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

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse	§	AGREED
License Number 550965	§	
issued to DARLENE REBECCA ANGELE	§	ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Boar considered the matter of DARLENE REBECCA ANGELE, Registered Nurse License Numbe 550965, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10) & (13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on August 4, 2010, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

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 Galveston College, Galveston, Texas on December 16, 1988. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on April 4, 1989.

5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

   04/89 - 03/90 Unknown

Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

04/90 - 01/95	RN	South East Texas Medical Associates Beaumont, Texas
05/93 - 04/99	RN	Superior Home Health Beaumont, Texas
04/99 - 01/05	RN	Hospice of Texas Beaumont, Texas
01/05 - Unknown	RN	Med Force Beaumont, Texas
04/05 - 08/05	RN	Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospital Orange, Texas
09/05 - 11/05	Unknown	
12/05 - 12/96	RN	Dickerson Memorial Hospital Dickerson, Texas
01/97 - Present	Unknown	

6. On July 25, 1996, Respondent was issued the sanction of REPRIMAND, by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated July 25, 1996, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.

7. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospital, Orange, Texas, and had been in this position for four (4) months.

8. On or about August 1, 2005, through August 3, 2005, while employed with Memorial Hermann Baptist Orange Hospital, Orange, Texas, Respondent withdrew Vicodin from the medication dispensing system for patients without valid physician's orders as follows.

DATE/TIME	PATIENT	MEDICATION	PHYSICIAN'S ORDER	ER RECORD	WASTAGE
8/1/05@1940	3163123	VICODIN ES (2)	NO ORDER; PT TRANSFERRED TO ST. MARY'S AT 1715; PT LEFT BLDG AT 1820	1900 (2)	NO

8/1/05@2100	3163112	VICODIN (2)	NO ORDER	2115 (2)	NO
8/2/05@1910	3163251	VICODIN ES (2)	NO ORDER	NO	NO
8/3/05@0230	3163262	VICODIN (2)	NO ORDER	NO	NO

Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients in that the administration of Vicodin without physician's orders could result in the patient suffering from adverse reactions.

9. On or about August 2, 2005, and August 3, 2005, while employed with Memorial Hermann Baptist Orange Hospital, Orange, Texas, Respondent withdrew Vicodin from the medication dispensing system for Patient Medical Record Numbers 3163251 and 3163262, but failed to completely and accurately document the administration of the medication in the patients' Medication Administration Records (MARs). Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patient which could result in an overdose.

10. On or about August 2, 2005, and August 3, 2005, while employed with Memorial Hermann Baptist Orange Hospital, Orange, Texas, Respondent withdrew Vicodin from the medication dispensing system for Patient Medical Record Numbers 3163251 and 3163262, but failed to follow the policy and procedures for the wastage of the medication. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy and placed them in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).

11. On or about August 2, 2005, and August 3, 2005, while employed with Memorial Hermann Baptist Orange Hospital, Orange, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Vicodin from the facility and patients thereof, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.

12. On or about November 1, 2006, through November 10, 2006, and December 3, 2006, through December 27, 2006, while employed with Dickerson Memorial Hospital, Jasper, Texas, Respondent withdrew Hydrocodone and Alprazolam from the Acudose medication dispensing system for patients, but failed to completely and accurately document the administration of the medications in the patients' Medication Administration Records (MARs) as follows.

DATE/TIME	PATIENT	MEDICATION	PHYSICIAN'S ORDER	ER RECORD	WASTAGE
11/1/06 @2321	013283085907	Alprazolam .5MG (1)	Xanax 5MG (1) PO STAT	No	No
11/5/06@0518	017218086019	Hydrocodone Bitartrate APAP 10/500 (1)	Lortab 10/500 1 or 2 PO Q4H	No	No
11/10/06@2041	009792086249	Hydrocodone Bitartrate APAP 10/500 (2)	No Order	No	No

12/3/06@0210	007680086652	Hydrocodone Bitartrate APAP 10/500 (2)	Lortab 10/500 1 or 2 PO Q4-6H	No	No
12/5/06@0702	008510086896	Hydrocodone Bitartrate APAP 7.5/750 (2)	Hydrocodone - cont. home meds	No	No
12/11/06@0205	018672086872	Hydrocodone Bitartrate APAP 10/500 (2)	Lortab 10/500 1 or 2 PO Q4H	No	No
12/17/06@0642	022984087079	Hydrocodone Bitartrate APAP 10/500 (2)	Lortab 10/500 (2) PO Q4-6H	No	No
12/17/06@0757	000512087202	Hydrocodone Bitartrate APAP 10/500 (2)	Hydrocodone Bitartrate APAP 10/500 1or 2 PO Q4-6H	No	No
12/23/06@2020	000487087350	Hydrocodone Bitartrate APAP 10/500 (2)	Lortab 10/500 (2) PO Q4-6H	No	No
12/27/06@0027	004993087301	Hydrocodone Bitartrate APAP 10/500 (2)	No Order	No	No

Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patient which could result in an overdose.

