BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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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

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse	§
License Number 144722 and Registered	§
Nurse License Number 642143, issued to	§
CASANDRA STANFORD	§

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 144722 and Registered Nurse License Number 642143, issued to CASANDRA STANFORD, 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 holds licenses to practice vocational and professional nursing in the State of Texas which are in Delinquent status.

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

3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from San Jacinto College North, Houston, Texas, on August 26, 1993. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 1, 1993. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from North Harris Montgomery County Community College District, Houston, Texas, on May 1, 1997. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 30, 1997.

4. Respondent's vocational and professional nursing employment history includes:

12/93 - 06/94	LVN/Staff Nurse	Bayou Glen of Northwest Houston Houston, Texas

Respondent's vocational and professional nursing employment history continued:

07/94 - 06/00	Director of Nursing	Sunbridge Healthcare of Humble Humble, Texas
07/00 - 11/02	Director of Nursing	Mariner Heathcare of NW Houston Houston, Texas
12/02 - 08/05	Regional Clinical Director	Mariner Healthcare- (SAVA) Houston, Texas
09/05 - 12/05	Asst. Director of Nurses	Mariner Healthcare- The Village Houston, Texas
01/06 - 05/06	Unknown	
06/06	Registered Nurse	Nursefinders, Inc. Houston, Texas
07/06 - 07/07	Unknown	
08/07 - 11/07	Registered Nurse	Memorial Herman Northeast Houston, Texas
12/07 - Present	Unknown	

5. Formal Charges were filed on July 22, 2010. A copy of the Formal Charges is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.

6. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on August 4, 2010.

7. On January 13, 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 January 13, 2011, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

8. 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.

9. 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 or chemical dependency.

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)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(10)(B)&(E),(11)(B),&(13).

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 144722, and Registered Nurse License Number 642143, heretofore issued to CASANDRA STANFORD, to practice vocational and professional 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:

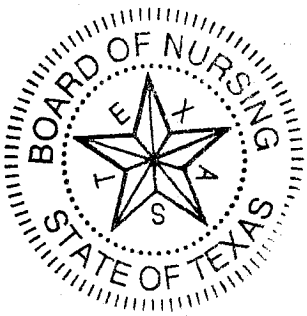
1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational or professional nursing, use the title of vocational nurse or registered nurse or the abbreviation LVN or RN or wear any insignia identifying herself as a vocational or registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational or registered nurse during the period in which the licenses are 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 or professional nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 14th day of January, 2011.



TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By: Katherine A. Thomas

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

In the Matter of Permanent License Number 144722 and Permanent License Number 642143, Issued to CASANDRA STANFORD, Respondent	§ § §	**BEFORE THE TEXAS** **BOARD OF NURSING**

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, CASANDRA STANFORD, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 144722, and a Registered Nurse holding license number 642143, which are 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 licenses prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

On or about January 22, 2008, while employed with Nursefinders, Houston, Texas, Respondent attempted to pass fraudulent, unauthorized prescriptions for Xanax, Lorazepam, Norco, Propoxyphene, Effexor, Geodon, Seroquel, and Tromethazine at Walgreen's Pharmacy, Houston, Texas. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the pharmacy and possession of Xanax, Lorazepam, Norco, Propoxyphene, Effexor, Geodon, Seroquel, and Tromethazine, through the use of a fraudulent, unauthorized prescription is prohibited by Chapter 481(Controlled Substances Act) and Chapter 483 (Dangerous Drug Act), of the Texas Health & Safety Code .

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(10)(B),(E)&(11)(B).

CHARGE II.

On or about June 12, 2009, Respondent entered a plea of guilty to POSS CS BY FRAUD CS 3/ 4(a 3rd degree felony offense committed on January 22, 2008), entered in the 209th District Court of Harris County, Houston, Texas, under Cause No. 115235501010. As a result of the guilty plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of two (2) years. Additionally, she was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to revocation of Respondent's licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to 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 Guidelines for Criminal Conduct and 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.

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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.

Filed this 22nd day of July, 2010.

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Texas RN License # 642143

Voluntary Surrender Statement

January 7, 2011

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a vocational or professional nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my licenses 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: Casandra Stanford

Date 1-13-11

Texas Nursing License Numbers 642143 & 144722

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared CASANDRA STANFORD 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 January, 2011.

SEAL

Diana Rodriguez

Notary Public in and for the State of Harris

DIANA RODRIGUEZ
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
JAN. 11, 2014