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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License § AGREED ORDER
Number 899105 and Privilege to Practice from §
Mississippi Registered Nurse License 908037 §
issued to BROOK LYNN ROARK §

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of BROOK LYNN ROARK, Registered Nurse License Number 899105 and Privilege to Practice from Mississippi Registered Nurse License 908037, 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)(9)&(10), 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 February 1, 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 inactive status. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Mississippi, a member State of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, is in current status.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Baptist Health System, San Antonio, Texas, on April 1, 2016. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on May 24, 2016.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
6. On or about January 1, 2020, through August 4, 2020, while utilizing a Privilege to Practice nursing from the State of Mississippi, and employed with Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital, Arlington, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Dilaudid 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 of the cost of the medications.
7. On or about January 1, 2020, through August 4, 2020, while utilizing a Privilege to Practice nursing from the State of Mississippi, and employed with Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital, Arlington, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate and/or unlawful use of Dilaudid in that she admitted to such intemperate and/or unlawful use. Unlawful possession of Dilaudid is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Dilaudid by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
8. On or about January 11, 2021, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Vascular Institute of North Texas, Bedford, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Morphine and Hydromorphone 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 of the cost of the medications.
9. On or about January 11, 2021, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Vascular Institute of North Texas, Bedford, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that she exhibited unusual behavior including grabbing sharps out of a container without any gloves. Respondent was also observed to be defensive and upset. 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.
10. On or about January 11, 2021, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Vascular Institute of North Texas, Bedford, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate and/or unlawful use of Morphine and Dilaudid in that she admitted to such intemperate and/or unlawful use. Unlawful possession of Morphine and Dilaudid is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Morphine and Dilaudid by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.

11. Respondent admits to the conduct outlined in Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) through Ten (10). She states she never used the diverted Morphine and Dilaudid at work, and she only used it at home. Respondent states she entered into a detox facility on January 13, 2021, and was discharged on January 19, 2021. Respondent states on January 25, 2021, she entered a rehabilitation facility in Florida for the treatment of chemical dependency, and she would like to enter the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) after she is discharged. She states she no longer lives in Mississippi and now resides in Texas, and she will update her license accordingly.
12. 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(1),(1)(B),(1)(E),(4),(5),(6)(G),(8),(10)(E)&(11)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b) (9)&(10), and 304.0015, Article V, Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 899105 and Privilege to Practice from Mississippi Registered Nurse License 908037, heretofore issued to BROOK LYNN ROARK.
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 that Registered Nurse License Number 899105, previously issued to BROOK LYNN ROARK, to practice nursing in the

State of Texas is/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 to TPAPN in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), if licensed as a registered nurse, or in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00), if licensed as a vocational nurse;
- B. Is cleared to safely practice as a nurse based on a fitness evaluation, as may be required by TPAPN; and
- C. 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 time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the TPAPN **AND** until RESPONDENT fulfills the additional requirements of this Order.

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

- I. 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. 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, unless otherwise specifically indicated:**

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.

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.*

IV. 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.

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 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. 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 TEMPORARY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, and/or 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 23 day of APRIL, 2021.


BROOK LYNN ROARK, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

SEAL

Notary Public in and for the State of _____

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 23rd day of April, 2021, by BROOK LYNN ROARK, Registered Nurse License Number 899105 and Privilege to Practice from Mississippi Registered Nurse License 908037, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 28th day of April, 2021.



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