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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED ORDER
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License §
Number AP116369 with Prescription §
Authorization Number 8133 §
& Registered Nurse License Number 596111 §
issued to PATRICIA MUNOZ TRUEBLOOD §

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of PATRICIA MUNOZ TRUEBLOOD, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP116369 with Prescription Authorization Number 8133, and Registered Nurse License Number 596111, 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 08/31/2021), 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 November 18, 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 current status. Respondent's license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Texas with authorization as a Family Nurse Practitioner is in current status with Prescription Authorization Number 8133 in current status.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from San Antonio College, San Antonio, Texas, on May 1, 1993, a Baccalaureate Degree from Abilene Christian

University, Abilene, Texas, in May 2005, and received a Master's Degree in Nursing from Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas, in August 2007. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on September 22, 1993, and was licensed to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the State of Texas in the role of Family Nurse Practitioner on October 10, 2007, with prescription authorization granted on October 10, 2007.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

09/1993 – 05/1994	Registered Nurse	Santa Rosa Children's Hospital San Antonio, Texas
05/1994 – 06/1995	Registered Nurse	University Hospital San Antonio, Texas
06/1995 – 06/1996	Travel Nurse	Cross Country/Trav Corps Unknown
1996 – 1997	Registered Nurse	Northeast Baptist Hospital San Antonio, Texas
1997	Registered Nurse	Hendrick Hospital Abilene, Texas
1997 – 2000	Registered Nurse	Abilene Regional Medical Center Abilene, Texas
2000 – 2003	Registered Nurse	Summit Medical Center Oakland, California
2003 – 2007	Registered Nurse	Abilene Regional Medical Center Abilene, Texas
10/2007 – 03/2010	Family Nurse Practitioner	Abilene Diagnostic Clinic Abilene, Texas
07/2010 – 11/2010	Family Nurse Practitioner	Dr. J's Express Care Abilene, Texas
07/2010 – 08/2011	Family Nurse Practitioner	Shades of Hope Abilene, Texas
08/2010 – 05/2011	Adjunct Clinical Professor	

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

08/2011 – 06/2015	Family Nurse Practitioner	Abilene Physician's Group Abilene, Texas
08/2015 – 10/2016	Family Nurse Practitioner	Paragon Healthcare Infusion center San Antonio, Texas
11/2016 – 10/2018	Family Nurse Practitioner	Premier Dermatology Abilene, Texas
06/2017 – Present	Family Nurse Practitioner	Dr. J's Express Care Abilene, Texas
04/2019 – Present	Family Nurse Practitioner/ Owner	Restore Wellness Primary Care Abilene, Texas

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Dr. J's Express Care, Abilene, Texas, and had been in that position for two (2) years.
7. On or about June 15, 2019, while employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Dr. J's Express Care, Abilene, Texas, Respondent inappropriately documented "Passive Aggressive Personality" as a billable medical diagnosis in the medical record of Patient DR, without an assessment performed to appropriately diagnose a personality disorder. Respondent's conduct resulted in an inaccurate medical record.
8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that the patient spent an extraordinary amount of time in the bathroom and was unable to give a urine sample, when she came in with reports of urinary discomfort and requested specific antibiotics. Respondent states that while she was out of the exam room, Respondent was notified by the front office staff that the patient had called the corporate office to complain about her and it was at that time that she realized how upset the patient was by that morning's events. Respondent states that her intention in listing "Passive Aggressive Personality" was to use it as a description to a consideration that alludes to a greater diagnosis that could be made by the patient's primary care physician or a psychiatric professional. Respondent states that the patient never confronted her directly which is by definition passive aggressive behavior, and she feels that is it her professional responsibility to demonstrate that you can communicate directly.

9. Formal Charges were filed on June 3, 2021.

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. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13)(effective through 08/31/2021), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP116369 with Prescription Authorization Number 8133 and Registered Nurse License Number 596111, heretofore issued to PATRICIA MUNOZ TRUEBLOOD.
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** 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.

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. **RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)**

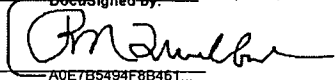
Upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) and/or privilege(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and, subject to meeting all existing eligibility requirements in Texas Occupations Code Chapter 304, Article III, RESPONDENT 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 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 ____ day of _____, 20____. 11/22/2021
Patricia Trueblood

PATRICIA MUNOZ TRUEBLOOD, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 20____. 11/21/2021

SEAL _____

Notary Public in and for the State of _____

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Attorney for Ms. Trueblood

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 22nd day of November, 2021, by PATRICIA MUNOZ TRUEBLOOD, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP116369, and Registered Nurse License Number 596111, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 22nd day of November, 2021.



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