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

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 660478 and Vocational

**AGREED** 

Executive Director of the Board

**ORDER** 

Nurse License Number 152618

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issued to STACEY LYNN NORMAN

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On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of STACEY LYNN NORMAN, Registered Nurse License Number 660478 and Vocational Nurse License Number 152618, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on April 4, 2006, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

### 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.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing is currently in delinquent status. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Howard College, Big Spring, Texas, on May 25, 1995. Respondent originally became licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on June 28, 1995. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from South Plains College, Levelland, Texas, on May 1, 1999. Respondent originally became licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 15, 1999.

- 5. Respondent's vocational and professional nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. On or about November 22, 2004, Respondent was charged with the offense "Assault Causes Bodily Injury," a Class A Misdemeanor, in the Hockley County, Texas, County Court at Law, Cause Number 36460.
- 7. On or about January 30, 2005, Respondent was arrested and charged with the offense "Driving While Intoxicated," a Class B Misdemeanor, in the Lubbock County, Texas, County Court at Law, Cause Number 2005-493213.
- 8. On or about January 30, 2005, Respondent was arrested and charged with the offense "Possession of a Dangerous Drug," a Class A Misdemeanor, in Lubbock County, Texas.
- 9. Respondent states that on February 2005, she completed a two week inpatient psychiatric program at Sunrise Canyon Hospital in Lubbock, Texas. Respondent was diagnosed with bi-polar disorder, released in March 2005, and is currently being treated with Depakote.
- 10. The Respondent's conduct described in the preceding Findings of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
- 11. Respondent's conduct described in Findings of Fact Numbers six (6), seven (7), and eight (8) resulted from mental illness.
- 12. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.455, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(10)(12), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13)(as amended September 28, 2004).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 660478 and Vocational Nurse License Number 152618, heretofore issued to STACEY LYNN NORMAN, including revocation of Respondent's professional and vocational licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

5. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

#### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT, in lieu of the sanction of Revocation under Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code, SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN):

- (1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to and be accepted into the TPAPN, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) payable to TPAPN.
- (2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN contract to the Board of Nurse Examiners.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN contract during its term.
- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Board of Nurse Examiners of any violation of the TPAPN contract.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code, Section §§301,001 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 et seq. and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable

to Respondent's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional and/or vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license is encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further disciplinary action including revocation of Respondent's license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional and/or vocational 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. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Conditions One (1) through Four (4) of this Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and 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 Board of Nurse Examiners, 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 licenses to practice professional and vocational nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 20 day of April , 2006.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this **20** day of \_\_\_

My Commission Expires

Notary Public in and for the State of Lusbook JEXAS

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the
Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, does hereby accept and enter the Agreed Order that
was signed on the 20th day of April , 2006 , by STACEY LYNN NORMAN,
Registered Nurse License Number 660478 and Vocational Nurse License Number 152618, and said
Order is final.

Entered and effective this 23rd day of May , 2006\_\_\_.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN Executive Director on behalf

of said Board