

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of \$ AGREED ORDER
Registered Nurse License Number 1013872 \$ FOR
issued to ASHLEY DANIELLE FLOURNOY \$ DEFERRED DISCIPLINE & KSTAR PROGRAM

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of ASHLEY DANIELLE FLOURNOY, Registered Nurse License Number 1013872, 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)&(14), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order for Deferred Discipline & KSTAR Program approved by Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN, Executive Director, on November 17, 2023.

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 for Deferred Discipline & KSTAR Program.
- 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 Concordia University Texas, Austin, Texas, on August 23, 2020. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on January 16, 2021.

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5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1/2021	Unknown	Unknown
2/2021 1/2022	RN	Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center Houston, Texas
2/2022 – 4/2022	RN (travel)	Barnes-Jewish Hospital Saint Louis, Missouri
5/2022 - 8/2022	RN (travel)	St. David's Medical Hospital Austin, Texas
8/2022 – 11/2022	RN (travel)	St. David's Surgical Hospital Round Rock, Texas
12/2022 - Present	RN (travel)	Banner Desert Medical Center Mesa, Arizona

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with St. David's Surgical Hospital, Round Rock, Texas, and had been in that position for one (1) month.
- 7. On or about September 2, 2022, through September 29, 2022, while employed as a Registered Nurse with St. David's Surgical Hospital, Round Rock, Texas, Respondent withdrew Temazepam 15mg, Oxycodone 5mg, Hydromorphone 0.5mg and Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen 10/325mg from the medication dispensing system for patients but failed to document and/or accurately and completely document the administration of the medications in the patients' Medication Administration Record (MAR) and/or Nurses' Notes. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients, in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patients, which could result in an overdose. Additionally, Respondent's conduct placed the hospital in violation of Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
- 8. On or about September 2, 2022, through September 29, 2022, while employed as a Registered Nurse with St. David's Surgical Hospital, Round Rock, Texas, Respondent withdrew Temazepam 15mg, Oxycodone 10mg, Oxycodone 5mg, Hydromorphone 0.5mg and Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen 10/325mg from the medication dispensing system for patients but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedure for wastage of the unused portions of the medications. Respondent's conduct left medications unaccounted for, was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy, and placed the pharmacy in violation of Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

9. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states she was working as a travel RN and the patients' rooms had computers in them, but many of them didn't work, so she would have to use one of the Computers on Wheels (COWS). Respondent relates that due to the hospital's limited working/available COWS, she developed a process for entering the medication administration into the MAR at the nurse's station after administering the medication to the patient in their room. However, if there was an available COW or a working computer in a patient's room, then Respondent relates she would not do it this way. In response to Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent states she properly wasted four (4) out of the five (5) medications listed.

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)(D) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(4),(10)(C)&(11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(14), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 1013872, heretofore issued to ASHLEY DANIELLE FLOURNOY.
- 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 WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS, DEFERRED, 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 for Deferred Discipline & KSTAR Program.

Further, RESPONDENT SHALL not commit any violation of the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 et seq. for a period of three (3) years from the date of this Order.

III. KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, TRAINING, ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH (KSTAR) PROGRAM

IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, successfully complete the Knowledge, Skills, Training, Assessment and Research (KSTAR) Program and RESPONDENT SHALL:

A. Within forty-five (45) days following the effective date of this Order, apply to and enroll in the KSTAR Program, including payment of any fees and costs, unless otherwise agreed in writing;

- B. Submit to an individualized assessment designed to evaluate RESPONDENT'S nursing practice competency and to support a targeted remediation plan;
- C. Follow all requirements within the remediation plan, if any;
- D. Successfully complete a Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics as part of the KSTAR Program; and
- E. Provide written documentation of successful completion of the KSTAR Program to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office.

IV. SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, should the RESPONDENT'S conduct, as outlined in the findings of fact of this Agreed Order for Deferred Discipline & KSTAR Program, result in subsequent judicial action, including a deferred disposition, RESPONDENT may be subject to further disciplinary action, up to, and including, revocation of RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

V. FURTHER COMPETENCY ISSUES AND VIOLATIONS

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT'S individualized KSTAR Program assessment identify further competency issues and violations of the Nursing Practice Act, including inability to practice nursing safely, further disciplinary action, up to and including revocation of RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, may be taken based on such results in the assessments.

VI. EFFECT OF DEFERRED DISCIPLINE

<u>Upon successful completion of the stipulated requirements of this Agreed</u>

<u>Order for Deferred Discipline & KSTAR Program</u>, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and, subject to

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meeting all existing eligibility requirements in Texas Occupations Code Chapter 304, Article III, RESPONDENT may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

Upon the successful completion of the required three (3) year period of deferral, the complaint or complaints which formed the basis for this action will be dismissed and this Order will be made confidential to the same extent as a complaint filed under Section 301.466, Texas Occupations Code.

Until such time that this Order is made confidential, this Order is subject to disclosure in accordance with applicable law.

Should an additional allegation, complaint, accusation, or petition be reported or filed against RESPONDENT prior to the time this Order is made confidential, the deferral period shall be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been finally acted upon by the Board.

Should RESPONDENT commit a subsequent violation of the Nursing Practice Act or Board Rules, this Order shall be treated as prior disciplinary action.

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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.

	Signed this	day of	, 20	
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	Notary Public in and for the State of			
	Approved as to form and substance.			
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	Yong An, Attorney for Respondent			
	Signed this	day of _	. 20	

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order for Deferred Discipline & KSTAR Program that was signed on the 19th day of December, 2023, by ASHLEY DANIELLE FLOURNOY, Registered Nurse License Number 1013872, and said Agreed Order for Deferred Discipline & KSTAR Program is final.

Effective this 25th day of January, 2024.

Kristin K. Berton, DNP, RN

Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN Executive Director on behalf of said Board