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Laura Elizabeth Rossi
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Dear Ms. Rossi:

Your Petition for Reinstatement of Patient Care Privileges and the supporting information related to your potential ineligibility for reinstatement of patient care privileges was considered by the Executive Director.

Pursuant to the Occupations Code §§301.257, 301.452, and 301.453, you have been found to be ineligible for reinstatement of patient care privileges in the State of Texas based upon the grounds discussed below. **This is a final determination of licensure reinstatement denial.**

Our records indicate the following:

On January 25, 2018, you suffered an anoxic brain injury after having overdosed on pain medication. In December 2018 you were discharged from a rehabilitation facility with significant deficits in visual ability, memory recall, insight, physical limitations, and problem-solving abilities.

On or about November 30, 2020, you completed a neuropsychological evaluation performed by Jack G. Dial, Ph.D. According to Dr. Dial, your goal of returning to work in the nursing field appears unrealistic due to neurocognitive deficits, visual difficulties, limited mobility, and low stress tolerance. You would greatly broaden your employability potential if you pursued administrative applications of nursing as well as careers outside of the medical field.

On or about March 23, 2021, your license to practice nursing in the State of Texas was Reinstated with a Limited License and you were prohibited from providing patient care through an Order of the Board.

On or about October 6, 2021, you underwent a DRS-16 Neuropsychological Diagnostic Battery with Carolyn Sasano Ph.D. Dr. Sasano noted that you "exhibited some minimization of your anoxic event, and an unawareness of deficits." Dr. Sasano identified that you had adequate communication skills but severe executive functional and visual processing deficits as well as anosognosia (i.e., an inability or refusal to recognize a defect or disorder that is clinically evident). Dr. Sasano stated that you have impairment in your visual cognition with notable struggles to manage any sort of visual information, as well as difficulties acknowledging those limitations. Dr. Sasano noted that you see the world differently and your accuracy for visual planning and problem solving is severely compromised. Dr. Sasano stated that the data

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indicated you can function in a highly structured environment with limited possible choices; however, your ability may decline in less structured environments that possess higher ambiguity. Dr. Sasano concluded that the data indicated you were functioning in a mild to moderately impaired range and the results are consistent with your previous neuropsychological report.

You are subject to denial of patient care privileges pursuant to the following subsection of the Occupations Code §301.452(b):

- §301.452(b)(12): "lack of fitness to practice because of a mental or physical health condition that could result in injury to a patient or the public;"

The Board has also adopted a rule, located at 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.29, regarding fitness to practice. You have failed to provide sufficient evidence of current fitness to practice based upon the criteria set forth in this rule, including subsection (f).

Texas Occupations Code Chapter 301, as well as the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.27; §213.29-§213.33, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies are hereby incorporated by reference herein and may be located on the Board's website at www.bon.texas.gov.

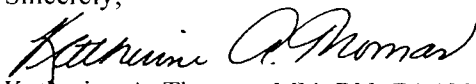
You will not be allowed to petition for reinstatement until at least one (1) year from the date of this denial and until you have satisfied any conditions outlined in your order and any requirements required by law at the time of your application.

Due to this denial, you have the right to a public hearing before an Administrative Law Judge with the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Should you decide to appeal the decision to deny you licensure, please submit a written request for a public hearing, to the attention of Office of General Counsel, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-460, Austin, Texas, 78701. Your written request to appeal this decision must be received in our office within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter. Further, if this office receives information regarding additional criminal conduct or behavior that has not been previously disclosed to or discovered by this office, please be advised that evidence of such additional criminal conduct or behavior may be used against you during the public hearing in this matter to show that you lack the good professional character and other requirements for licensure.

Further, should the decision to deny your licensure be upheld by the State Office of Administrative Hearings, you will be entitled to judicial review by filing an action in the district court of Travis County, Texas. A petition for such an action must be filed not later than the 30th day after the date the licensing authority's decision is final and appealable.

If you have any questions, please contact Enforcement at (512) 305-6838.

Sincerely,



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