



Board of Nurse Examiners For the State of Texas

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN
Executive Director

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President



I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.
Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

October 7, 2004

JAMES REAMS
916 JEFFERSON NO. E
KERRVILLE TX 78028

Dear Ms. Reams:

Our file reflects that all requirements of the Order of the Board entered on December 3, 2002, have been met.

Please return your current wallet-sized license along with a copy of this letter. We will then issue you a license without the stipulated designation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 305-7667.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Hudson
Investigator
Monitoring

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BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSE EXAMINERS

333 GUADALUPE STREET, SUITE 3-400

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

(512) 305-8100

December 6, 2002

JAMES REAMS
163 MADRONIA
KERRVILLE TX 78028

Dear Mr. Reams:

The enclosed Agreed Board Order has been ratified by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners, and it is now in effect. Your probation is subject to certain conditions as outlined in the Agreed Board Order.

The reports that are due from your nursing supervisor(s) on a **quarterly** basis are due on the following dates, to-wit:

March 3, 2003, 2004

June 3, 2003, 2004

September 3, 2003

December 3, 2003

It is also stipulated that you pay a probation monitoring fee in the amount of thirty (\$30.00) dollars on a quarterly basis on the 15th of each quarter on the following dates to-wit:

March 15, 2003, 2004

June 15, 2003, 2004

September 15, 2003

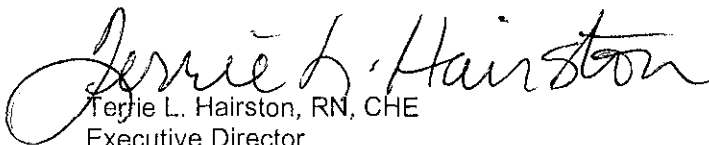
December 15, 2003

It is **your responsibility** to insure that the required reports are submitted to the Board office, on time, and without reminders.

Any period(s) of unemployment must be documented in writing and submitted directly to the Board office as stipulated in the Board Order. Non-compliance with this Order, or violation of the Texas Occupations Code, may result in a more severe sanction.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Enforcement Division.

Sincerely,


Terrie L. Hairston, RN, CHE
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Agreed order and Probation Documentation

BOARD OF VOCATIONAL
NURSE EXAMINERS

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STATE OF TEXAS

VS.

JAMES EDGAR REAMS

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

AGREED BOARD ORDER

On this day came to be considered by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners the matter of vocational nurse license number 175955 held by JAMES EDGAR REAMS, hereinafter called Respondent.

By letter, the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners sent preliminary notice to Respondent of its intent to take disciplinary action with respect to said license held by Respondent, as a result of a complaint and subsequent investigation. Said investigation produced evidence indicating that Respondent has engaged in unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that, in the Board's opinion, is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure the public, in violation of Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 302, Section 302.402 (a) (10), in the following manner:

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- a. Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Edgewater Care Center in Kerrville, Texas, from about February 25, 2000 through about October 24, 2000.
- b. While so employed with said facility, on or about October 21-22, 2000, Respondent failed to follow physician's orders by failing to soak resident C.H.'s left foot in Betadyne/saline solution for 10 minutes three (3) times a day. Respondent falsified medical treatment records indicating that he had administered said treatments when he had not. Furthermore, Respondent admitted to his supervisor that he had not performed said treatments. Respondent also failed to document said treatments in nurse's notes. Subsequently, Resident C.H. incurred an infection and was hospitalized requiring further medical intervention.

By Respondent's signature on this Order, Respondent neither admits nor denies the truth of the matters previously set out in this Order with respect to the above-mentioned investigation. By Respondent's signature on this Order, Respondent acknowledges that they have read and understood this Order and have approved it for consideration by the Board.

By their notarized signature on this Order, Respondent does hereby waive the right to a formal Complaint, Notice of Hearing and a Public Hearing held before an Administrative Law Judge with the State Office of Administrative Hearings, and to judicial review of this *disciplinary action*. *Notice of this disciplinary action will appear in the Board's newsletter sent to Texas employers.*

ORDER OF THE BOARD

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that license number 175955, heretofore issued to JAMES EDGAR REAMS to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby Suspended, with said suspension stayed and placed on probation for a period of eighteen (18) months.

The probation of said license is subject to the following stipulations, to wit:

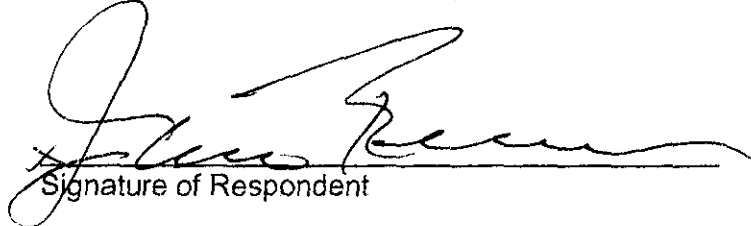
1. That if Respondent's place of employment, name, address or telephone number changes, Respondent is to notify the Board office immediately, or no later than ten (10) days after said change has occurred. Said notification shall be in the form of a written letter or report.

