

IN THE MATTER OF
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE
NUMBER 677999
ISSUED TO
SHARON ELAINE STOVALL

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BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY
AND DISCIPLINARY
COMMITTEE
OF THE 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.
Patricia P. Roman
Executive Director of the Board

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Sharon Elaine Stovall
30609 FM 85
Kempt, Texas 75143

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on May 10, 2011, the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee of the Texas Board of Nursing finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the

proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 677999, previously issued to SHARON ELAINE STOVALL, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 10th day of May, 2011.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment: Formal Charge filed January 28, 2011.

Re: Permanent Certificate Number 677999
Issued to Sharon Elaine Stovall
DEFAULT ORDER -REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 12th day of May, 2011, a true and correct copy of the foregoing
DEFAULT ORDER was served by placement in the U.S. Mail via certified mail, and addressed to
the following person(s):

Sharon Elaine Stovall
30609 FM 85
Kemp, Texas 75143

BY:



KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

In the Matter of Permanent License § **BEFORE THE TEXAS**
Number 677999, Issued to §
SHARON ELAINE STOVALL, Respondent § **BOARD OF NURSING**

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, SHARON ELAINE STOVALL, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 677999, which is in delinquent status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

On or about April 8, 2009, while employed as a Registered Nurse with East Texas Medical Center, Athens, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing, in that she repeatedly called in at shift change to miss work, which she admitted was caused by her dependency on alcohol. The use of alcohol by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing patients in potential danger.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(9),(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(5)&(10)(A).

CHARGE II.

On or about May 15, 2009, while employed as a Registered Nurse with East Texas Medical Center, Athens, Texas, and participating in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN), Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Benzodiazepines in that she produced a positive drug screen for Benzodiazepines, specifically Oxazepam at 973 ng/ml and Temazepam at 348 ng/ml. Possession of Benzodiazepines, including Oxazepam and Temazepam, is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Benzodiazepines by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing patients in potential danger.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(10)(A)&(D).

CHARGE III.

On or about September 30, 2010, Respondent defaulted on her guaranteed student loans, as provided in Section 57.491 of the Texas Education Code. Respondent's failure to repay her Texas Guaranteed Student Loan may have deprived other applicants of funds for nursing school loans.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(7).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.state.tx.us.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder, and for Fraud, Theft & Deception, which can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.state.tx.us.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html.

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Filed this 28th day of January, 20 11.

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