

## BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JULIE KATHERINE BEYER, Registered Nurse License Number 710207, 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 8/31/21), 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 September 26, 2022.

## **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 an Associate Degree in Nursing from Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton, Wisconsin, on May 19, 2004. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on September 29, 2004.

C10II 0/0/710207/0:300 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

9/2004 8/2012	RN	Methodist Hospital Metropolitan San Antonio, Texas
9/2012 – 12/2013	Program Manager	Methodist Hospital Metropolitan San Antonio, Texas
1/2014 — 11/2016	Director of Quality/Risk Management	Methodist Hospital Metropolitan San Antonio, Texas
12/2016 – 4/2020	Vice President of Quality Management	Methodist Hospital Metropolitan San Antonio, Texas
unknown – present	Senior Director, Clinical Services	Nexus Schertz, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as Registered Nurse (RN) with Methodist Hospital Metropolitan, San Antonio, Texas, and had been in that position for eight (8) years.
- 7. On or about September 6, 2012 to April 25, 2020, while employed as a Registered Nurse ("RN") at Methodist Hospital Metropolitan, San Antonio Texas, Respondent presented false documentation of the completion of an educational program and misrepresented on business cards, correspondence, and other work-related documents that she possessed the following credentials: Bachelor of Science in Nursing ("BSN"), Master of Science in Nursing ("MSN"), Master of Business Administration (MBA), and Master of Health Administration ("MHA"). Respondent's conduct deceived patients, co-workers, and the public into believing that she possessed educational credentials that she had not earned and may have caused harm to the facility in that she was unqualified for the leadership positions she held.
- 8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that she did falsify her credentials. Respondent states that she was one class short of her BSN and intended to complete it and also the graduate degrees but that long work hours and caring for her elderly parents prevented her.
- 9. Formal Charges were filed on April 14, 2022.

### **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)(T), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(E),(4),(6)(A),(6)(H)&(6)(I).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13)(effective through 8/31/21), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 710207, heretofore issued to JULIE KATHERINE BEYER.
- 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 LIMITED LICENSE WITH STIPULATIONS in accordance with the terms of this Order.

- A. While under the terms of this Order, <u>RESPONDENT SHALL NOT provide</u> direct patient care. For the purposes of this Order, direct patient care involves the formation of a relationship between the nurse and the client, and includes, but is not limited to: teaching, counseling, assessing the client's needs and strengths, and providing skilled nursing care.
- B. While under the terms of this Order, <u>RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing</u> 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, <u>RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing</u> and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, prior to accepting an offer of employment.
- C. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to RESPONDENT to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

- D. This Order SHALL be applicable to RESPONDENT'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- E. Until successfully completed, RESPONDENT may not practice nursing in the State of Texas except in accordance with the terms of this Order.
- F. 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. 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 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.

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 <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance">www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</a>.

# IV. RESTORATION OF PATIENT CARE PRIVILEGES AND/OR UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

SHOULD RESPONDENT desire to provide direct patient care, RESPONDENT SHALL petition the Board for such approval, at which time, the RESPONDENT MUST satisfy all then existing requirements for restoration of the privilege to provide direct patient care. Further, the Board may impose reasonable conditions that must be satisfied by the RESPONDENT before restoration of an unencumbered license, which, at a minimum, shall include the remedial education courses, work restrictions, supervised practice, and/or employer reporting which would have been requirements of this Agreed Order had the license(s) not been placed in limited status.

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## RESPONDENTS CERTIFICATION

proceedings that I have the right to legal control prior to signing this Order. I wais a proceeding the violation of this Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation of adject of account of this Order, and any conditions of the 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 17 day of October, 2022

JULIEKATHERINE BEYER, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

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Notary Public in and for the State of

ELICIA LOPEZ
Notary Public, State of Texas
Comm. Expires 07-23-2025
Notary ID 133229406

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 17th day of October, 2022, by JULIE KATHERINE BEYER, Registered Nurse License Number 710207, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 19th day of October, 2022.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board