2. That Respondent shall comply with Federal, State, and local laws, and all the provisions of the Texas Occupations Code and Rules and Regulations of the Board.
3. That Respondent shall not practice nursing in a Nurse Licensure Compact remote state without obtaining prior written authority of both the BVNE and the Board of Nursing of the remote state.
4. That by copy of this Board Order, Respondent shall provide notice of Board disciplinary action to his/her immediate nursing supervisor(s) and Director(s) of Nursing, throughout the term of probation.
5. That Respondent shall be responsible for causing his/her immediate nursing supervisor(s) to submit satisfactory reports directly to the Board office on a quarterly basis, throughout the term of probation. The receipt of an unfavorable and/or untimely report shall be considered a violation of probation.
6. That any period(s) of nursing unemployment must be documented in writing by Respondent and submitted to the Board office, as provided in Stipulation No. five.
7. That Respondent shall work only under the supervision of a licensed medical professional (M.D., R.N., L.V.N.) who is physically present on the work premises during Respondent's shift assignment (s), throughout the term of probation.
8. That Respondent shall successfully complete nursing program course(s) encompassing the following areas of study: **Legal Aspects of Nursing** (to include Charting,), **Nursing Ethics**, and submit documentation of successful course completion to the Board office prior to the end of probation. Respondent shall be responsible for locating said course(s) and obtaining prior written approval of Board staff prior to committing to said course(s). Said course(s) shall be through correspondence (through a recognized provider), in-house at a community college, university or nursing program, and/or tutored by a state approved, licensed nursing program faculty member. The expense of said course(s) shall be borne by Respondent. Failure to successfully complete said course(s) within the time frame stipulated, shall be considered a violation of probation.
9. That Respondent pay a Probation Monitoring fee in the amount of thirty (\$30.00) dollars in the form of a cashier's check or money order, payable to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners. Said fee shall be paid quarterly, due on the 15th of each quarter commencing the quarter following the date of the Board's endorsement of the Order, and continuing thereafter until the successful completion of Respondent's probation. Said fee shall be sent to the Board office, addressed to the "Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners ", 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-400, Austin, TX 78701. Failure by Respondent to make any quarterly payment on time shall constitute a violation of probation.

10. That Respondent shall return their license to the Board office for a replacement license marked "**PROBATION**" and pay a license re-issue fee in the amount of twenty (\$20.00) dollars in the form of a cashier's check or money order, payable to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners. Said return of license and fee shall be made not later than thirty (30) days following the date of the Board's endorsement of the Agreed Board Order. Said license and fee shall be sent to the Board office, addressed to the "Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners", 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-400, Austin, TX 78701. Failure by Respondent to return said license or pay said fee shall constitute a violation of probation.

This Agreed Order shall not be effective or take effect and become enforceable in accordance with its terms until ratified by a majority of the Board present and voting, at its next regularly called session.

Dated this the 24 day of Oct, 2002.


Signature of Respondent

163 MADRONA
Current Address

KERRVILLE TX 72808
City, State and Zip

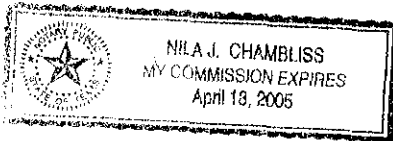
830.895.2760
Area Code and Telephone Number

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The State of Texas
County of Kerr

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared JAMES EDGAR REAMS, who being duly sworn by me stated that he or she executed the above for the purpose therein contained, and that he or she understood same.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this the 24th day of October, 2002.



Nila J. Chambliss
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR
THE STATE OF TEXAS
My Commission Expires 4-18-05

Terrie L. Hairston
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Agent for the Board of
Vocational Nurse Examiners

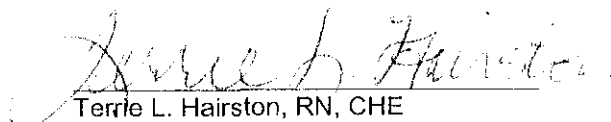
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 19th day of November, 2002.

Sandy Leland
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR
THE STATE OF TEXAS
My Commission Expires 4/13/03

BOARD ORDER
RE: JAMES EDGAR REAMS, LVN #175955
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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Board Order, notarized on the 24th day of October, 2002 by Respondent, license number 175955 and that Said Order is Final.

Effective this 3rd day of December, 2002


Terrie L. Hairston, RN, CHE
Executive Director
On Behalf of Said Board

BOARD ORDER

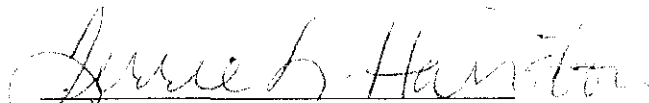
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 6th day of December, 2002, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **BOARD ORDER** was served by placement in the U.S. Mail, first class, and addressed to the following person(s):

JAMES EDGAR REAMS
163 MADRONIA
KERRVILLE TX 78028



Terrie L. Hairston, RN, CHE
Executive Director
Agent for the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners