BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse	§	AGREED
License Number 176977	§	
issued to CAROLYN VIOLA CAMPBELL	§	ORDER

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
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.
Executive Director of the Board

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Bc accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 176977, issued to CAROLYN VIOLA CAMPBELL, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was provided to 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 representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

4. Respondent received Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Blinn College, Brenham, Texas on August 10, 2000. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 7, 2000.

5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

09/2000 - 09/2009	LVN	Brenham State School Brenham, Texas
10/2009 - present	Unknown	

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a vocational nurse with Brenham State School and had been in this position for nine (9) years.

7. On or about December 2008 through January 2009, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Brenham State School, Brenham, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice vocational nursing, in that while on duty she appeared very pale and emaciated, and on two occasions it was reported that she appeared confused while driving. In addition, she requested that a co-worker give her salt if she appeared to be losing it. Respondent's conduct could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.

8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states: "I became an adult diabetic, type II, in April 2007. I had lost a great deal of weight. I was put on oral medications only. That worked fairly well, until December 2008-January 2009, at which time I lost fifteen pounds rapidly and was very pale. In February 2009, I began taking insulin, as my blood sugars had been running high in the mid 180's to almost 300's. At no time did any of my co-workers or bosses, who saw me very often, and knew of my appearance and medical condition, see the need to send me home or take any other action. My doctors would not let me return to work until they knew it was safe for me to practice nursing and my health was strong enough. I am very brittle and my doctors keep in close touch by telephone all of the time. In response that I appeared to be confused when driving, I do not ever remember a co-worker riding in my car when driving. I do not know who can say this. In response to the salt statement, I have Hyponatremia and run low on sodium. I take two salt tablets a day. Dr. Brown asked me to tell all my family, friends, and co-workers that if I start acting funny, like tripping over my own feet or unsteady gait, to tell me to eat some salt. I do not realize the onset of the symptoms right away as it can take a few days to drop low enough before I feel sick. I have also become so use to being low. It was a precautionary statement."

9. On or about March 5, 2009, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Brenham State School, Brenham, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice vocational nursing, in that she asked to be excused from a scheduled shift due to the effects of an injection of migraine medicine. Respondent's conduct could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.

10. In response to Finding of Fact Number Nine (9), Respondent states: "On March 3, 2009, I had the beginnings of a migraine. I have medication at home to take at the onset. I did this through out the day, as ordered by Dr. English, but it did not help. I have to take Phenergan with it as I also throw up and become very light sensitive. I have been instructed by Dr. English that if these medications do not work, to come in to the office and get an injection. The medication did not work so I called in to work to tell them I was going to the doctor to get a migraine injection and would not be into work. My doctor's office advised me to go to the urgent care clinic because the doctor was leaving before I could get there. My husband and I did that. I was not able by any means to drive. The doctor at the clinic did not know of the great deal of weight loss since I had never seen him before. He gave me the same cocktail that I received when I weighed 160 pounds or more, by looking at what I had received in the past in my chart. That cocktail and the medications that I had taken knocked me out right there in the clinic. When we got home my husband could not wake me and had to carry me into the house. He watched my blood sugars and was able to wake me up long enough to get me to eat and drink enough to maintain my blood sugars. I slept for two full days. I would wake up off and on to go to the restroom, eat, talk, walk, and would slur my words making entirely no sense. I was never left alone. I called in to work on March 5, 2009, as I was still very woozy from the injection. My doctor and my bosses have a return to work order for these dates."

11. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

12. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.

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 of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(E),(4)&(5).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.453(a), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 176977, heretofore issued to CAROLYN VIOLA CAMPBELL, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.

6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.

7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Vocational Nurse License Number 176977, heretofore issued to CAROLYN VIOLA CAMPBELL, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title "vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.

2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.

3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice 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. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, 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 becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 15th day of June, 2011.

Carolyn Viola Campbell

CAROLYN VIOLA CAMPBELL, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of June, 2011.

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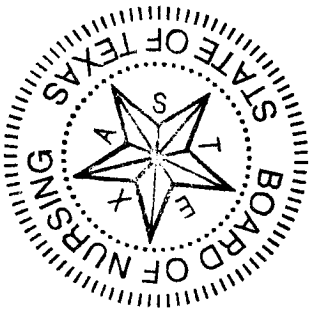
Dana Cramer

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

DANA CRAMER
Notary Public
STATE OF TEXAS
My Comm. Exp. September 08, 2013

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 176977, previously issued to CAROLYN VIOLA CAMPBELL.



Effective this 3rd day of June, 2011.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board