BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse	§	AGREED
License Number 162572	§	
issued to SANDRA J MCCRORY	§	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.
Executive Director of the Board

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the B considered the matter of SANDRA J MCCRORY, aka SANDRA PICKETT Vocational Nurse License Number 162572, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 4528c Sec.10(a)(2)&(9), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN (effective September 1, 1995). Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on July 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 representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Dallas Nursing Institute, Dallas, Texas, on March 14, 1997. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 23, 1997.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes is unknown.

6. On or about February 14, 1997, Respondent submitted a Application for Licensure by Examination to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the questions:

"Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation?

Respondent failed to disclose the following:

On or about May 5, 1988, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of THEFT OF CHECK 20 (a Misdemeanor offense committed on May 3, 1988), in the County Criminal Court No. 5, Dallas County, Texas, under Cause Number MB88-01044-F. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Tarrant County Jail for a period of thirty (30) days; however, the imposition of sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of six (6) months. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court cost.

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7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states that these were not premeditated acts on her part. During the periods of the actions, she was in a long term relationship/marriage where she had to take care of every need of her children (clothing, food, shelter, medical care, etc), solely with no help from her then-spouse. It was unfortunate that at times she was not able to always cover checks written for their proper care prior to them reaching the bank. The events were resolved years ago. Some were dismissed and all were paid with all conditions of the courts being met.

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 violations of Section 4528c Sec.10(a)(2)&(9), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN (effective September 1, 1995) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE

§239.11(8)&(29)(A)(effective December 1, 1995).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 162572, heretofore issued to SANDRA J. MCCRORY, 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 a 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 five hundred ($500) dollars. 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.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of 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.*

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 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 20th day of October, 2010.

Sandra J. McCrory

SANDRA J.MCCRORY, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of October, 2010.

SEAL

Nelson Ashode

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

10/20/2010

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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 20th day of October, 2010, by SANDRA J. MCCRORY, Vocational Nurse License Number 162572, and said Order is final.

Effective this 27th day of October, 2010.

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