BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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Executive Director of the Board

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse	§
License Number 187688	§
issued to LAURA DANETTE LONGHENRY	§

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of e Vocational Nurse License Number 187688, issued to LAURA DANETTE LONGHENRY, 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

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

3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from North Central Texas College, Gainesville, Texas, on December 12, 2002. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on January 23, 2003.

4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

02/03 - 04/03	LVN	Denton Rehab. & Nursing Center Denton, Texas
04/03 - 08/06	LVN	The Vintage Denton, Texas

Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

09/06 - 04/08	LVN	Good Samaritan Society Denton, Texas
05/08 - Present	Unknown	

5. On or about July 17, 2003, Respondent entered a plea of No Contest to RESISTING ARREST SEARCH OR TRANSPORTING, (a Class A Misdemeanor offense committed on January 20, 2003), in the County Criminal Court # 4 of Dallas County, Texas, under Cause No. MA03-48727-E. As a result of the No Contest plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of nine (9) months. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

6. On or about October 6, 2004, Respondent submitted a Texas Online Renewal Document 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 following question:

> Have you been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrests (excluding minor traffic violations) since your last renewal? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without prejudice of guilt. Please note that DUI's DWI's PI's must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations. (One time minor in possession [MIP] or minor in consumption [MIC] do not need to be disclosed; therefore, you may answer "No." If you have two or more MIP's or MIC's, you must answer "Yes.")

On or about July 17, 2003, Respondent entered a plea of No Contest to RESISTING ARREST SEARCH OR TRANSPORTING, (a Class A Misdemeanor offense committed on January 20, 2003), in the County Criminal Court # 4 of Dallas County, Texas, under Cause No. MA03-48727-E. Respondent's conduct was deceiving to the Board and may have affected their decision to license Respondent.

7. On or about July 31, 2006, while employed with The Vintage, Denton, Texas, and enrolled in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN), Respondent displayed behavior inconsistent with good recovery in that she produced a specimen which resulted positive for alcohol. The use of alcohol by a Vocational Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.

8. On or about April 11, 2008, while employed with Good Samaritan Society, Denton, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Hydrocodone from the facility and residents thereof, in that she admitted to taking the medication for her own personal use. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and residents of the cost of the medications.

9. On or about April 11, 2008, while employed with Good Samaritan Society, Denton, Texas, Respondent falsely documented that she administered Hydrocodone to Residents B.P., J.B., W.G. and L.B. in the residents' medication administration record and/or nurse's notes. Respondent's conduct resulted in an inaccurate medical record, and was likely to injure the residents in that subsequent care givers would not have accurate information on which to base their decisions for further care.

10. On or about August 13, 2009, Respondent was indicted for INJURY TO AN ELDERLY INDIVIDUAL (a 3rd degree felony offense committed on April 11, 2008) by the District Court of the 211th Judicial District, Denton County, Texas, Cause Number F-2009-1872E. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure patients or the public.

11. In response to Finding of Fact Numbers Five (5) and Six (6), Respondent states in 2003, she drinking alcohol with her boyfriend while at his home in Dallas, TX, and they started fighting, he hit her and she states called 911. When the police arrived, Respondent states that her boyfriend was not as upset or intoxicated as she was so the police arrested her for Public Intoxication. Because she was under the influence, Respondent states she resisted arrest. Respondent asserts that she did meet all the conditions of the court and finished her probation. Respondent states that when she renewed her license and checked "no", she called the board and told them what she did. Respondent denies that she was trying to deceive the board about her past because she values her career and her nursing license and will do whatever it takes to protect it.

12. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that in July 2006, she did submit a positive specimen for alcohol while enrolled in TPAPN and went back to treatment and restarted TPAPN with a much better insight into her recovery.

13. In response to Finding of Fact Numbers Eight (8) and Nine (9), Respondent states that the allegations against her are true and admits that she did falsely document that she administered Hydrocodone, when she did not. Respondent states that she admitted her conduct to her supervisor, and went into Grapevine Valley Hope inpatient treatment for five (5) weeks. Respondent asserts that she has been attending AA meetings regularly and is taking a new antidepressant medication. Respondent adds that she thinks her depression plays a big part in her life and is still trying to see what medication works best for her.

14. 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 violations of Section 301.452(b)(9),(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(D), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(A),(6)(C),(6)(G),(6)(H),(6)(I),(10)(A) &(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 187688, heretofore issued to LAURA DANETTE LONGHENRY, to practice 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:

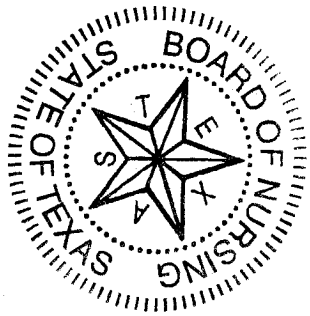
1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title of "Vocational Nurse" or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse 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; 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 nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 23rd day of September, 2010 .



TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

Laura Danette Longhenry
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Texas Vocational Nurse License #187688

Voluntary Surrender Statement

August 16, 2010

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a 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 X [signature]

Date 9-9-10

Texas Nursing License Number/s 187688

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared LAURA DANETTE LONGHENRY 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 9TH day of Sept, 2010.

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Amber D. Dunn
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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