13. On or about November 1, 2006, through November 10, 2006, and December 3, 2006, through December 27, 2006, while employed with Dickerson Memorial Hospital, Jasper, Texas, Respondent withdrew Hydrocodone and Alprazolam from the Acudose medication dispensing system for patients, but failed to follow the policy and procedure for the wastage of the medications. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy and placed them in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).

14. On or about November 10, 2006, and December 27, 2006, while employed with Dickerson Memorial Hospital, Jasper, Texas, Respondent withdrew Hydrocodone from the Acudose medication dispensing system for Patient Medical Numbers 009792086249 and 004993087301, respectively, without valid physician's orders. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients in that the administration of Hydrocodone without physician's orders could result in the patient suffering from adverse reactions.

15. On or about November 1, 2006, through November 10, 2006, and December 3, 2006, through December 27, 2006, while employed with Dickerson Memorial Hospital, Jasper, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Hydrocodone and Alprazolam belonging to the facility and patients thereof, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.

16. Regarding the conduct outlined in Findings of Fact Numbers Eight (8) to Eleven (11), Respondent states that it had been very busy and that sometimes she would help other nurses with their patients, "whether it was giving meds, taking them to X-ray or even pulling medications for them." She states that medications were kept in a locked cabinet in which you had to get a key from the charge nurse and that after you pulled the medication you had to count the medications and sign out in a log book for the medication. Regarding the conduct outlined in Findings of Fact Numbers Twelve (12) to Fifteen (15), Respondent states that her administrator was withholding her paycheck and that she told him that she would call the labor board. She states that her administrator responded by threatening to call the nursing board with complaints of misuse of narcotics.

17. On or about October 15, 2009, Respondent submitted to a forensic psychological examination administered by Dr. Rion Hart, Houston, Texas. As a supplement to Dr. Hart's examination, Respondent underwent a polygraph examination administered by Earl G. Sturrock, MS, LCC, Licensed Polygraph Examiner, Houston, Texas. The results of the polygraph yielded a finding of "deception indicated." Respondent did not complete a follow-up appointment with Dr. Hart, and he was unable to complete his examination.

18. 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.

19. Formal Charges were filed on May 21, 2009.

20. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on May 26, 2009.

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)(10) & (13), Texas Occupations Code, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(B)(C)(D), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A), (4), (6)(G)(H), (10)(B)(C) & (11)(B).

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 550965, heretofore issued to DARLENE REBECCA ANGELE, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas

Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS, 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 Texas Board of Nursing 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 a course in medication administration. 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. The didactic portion of this course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course shall contain a minimum twenty-four (24) hour clinical component which is to be provided by the same Registered Nurse who provides the didactic portion of this course. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. In order for the course to be approved, the course's content shall include: a review of proper administration procedures for all standard routes; computation of drug dosages; the five (5) rights of medication administration; factors influencing the choice of route; and possible adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course to satisfy this stipulation. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor 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.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing documentation. 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. The course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length of classroom time. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall include content on the following: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL cause the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Board's office 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.

(4) 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://ncsbn.hivelive.com/hives/a0f6f3e8a0/summary.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND RESPONDENT MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWELVE (12) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN) LICENSE WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.

(6) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by

the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.

(7) RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(8) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Registered Nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month period for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

(9) RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose. If prescribed, RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the licensed practitioner to submit a written report identifying the medication, dosage and the date the medication was prescribed. The report shall be submitted directly to the office of the Board by the prescribing practitioner, within ten (10) days of the date of the prescription. **In the event that prescriptions for controlled substances are required for periods of two (2) weeks or longer, the Board may require and RESPONDENT SHALL submit to an**

evaluation by a Board approved physician specializing in Pain Management or Psychiatry. The performing evaluator will submit a written report to the Board's office, including results of the evaluation, clinical indications for the prescriptions, and recommendations for on-going treatment within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.

(10) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol. For the first three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per week. For the next three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least twice per month. For the next six (6) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per month. All random screens SHALL BE conducted through urinalysis. Screens obtained through urinalysis are the sole method accepted by the Board.

