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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED ORDER
Vocational Nurse License Number 95230 §
issued to RHONDA K. BRUNS §
§

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of RHONDA K. BRUNS, Vocational Nurse License Number 95230, 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 August 12, 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 current status.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Cuero Community Hospital - Vocational Nursing, Cuero, Texas, on September 4, 1981. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 27, 1982.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

5/1982 – 12/2000	Unknown	Facility Name
		City, State

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

01/2001 – 01/2005	LVN	UTMB-Stevenson Unit Cuero, Texas
02/2005 – 12/2006	Unknown	
01/2007 – 11/2015	LVN (PRN)	Nordheim ISD Nordheim, Texas
01/2007 – 11/2015	LVN	Yorktown ISD Yorktown, Texas
12/2015 – 04/2021	LVN	Yorktown Nursing and Rehabilitation Yorktown, Texas

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Yorktown Nursing and Rehabilitation, Yorktown, Texas, and had been in that position for four (4) months.
7. On or about April 15, 2016 while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse at Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Yorktown, Texas, Respondent failed to initiate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for Resident R.S., who was a Full Code, when she found the resident unresponsive and without a pulse. Subsequently, the patient expired. Respondent's conduct exposed the resident to risk of harm and the failure to initiate CPR may have eliminated any potential resuscitation of the resident.
8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states she was not responsible for Resident R.S. as she was assigned to work the other side of the unit that night, and was uninvolved with this resident's care. Respondent states when she arrived to the patient's room, she observed that the patient was pale, cold to the touch, and that she was unaware of the patient's full code status when she offered assistance. Respondent states she didn't ask the primary nurse the code status of the resident at that time.

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),(1)(M)and(2)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12 (1)(A),(1)(B) and (4).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 95230, heretofore issued to RHONDA K. BRUNS.
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 **WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS** and RESPONDENT'S license(s), and any privilege(s) to practice, as applicable, shall be placed in **INACTIVE** status.

Should RESPONDENT decide in the future to reactivate his/her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, RESPONDENT SHALL be required to petition the Board for reactivation of the license and satisfy all then existing requirements for reactivation. Further, RESPONDENT'S reactivated license(s) SHALL BE subject to, at a minimum, the remedial education courses, work restrictions, supervised practice, and employer reporting which would have been requirements of this Order had RESPONDENT not chosen to inactivate his/her nursing license(s).

Until such time that RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas is/are reactivated, RESPONDENT SHALL NOT use a Privilege to Practice Nursing in the State of Texas from any Nurse License Compact member state.

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

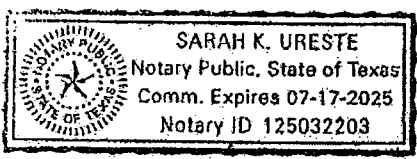
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action 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. I further understand that, should I decide in the future to reactivate my license(s), I will be required to satisfy, at a minimum, the additional requirements that would have been part of this Order had the license(s) not been placed in inactive status, as stated herein, as well as all then existing requirements for reactivation.

Signed this 12TH day of October, 2021.

Rhonda Bruns
RHONDA K. BRUNS, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12TH day of October, 2021.

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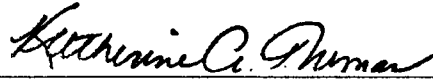
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Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

Approved as to form and substance.
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Darrin Dest, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 13 day of Oct., 2021.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 12th day of October, 2021, by RHONDA K. BRUNS, Vocational Nurse License Number 95230, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 9th day of November, 2021.



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