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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED ORDER
Registered Nurse License Number 589164 §
& Vocational Nurse License Number 122793 §
issued to MIA MICHELLE HUNTER §
§

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of MIA MICHELLE HUNTER, Registered Nurse License Number 589164, and Vocational Nurse License Number 122793, 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)(effective through 8/31/2021), 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 August 26, 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 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 Frank Phillips College, Borger, Texas, on May 20, 1988. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas, on December 15, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 8, 1988. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 23, 1993.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

12/1988 – 9/2003	Licensed Vocational Nurse/Registered Nurse	Pampa Regional Medical Center Pampa, Texas
10/2003 – 8/2014	Registered Nurse	LifeGift Organ Donation Center Amarillo, Texas
5/2005 – 6/2006	Registered Nurse	Northwest Texas Hospital Amarillo, Texas
9/2014 – 3/2015	Unknown	
4/2015 – 8/2018	Registered Nurse	Harrington Cancer Center Amarillo, Texas
9/2018 – Present	Registered Nurse	Northwest Texas Healthcare System Amarillo, Texas

6. On or about September 1, 2019, through October 24, 2019, while hired by Patient JM and working in the patient's home providing care, Respondent failed to accurately and/or completely document the care she provided Patient JM. Specifically, Respondent provided patient care without proper documentation of the patient's health status, assessments, nursing care rendered, administration of medications, patient responses to care, and contact with the patient's health care team. Respondent's conduct resulted in an incomplete medical record and was likely to injure the patient from subsequent care decisions made without the benefit of accurate and reliable information.

7. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states that she followed the physician's plan of care from the emergency records and also talked with the physician's nurse for further care instructions. Respondent states that she was hired as a "sitter" per se to assist in helping with lunch and dinner, assisting to the bathroom, and making sure the patient's arm sling was on appropriately and circulation intact. Respondent states that she also administered medications as noted in the emergency note-plan of care, and per written prescription of the physician. Respondent states that she always represented herself as a Registered Nurse, followed physician's instructions and care. Respondent states that she wrote down activity of daily living and medications given per prescription and per the physician. Respondent states that at no time did she practice outside of her scope of nursing.

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)(D) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)&(4).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13) (effective through 8/31/2021), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 589164, and Vocational Nurse License Number 122793, heretofore issued to MIA MICHELLE HUNTER.
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 **REMEDIAL EDUCATION WITH FINE** 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. Until successfully completed, RESPONDENT may not practice nursing in the State of Texas except in accordance with the terms of this Order.
- D. 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 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. **A Board-approved course in nursing documentation** that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.
- C. **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.
- D. **The course "Professional Accountability,"** a 4.6 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 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.*

V. **MONETARY FINE**

RESPONDENT SHALL **pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of this Order.**

Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

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.

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

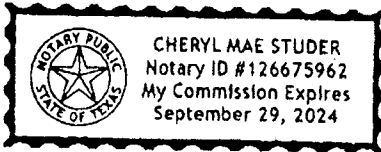
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order 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 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 2 day of NOVEMBER 2021.

Mia Michelle Hunter
MIA MICHELLE HUNTER, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2 day of November, 2021.

SEAL



Cheryl M. Studer

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 2nd day of November, 2021, by MIA MICHELLE HUNTER, Registered Nurse License Number 589164, and Vocational Nurse License Number 122793, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 2nd day of November, 2021.



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