BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse	§	AGREED
License Number 541677	§	
issued to RINDA PRICE TALIAFERRO	§	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.
Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Bo considered the matter of RINDA PRICE TALIAFERRO, Registered Nurse License Number 541667, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on January 4,2011, 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(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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.

4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Trinity Valley Community College, Kaufman, Texas on May 1, 1987, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas in 2003. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 24, 1987.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1987 - 1990	Staff & Charge Nurse	Trinity Mother Francis Hospital Tyler, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

1990 - 1996	Nurse Consultant	Andrews Center (Group Homes) Canton, Texas
1996 - 6/1999	School Nurse	Canton Independent School District Canton, Texas
7/1999 - 2/2003	Staff Nurse	Texas Department of Health, Region 4/5 North Athens, Texas
2/2003 - Present	Staff Nurse	The University of Texas Medical Center-St. Paul Hospital Dallas, Texas

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a staff nurse with The University of Texas Medical Center-St. Paul Hospital, Dallas, Texas, and had been in this position for three (3) years and six (6) months.

7. On or about July 23, 2008, while employed as a staff nurse with The University of Texas Medical Center-St. Paul Hospital, Dallas, Texas, Respondent left Patient TD sitting in a wheelchair in the Emergency Room lobby to wait for transportation, after the patient received a sedative medication. Respondent's conduct deprived the patient of assistance into the transport vehicle, which may have been required due to the administration of a sedative medication.

8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states she left the patient in the Emergency Room lobby to wait for her ride to arrive. Respondent states the patient arrived alone to the hospital and she had the option of having family/friend come to the Labor and Delivery Department to pick her up or to be escorted to the Emergency Room entrance to meet them for their own convenience. Respondent states that since the incident she had reviewed the hospital policy and is now aware that patients must be physically assisted into the transport vehicle by hospital staff.

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)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(B) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B)&(4).

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 541677, heretofore issued to RINDA PRICE TALIAFERRO, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 *et seq.* and this Order.

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.

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 nurse licensure compact 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 that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is <u>not</u> being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to

be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.*

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension. In order to receive credit for completion of this program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. *Information regarding this workshop may be found at the following web address: http://learningext.com/hives/a0f6f3e8a0/summary.*

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license to practice nursing in the State

of Texas and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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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 when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, 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 license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 18 day of March, 2011.

Rinda Price Taliaferro

RINDA PRICE TALIAFERRO, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of March, 2011.

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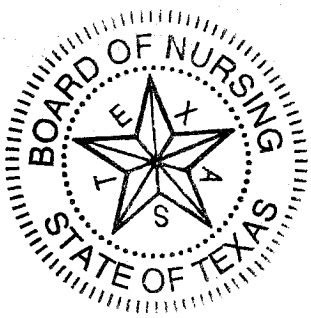
SUSAN A. CARDIN
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
May 23, 2013

Susan A. Cardin

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 18th day of March, 2011, by RINDA PRICE TALIAFERRO, Registered Nurse License Number 541677, and said Order is final.



Effective this 22nd day of March, 2011.

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