about September 9, 2020, Respondent was dismissed from TPAPN and referred back to the Board.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(9) & (11)(B).

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) and/or privilege(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.

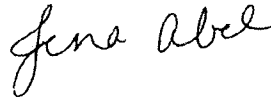
NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, located at 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.33(b), which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, [www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov).

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order(s) which is/are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Order(s) of the Board dated January 9, 2017, and January 3, 2018.

Filed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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Attachment(s): Order(s) of the Board dated January 9, 2017, and January 3, 2018.  
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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
 Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of	§	AGREED
Registered Nurse License Number 781055	§	
& Vocational Nurse License Number 201646	§	
issued to HEATHER ANN KING	§	ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of HEATHER ANN KING, Registered Nurse License Number 781055 and Vocational Nurse License Number 201646, 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),(12)&(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 December 5, 2016.

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 delinquent status. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Saint Phillips College, San Antonio, Texas, on September 26, 2005, and received a Baccalaureate Degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas, on December 19, 2009. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on November 15, 2005, and was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 9, 2010.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

12/2005 - 01/2010	Unknown	
02/2010 - 01/2011	RN	San Antonio State Hospital San Antonio, Texas
08/2010 - 06/2014	RN	Methodist Hospital San Antonio, Texas
07/2014 - 11/2014	Unknown	
12/2014 - 06/2015	RN	San Antonio State Hospital San Antonio, Texas
07/2015 - 09/2015	Unknown	
10/2015 - 04/2016	RN	Christus Santa Rosa Hospital San Antonio, Texas
05/2016	Unknown	
06/2016 - 07/2016	RN	Uvalde Memorial Hospital Uvalde, Texas
08/2016 - Present	Unknown	

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Uvalde Memorial Hospital, Uvalde, Texas, and had been in that position for one (1) month.

7. On or about July 14, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Uvalde Memorial Hospital, Uvalde, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that she exhibited signs of impaired behavior while on duty, to include: staring at the computer screen, being lethargic and disoriented. Respondent's condition 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 July 14, 2016 through July 15, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Uvalde Memorial Hospital, Uvalde, Texas, Respondent withdrew one (1) syringe of Morphine 2mg from the medication dispensing system for Patient V00001023913 but failed to document and/or accurately and completely document the administration of the medication in the patients' Medication Administration Record (MAR) and/or Nurses' Notes. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients, in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patients, 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.

9. On or about July 14, 2016 through July 15, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Uvalde Memorial Hospital, Uvalde, Texas, Respondent withdrew one (1) syringe of Morphine 2mg from the medication dispensing system for Patient V00001023913 but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedure for wastage of the 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.
10. On or about July 14, 2016 through July 15, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Uvalde Memorial Hospital, Uvalde, Texas, Respondent misappropriated one (1) syringe of Morphine 2mg belonging to the facility and patients thereof, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients thereof of the cost of the medications.
11. On or about September 23, 2016, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that she was admitted into Brooke Army Medical Center for alcohol detoxification. Respondent's condition 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.
12. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
13. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact resulted from or was significantly influenced by Respondent's substance use disorder.
14. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or substance use disorder.
15. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

#### 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),(5),(6)(G),(8),(10)(C)&(11)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10),(12)&(13),



Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 781055 and Vocational Nurse License Number 201646, heretofore issued to HEATHER ANN KING.

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.
6. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

### TERMS OF ORDER

#### I. PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN):

- A. ~~Within forty-five (45) days~~ following the date of entry of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL apply to TPAPN;
- B. ~~Within ninety (90) days~~ following the date of entry of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement and complete the enrollment process, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee payable to TPAPN in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00);
- C. Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN participation agreement to the Texas Board of Nursing;
- D. RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep all applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas current; and
- E. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.

#### II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW AND APPLICABILITY

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.

- 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 will be designated "single state" and Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state without first obtaining the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the nurse licensure compact party state where Respondent wishes to work.

### III. 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 entry of this Order:

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.

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](http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance).*

### IV. EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE

SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further disciplinary action including TEMPORARY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

V. 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 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 Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order and all conditions of said Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, and 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 revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

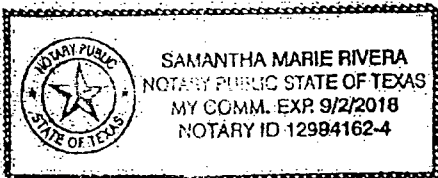
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HEATHER ANN KING, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

SEAL

[Signature]

Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 4th day of January, 2016, by HEATHER ANN KING, Registered Nurse License Number 781055 and Vocational Nurse License Number 201646, and said Order is final.

