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Patricia P. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 513078
& Vocational Nurse License Number 100458
issued to KATHY L. COOK

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ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 513078 and Vocational Nurse License Number 100458, issued to KATHY L. COOK, 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas. Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is inactive at the time of this pleading.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas on March 3, 1983. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 25, 1985.
4. Respondent received Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas on December 1, 1983. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 21, 1984.
5. Respondent's complete nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On October 15, 2010, the Board provided notice to Respondent for the following allegations:
 - a. On or about July 30, 2010 through July 31, 2010, while employed as a Registered Nurse with St. Joseph Medical Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent submitted a fraudulent verbal order for Morphine to the pharmacy and withdrew the medication for Patient J.W.
 - b. On or about July 30, 2010 through July 31, 2010, while employed as a Registered Nurse with St. Joseph Medical Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent withdrew Xanax from the Medication Dispensing System for Patient J.W. in excess dosage of the physician's order.
 - c. On or about July 30, 2010 through July 31, 2010, while employed as a Registered Nurse with St. Joseph Medical Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent withdrew Morphine and Xanax from the Medication Dispensing System for Patient J.W. but failed to document, or accurately document the administration of the medication in the patient's Medication Administration Records and/or Nurse's Notes.
 - d. On or about July 30, 2010 through July 31, 2010, while employed as a Registered Nurse with St. Joseph Medical Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent withdrew Morphine and Xanax from the Medication Dispensing System for Patient J.W. but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedure for the wastage of the unused portions of the medications.
 - e. On or about July 30, 2010 through July 31, 2010, while employed as a Registered Nurse with St. Joseph Medical Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Morphine and Xanax from the facility and patients thereof, or failed to take the precautions to prevent such misappropriation.
7. On January 10, 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 7, 2011, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

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(1)(A),(C)&(D) and 217.12(1)(A),(B),(4),(6)(G),(8),(10)(C)&(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 Registered Nurs License Number 513078 and Vocational Nurse License Number 100458, heretofore issued to KATHY L. COOK, to practice professional and 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 professional and vocational nursing, use the title of "registered nurse" or "vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse or 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.
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 professional and vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 20th day of January, 2011.



TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:

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

KATHY L. COOK
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Katy, Texas 77449
Texas Professional Nursing License #513078
Texas Vocational Nursing License #100458

Voluntary Surrender Statement

November 24, 2010

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a professional or vocational nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license/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

Date

Texas Nursing License Number/s

Kathy L. Cook

01/07/2011

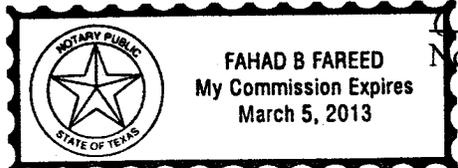
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The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared KATHY L. COOK 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 7th day of January, 2011.

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Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS.