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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 672747 § AGREED
and Vocational Nurse License Number 166548 § ORDER
issued to STEVE N. SINGH §

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Bo
considered the matter of STEVE N. SINGH, Registered Nurse License Number 672747 and
Vocational Nurse License Number 166548, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have
violated Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal
proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on October 29, 2010,
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 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. Respondent holds a license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, which is currently in delinquent status.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from San Jacinto College South, Houston, Texas, on February 11, 1998, and an Associate Degree in Nursing from San Jacinto Collge, Pasadena, Texas, on September 19, 2000. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on February 11, 1998, and Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on September 19, 2000.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about July 26, 2000, Respondent submitted an Application for Initial Licensure by Examination to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which he provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that he attested to the truth of the statement:
 1. “(I) have never been convicted of any crime other than a minor traffic violation.”
 - A. Respondent failed to disclose that on or about February 17, 1994, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of DWI (a misdemeanor offense committed on January 27, 1994), in the County Criminal Court at Law No. 13 of Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 9403871. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Harris County Jail for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days; however, the imposition of sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
 - B. Respondent failed to disclose that on or about August 29, 1994, Respondent entered a plea of Nolo Contendere and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED REDUCED TO RECKLESS CONDUCT (a misdemeanor offense committed on February 13, 1994), in the County Court No. 1 of Galveston County, Texas, under Cause No. 144213. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine.
7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states the DWIs occurred one week apart when Respondent was going through a very difficult emotional period and prior to his nursing career.
8. On or about November 5, 2002, Respondent was arrested by the Pasadena Police Department, Pasadena, Texas, for ASSAULT CAUSES BODILY INJ (a Class A misdemeanor offense).

On or about December 12, 2002, Respondent entered a plea of Nolo Contendere to ASSAULT FAMILY MEMBER (a Class A misdemeanor offense committed on September 19, 2002), in the County Criminal Court at Law No. 1 of Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 1142417. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs. Respondent was discharged from probation on December 29, 2004.
9. In response to Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent states he completed AA and Anger management programs during which he learned to develop and utilize positive coping skills.

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)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(23).
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 672747 and Vocational Nurse License Number 166548, heretofore issued to STEVE N. SINGH, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION WITH A FINE, 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(s) is/are 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 pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this

Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

(2) 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 not 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) contact 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>

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

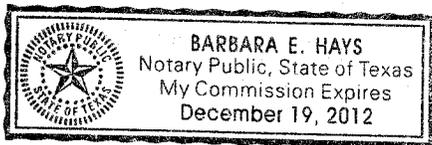
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid 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 14 day of January, 2011.

[Signature]
STEVE N. SINGH, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of January, 2011.

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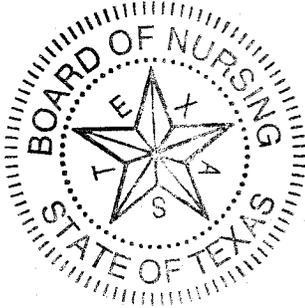
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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

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John O'Sullivan, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 14th day of January, 2011.

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 14th day of January, 2011, by STEVE N. SINGH, Registered Nurse License Number 672747 and Vocational Nurse License Number 166548, and said Order is final.



Effective this 31st day of January, 2011.


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