# BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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In the Matter of License Number 621162

**AGREED** 

issued to JUANA DOUCET

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Executive Director of the Board An investigation by the Board produced evidence indicating that JUANA DOUCET. hereinafter referred to as Respondent, License Number 621162, may have violated Article 4525(b)(12), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

An informal conference was held on September 7, 1999, at the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners, in accordance with Article 4524C, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

Respondent appeared in person. Respondent was notified of her right to be represented by legal counsel and elected to waive representation by counsel. In attendance were Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director; James W. Johnston, Assistant General Counsel; Anthony L. Diggs, MSCJ, Director of Investigations; and Gary Walters, BSN, RN, MSEd, Senior Investigator.

## 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.
- Respondent waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry 2. of this Order.
- Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in Texas. 3.
- Respondent received an Associate Degree in nursing from Lamar University, Beaumont, 4. Texas, in 1995. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas in 1995.

621162:019 E15 5. Respondent's professional employment history includes:

June 1995 - October 1995 Charge Nurse Golden Acres Nursing Home Dallas, Texas Staff Nurse October 1995 - July 1996 Denton Regional Med. Center Denton, Texas September 1996 - January 1997 Office Nurse North Texas Internists Dallas, Texas June 1997 - February 1999 Staff Nurse Arlington Memorial Hospital Arlington, Texas

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse in the ICU with Arlington Memorial Hospital, Arlington, Texas, and had been in that position for eighteen (18) months.
- 7. On or about December 26, 1998, while employed at Arlington Memorial Hospital, Arlington, Texas, Respondent failed to clarify the physician's incomplete order for the administration of Amphotericin B to a patient identified as Account # V00003089901. The patient received the medication intravenously, but it was intended to be used as a bladder irrigation. Respondent's failure to clarify the order unnecessarily exposed the patient to the common side effects of Amphotericin B, such as fever, chills and hypotension

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Article 4525, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violations of Article 4525(b)(12), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(5).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Article 4525(b), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., to take disciplinary action against License Number 621162, heretofore issued to JUANA DOUCET, including revocation of Respondent's professional license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

#### **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a Warning with Stipulations, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Art. 4513 et. seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 et. seq. and this Order.

#### IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

- (1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-size license issued to 621162, to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners within ten (10) days of the date of this Order for appropriate notation.
- (2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing jurisprudence. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience must include registered nurses. It must be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, and documentation of care. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT's successful completion of the course. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in medication administration. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The target audience must include registered nurses. The didactic portion of this course must be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course must contain a minimum twenty-four (24) hour clinical component which is to be supervised by another registered nurse. To be approved, the course's content must include a review of proper administration procedures for all standard routes, computation of drug dosages, the five (5) rights of medication administration, factors influencing the choice of route, and adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The description must indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course to satisfy this stipulation. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT's successful completion of the course. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure.

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IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT CHOOSE TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING, UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT:

- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in professional nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a copy of this Order to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in professional nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a copy of this Order to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.
- (5) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in professional nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a professional nurse.
- (6) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT's capability to practice professional nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Registered Nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. These reports shall be submitted to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) months for one (1) year of employment as a professional nurse.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

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## RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, 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 Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, 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 revocation of my license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 24 day of Occupance JUANA DOUCET, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of October, 1000.

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R. D. Lace Jahr

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>24th</u> day of <u>October</u>, <u>No</u>, by JUANA DOUCET, License Number 621162, and said Order is final.

Effective this 12th day of December ,XXX 00

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