

§ § § In the Matter of Vocational Nurse License Number 328732

issued to MOHAMED SALIEU KOROMA

AGREED ORDER

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of MOHAMED SALIEU KOROMA, Vocational Nurse License Number 328732, 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 May 5, 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 Chester County Hospital, West Chester, Pennsylvania, on October 2, 2014. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 8, 2015.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

Licensed Vocational 10/2015 - 12/2020

Aveanna Healthcare

Nurse

Austin, Texas

2016 - Present

Registered Nurse

Stonebridge Health Center

Austin, Texas

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Aveanna Healthcare, Austin, Texas, and had been in that position for four (4) years and four (4) months.
- 7. On or about February 22, 2020, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Aveanna Healthcare, Austin, Texas, and assigned to Patient DH, Respondent failed to zip the patient's bed cover when he reached for a syringe to deflate the patient's G-button which had come dislodged. As a result, the patient fell out of the bed and bruised both knees. Respondent's conduct injured the patient in that it created an unsafe environment and could have exposed the patient to emotional, physical, and/or psychological harm.
- 8. In response to Findings of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states this was his second weekend working with this patient. Respondent states while changing the patient's clothes, he became concerned when he noticed an issue with the patient's G-button. Respondent states he turned his face to reach the syringe to resolve the issue and the patient fell out of the bed and Respondent was unable to catch him. Respondent states he saw no bruises immediately after the fall or throughout his shift and that the patient's vital signs were within normal limits. Respondent states he wrote an incident report in the tablet and also on paper in the patient's chart. Respondent states he reported the incident to the patient's mother, who asked that he continue to monitor the patient. Respondent states the patient's mother noted the bruises before he came to work the next day and she called the doctor. Respondent states when he arrived for his shift, they both took the patient to Dell Children's Hospital for x-rays, where no fractures were found.
- 9. Formal Charges were filed on October 9, 2020.

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)(M) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(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 328732, heretofore issued to MOHAMED SALIEU KOROMA.
- 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. 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. <u>The course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills,"</u> 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 <u>not</u> being offered by a pre-approved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at <u>www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</u>.

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 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.

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>25th</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2022, by MOHAMED SALIEU KOROMA, Vocational Nurse License Number 328732, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 31st day of May, 2022.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board