BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse	§
License Number 62255	§
issued to RAE LYNNE SUGGS	§

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

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 62255, issued to RAE LYNNE SUGGS, 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.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Hopkins County Hospital School of Vocational Nursing, Sulphur Springs, Texas, on September 9, 1974. Respondent was licensed to practice Vocational nursing in the State of Texas on November 28, 1974.

4. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

1974 - 1980	Employment history unknown.	
1980 - 1988	LVN	San Marcos Baptist Academy San Marcos, Texas

Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

1988 - 1994	LVN	Hays County Hospital San Marcos, Texas
1994 - 1995	LVN	South West Adventist Services San Marcos, Texas
1995 - 1997	LVN	Briarcliff Health Services Greenville, Texas
1997 - 1998	LVN	Medical Professional Services Richardson, Texas
1998 - 1999	LVN	Senior Care Consultants Rowlett, Texas
03/99 - 04/10	LVN	Hunt Regional Memorial Hospital Greenville, Texas
05/10 - Present	Unknown	

5. On November 5, 2010, the Board provided notice to Respondent for the following allegations::

   a. On or about August 25, 2010, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Hunt Regional Healthcare, Greenville, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice vocational nursing, in that her responses were slower than normal and she had hostile outbursts.

   b. On or about August 25, 2010, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Hunt Regional Healthcare, Greenville, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Propoxyphene, in that she produced a specimen for a random drug screen requested by the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN), which resulted positive for Propoxyphene. Additionally, she admitted to taking her husband's Darvocet.

6. On May 17, 2011, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated May 13, 2011, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

7. 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.

8. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances.

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 a violations of Section 301.452(b)(9),(10),(12) &(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(B) and 217.12(1)(A),(E),(4),(5),(9),(10)(A),(D)&(11)(B).

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

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

6. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.452 (b), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC§§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 62255, heretofore issued to RAE LYNNE SUGGS, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

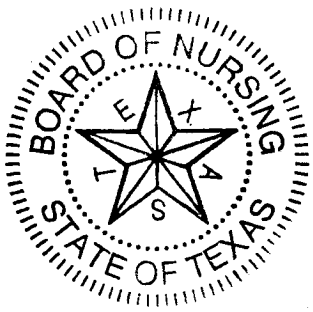
1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title of vocational nurse or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse 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; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.

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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 27th day of May, 2011.



TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By: Katherine A. Thomas

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

RAE LYNNE SUGGS
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Greenville, Texas 75403
Texas LVN License #62255

Voluntary Surrender Statement

April 14, 2011

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a professional nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license to practice in Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Signature Rae Lynne Suggs

Date 5-13-11

Texas Nursing License Number/s 062255

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared RAE LYNNE SUGGS who, being duly sworn by me, stated that she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that she understood same.

Sworn to before me the 13th day of May, 2011.

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Patsy Coley
Notary Public in and for the State of TX.

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF TEXAS
PATSY COLEY
My Commission Expires
February 17, 2014