Effective this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.



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



I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.  
*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the 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)(1)&(10), 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 November 17, 2017.

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 delinquent status. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from St. Philip's College, San Antonio, Texas, on September 26, 2005, and received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from the University of Texas-San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, on December 19, 2009. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on November 15, 2005, and was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 9, 2010.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

12/2005 - 01/2010	Unknown	
02/2010 - 01/2011	RN	San Antonio State Hospital San Antonio, Texas
08/2010 - 06/2014	RN	Methodist Hospital San Antonio, Texas
07/2014 - 11/2014	Unknown	
12/2014 - 06/2015	RN	San Antonio State Hospital San Antonio, Texas
07/2015 - 09/2015	Unknown	
10/2015 - 04/2016	RN	Christus Santa Rosa Hospital San Antonio, Texas
05/2016	Unknown	
06/2016 - 07/2016	RN	Uvalde Memorial Hospital Uvalde, Texas
08/2016 - Present	Unknown	

6. On or about January 9, 2016, Respondent was issued an Agreed Order requiring her to complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) by the Texas Board of Nursing. Respondent did not successfully complete the terms of the order. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order dated January 9, 2016, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

7. On or about June 30, 2017, Respondent became noncompliant with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on January 9, 2017. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with the requirements of the Texas Peer Assistance Program (TPAPN) participation agreement in that she failed to return items necessary to initiate participation in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) within the required time frame. Section I, Stipulation A and B of the Agreed Order dated January 9, 2017, states in pertinent part:

"A. Within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL apply to TPAPN;

B. Within ninety (90) days following the entry of this Order RESPONDENT SHALL sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement and complete the enrollment process, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee payable to TPAPN in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."

On or about June 30, 2017, Respondent was dismissed from TPAPN and referred back to the Board

8. In response to Findings of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states she failed to follow through with the enrollment process because she was ambivalent about going through the TPAPN program. However, Respondent requests another opportunity to participate in the TPAPN program.
9. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.
10. Formal Charges were filed on September 11, 2017.
11. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on September 12, 2017.
12. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
13. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact resulted from or was significantly influenced by Respondent's substance use disorder.
14. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or substance use disorder.
15. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

#### 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(9)&(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 Registered Nurse License Number 781055 and Vocational Nurse License Number 201646, heretofore issued to HEATHER ANN KING, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
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.
6. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

### TERMS OF ORDER

#### I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that Registered Nurse License Number 781055 and Vocational Nurse License Number 201646, previously issued to HEATHER ANN KING, to practice nursing in Texas are hereby **SUSPENDED** and said suspension is **ENFORCED** until Respondent:

- A. Applies to, is accepted into, and completes enrollment in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN), including payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00); and
- B. Waives confidentiality and provides a copy of the fully executed TPAPN participation agreement to the Board.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, upon verification of successful completion of the above requirements, the Suspension will be **STAYED**, and RESPONDENT will be placed on **PROBATION** for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the TPAPN **AND** until Respondent fulfills the additional requirements of this Order.

- C. RESPONDENT SHALL pay all re-registration fees, if applicable, and RESPONDENT'S licensure status in the State of Texas will be updated to reflect the applicable conditions outlined herein.

- D. RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep all applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas current.
- E. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.
- F. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- G. This Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- H. 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. 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 suspension being stayed:

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.

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](http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance).*

**IV. FURTHER COMPLAINTS**

If, during the period of probation, an additional allegation, accusation, or petition is reported or filed against the Respondent's license(s), the probationary period shall not expire and shall automatically be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

**V. EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE**

SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further disciplinary action including TEMPORARY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

**VI. 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.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

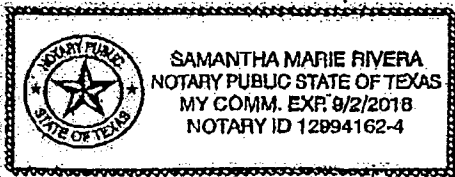
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order and all conditions of said Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, and 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 revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018.  
Heather King  
HEATHER ANN KING, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018.


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Samantha Marie Rivera  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018, by HEATHER ANN KING, Registered Nurse License Number 781055 and Vocational Nurse License Number 201646, and said Order is final.

Effective this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018.

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