

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

In the Matter of Registered Nurse § AGREED
License Number 722899 §
issued to KEITHA LYNNE BONHAM § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of KEITHA LYNNE BONHAM, Registered Nurse License Number 722899, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on November 24, 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 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 Central Texas College, Killeen, Texas, on December 16, 2005. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on January 10, 2006.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

01/2006 - 04/2006	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit RN	Seton Medical Center Austin, Texas
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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

05/2006 - 07/2007	Registered Nurse	Metroplex Hospital Killeen, Texas
08/2007 - Unknown	Registered Nurse	Trinity Mother Frances Hospital Tyler, Texas
07/2008 - 10/2008	Home Health Nurse	Encompass Home Health of East Texas Tyler, Texas
11/2008 - Present	Unknown	

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Home Health Nurse with Encompass Home Health of East Texas, Tyler, Texas, and had been in this position for three (3) months.
7. On or about October 21, 2008, while employed with Encompass Home Health of East Texas, Tyler, Texas, Respondent failed to ensure the safety of Patient Medical Record Number TYL00003985401 when she did not use sterile technique by inserting the same Foley catheter a second time after "wiping it off", thus exposing the patient to infectious pathogens. The patient had previously had blood in his urine. Three (3) days after Respondent catheterized the patient, he had additional signs of infection, including swelling and a foul discharge. The patient was subsequently hospitalized and required antibiotics. Respondent's conduct may have contributed to the patient requiring subsequent hospitalization to treat one (1) or more infections.
8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that she prepared the Foley tray, put on sterile gloves and cleaned the meatus, inserted the new Foley catheter without any resistance. Respondent did not see any urine return, so she withdrew the catheter and noted a few small blood clots blocking the holes. Respondent states that she was careful to maintain sterile procedure, used the syringe and fluid provided to flush the Foley and then reinserted it. At that time there was slight pink urine returned.

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)(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)(1),(C),(1)(M)&(1)(O).
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 722899, heretofore issued to KEITHA LYNNE BONHAM, 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, 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, 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) 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(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and 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 waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation 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 10 day of Jan, 2011.

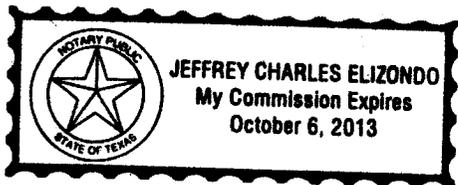
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KEITHA LYNNE BONHAM, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of January, 2011.

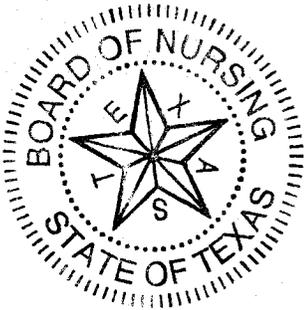
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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



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 10th day of January, 2011, by KEITHA LYNNE BONHAM, Registered Nurse License Number 722899, and said Order is final.



Effective this 14th day of January, 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katherine A. Thomas', is written over a horizontal line.

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