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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 Number 744012
issued to SHANA NICHOLSON

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AGREED ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of SHANA NICHOLSON, Registered Nurse License Number 744012, 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 June 10, 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.
4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas, on May 12, 2007. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 3, 2007.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

7/2007 – 6/2008

Staff RN

Parkland Health and Hospital System
Dallas, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

5/2008 – 7/2011	Registered Nurse PRN	Methodist Medical Center Mansfield, Texas
12/2008 – 4/2017	Registered Nurse	Baylor Health Care System Dallas, Texas
5/2009 – 3/2012	Registered Nurse	Las Colinas Medical Center Irving, Texas
11/2010 – 7/2011	Registered Nurse	United Healthcare Unknown
2/2013 – 10/2013	Registered Nurse	Blue Cross Blue Shield Richardson, Texas
9/2015 – 9/2019	Staff RN	Baylor Scott & White Orthopedic & Spine Hospital Arlington, Texas
5/2016 – 10/2018	Registered Nurse PRN	Medstar Mobile Healthcare Fort Worth, Texas
6/2017 – 12/2017	Registered Nurse	Aetna Better Health Unknown
8/2019 – 8/2020	Staff RN	St. Mary's Hospital Kankakee, Illinois
3/2020 – Present	Travel Registered Nurse	Cross Country Healthcare Boca Raton, Florida
5/2020 - Present	Travel Registered Nurse	OneStaff Medical Omaha, Nebraska
5/2020 – 7/2020	Travel Registered Nurse	Ingalls Memorial Hospital Harvey, Illinois
7/2020 – 9/2020	Travel Registered Nurse	South Shore Hospital Chicago, Illinois
11/2020 – 2/2021	Travel Registered Nurse	Texoma Medical Center Denison, Texas

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Travel Registered Nurse with OneStaff Medical, Omaha, Nebraska, and contracted to Texoma Medical Center, Denison, Texas, and had been in that position for three (3) months.
7. On or about February 17, 2021, while employed as a Registered Nurse with OneStaff Medical, Omaha, Nebraska, and contracted to Texoma Medical Center, Denison, Texas, Respondent failed to completely and accurately document events during the shift for Patient Medical Number 30807838, including contact with providers, nursing assessments, interventions, and heart rate data. Additionally, Respondent failed to assess the patient's blood pressure. Subsequently, the patient continued to experience an elevated heart rate and required emergent cardioversion at bedside for supraventricular tachycardia (SVT). Respondent's conduct created an incomplete medical record and exposed the patient to a risk of harm from potentially adverse complications of undetected and untreated changes in cardiovascular status.
8. On or about February 17, 2021, while employed as a Registered Nurse with OneStaff Medical, Omaha, Nebraska, and contracted to Texoma Medical Center, Denison, Texas, Respondent failed to administer Keppra as ordered by the provider to Patient Medical Number 30808182, who was experiencing seizures. The ordered dose was not subsequently administered by another nurse until the next morning. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient to a risk of harm in that failure to administer medications as ordered by the physician could have resulted in non-efficacious treatment of the patient's seizures.
9. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states the patient was tachycardic when she assumed care. Respondent states she assessed the patient and reported her assessment findings to the physician and states the physician later ordered a STAT EKG for the patient. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent states she was in another room with a higher acuity patient and was not notified at the time Patient Medical Number 30808182 experienced a seizure. Respondent states she later went to assess the patient, but he had been transferred to his assigned bed on another floor.

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),(1)(M)&(3)(A) 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), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 744012, heretofore issued to SHANA NICHOLSON.
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 **WAARNING WITH STIPULATIONS** 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 physical assessment** with a didactic portion of not less than six (6) hours and a clinical component of not less than twenty-four (24) hours. Both the didactic and clinical components must be provided by the same Registered Nurse. The course's content shall include physical assessment of all body systems. The clinical component SHALL include physical assessment of live patients in a clinical setting; Performing assessments on mock patients or mannequins WILL NOT be accepted. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. Successful completion of this course requires RESPONDENT to successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course.

- C. **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.
- D. **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. **EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS**

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as a nurse in the State of Texas, providing direct patient care in a clinical healthcare setting, for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month for four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) quarterly periods of employment as a nurse have elapsed. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of a registered nurse (RN) or a vocational nurse (LVN) license, as appropriate, will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement.

- A. **Notifying Present and Future Employers:** RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, prior to accepting an offer of employment.

- B. **Notification of Employment Forms:** RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment form" to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- C. **Indirect Supervision:** RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years of experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the RESPONDENT is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- D. **Nursing Performance Evaluations:** RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the RESPONDENT by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the individual who supervises the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising individual to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for four (4) quarters [one (1) year] of employment as a nurse.

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

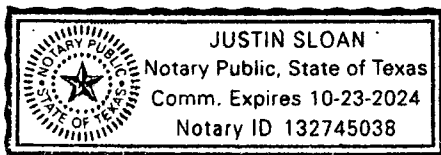
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of said Order, 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.

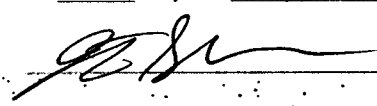
Signed this 15 day of 12, 2021.


SHANA NICHOLSON, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of 12, 2021.

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Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 15th day of December, 2021, by SHANA NICHOLSON, Registered Nurse License Number 744012, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 8th day of February, 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katherine A. Thomas", written over a horizontal line.

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