Specimens shall be screened for at least the following substances:

Amphetamines	Meperidine
Barbiturates	Methadone
Benzodiazepines	Methaqualone
Cannabinoids	Opiates
Cocaine	Phencyclidine
Ethanol	Propoxyphene
tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)	

A Board representative may appear at the RESPONDENT'S place of employment at any time during the stipulation period and require RESPONDENT to produce a specimen for screening.

All screens shall be properly monitored and produced in accordance with the Board's policy on Random Drug Testing. A complete chain of custody shall be maintained for each specimen obtained and analyzed. RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for the costs of all random drug screening during the stipulation period.

Any positive result for which the nurse does not have a valid prescription or failure

to report for a drug screen, which may be considered the same as a positive result, will be regarded as non-compliance with the terms of this Order and may subject the nurse to further disciplinary action including EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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 ıor nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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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 this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and 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 to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 3 day of September, 2010.

Darlene Rebecca Angele

DARLENE REBECCA ANGELE, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of September, 2010.

SEAL

RHONDA RHODES
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
JANUARY 21, 2013

Rhonda Rhodes

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the _3rd_ day of September, 20 10, by DARLENE REBECCA ANGELE, Registered Nurse License Number 550965, and said Order is final.

Effective this 21st day of October, 20 10.

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

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of Permanent Certificate Number 550965 issued to DARLENE REBECCA ANGELE	§ § §	AGREED ORDER

An investigation by the Board produced evidence indicating that DARLENE REBECCA ANGELE, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, may have violated Article 4525(b)(9), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

An informal conference was held on January 16, 1996, at the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners, in accordance with Article 4524C, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

Respondent appeared in person. Respondent was notified of her right to be represented by legal counsel and elected to waive representation by counsel. In attendance were Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director; Roy Rawls, Assistant General Counsel; and Gary Walters, RN, Senior Investigator.

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.

2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, notice, hearing, and consented to the entry of this order.

3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in Texas.

4. Respondent received Associate Degree in Nursing from Galveston College, Galveston, Texas in December 1988.

5. Respondent's professional employment included:

January 1989 - May 1989	Staff Nurse Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital Nacogdoches, Texas
May 1989 - January 1990	Staff Nurse/Telemetry St. Elizabeth Hospital Beaumont, Texas
January 1990 - August 1990	House Supervisor Baptist Hospital Orange, Texas
September 1990 - present	PRN Staff Nurse St. Elizabeth Hospital Beaumont, Texas
October 1991 - April 1992	Staff Nurse Texas Home Health Silsbee, Texas
September 1992 - May 1993	Staff Nurse In Home Medical Specialists Vidor, Texas
May 1993 - December 1993	Staff Nurse Superior Home Health Beaumont, Texas
July 1995 - present	Assistant Director of Nursing Superior Home Health Beaumont, Texas

6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse in the Home Health Unit with Texas Home Health, Silsbee, Texas and had just applied for the position.

7. On or about September 24, 1991, while completing an "Application for Employment" for Texas Home Health, Inc., of Silsbee, Texas, Respondent provided information that was false or misleading by documenting that she had left employment at Baptist Hospital at Orange, Texas because she "did not like Administrative type job, felt I was losing my skills." Respondent had been "Discharged" from Baptist Hospital at Orange, Texas on September 4, 1990 for performance problems. Failing to disclose this information was

likely to deceive Texas Home Health, Inc. and may have affected their decision to hire the Respondent.

8. On or about September 15, 1993, Respondent submitted her documentation for renewal of her license to practice professional nursing. On the renewal application, Respondent indicated she had complied with the requirements for continuing education during the renewal period September 1, 1991 through September 30, 1993. An audit of Respondent's continuing education during the renewal period revealed she had not complied with the Board's requirements for continuing education, and had only attended 18.2 contact hours during the renewal period. This falsification of a renewal application was likely to deceive the Board and the public as to the nurse's continuing education level and level of competence to practice professional nursing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Article 4525, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.

2. Notice was served in accordance with law.

3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of Article 4525(b)(9), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.13(17).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Article 4525(b), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., to take disciplinary action against license number 550965, heretofore issued to DARLENE REBECCA ANGELE.

AGREED SANCTIONS

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a reprimand, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Art. 4513 et. seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 et. seq. and this order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-size license issued to DARLENE REBECCA ANGELE, to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners within ten (10) days of the date of this order for appropriate notation.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL be assessed a monetary fine in the amount of $100.00. RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this order. Payment is to made directly to the Board of Nurse Examiners in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this order, RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

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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(s) alleged. By my signature on this order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Agreed Sanctions, and any stipulation(s) of this order to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I consent to the issuance of the Agreed Sanctions. I waive judicial review of this order. I understand that this order is subject to ratification by the Board. When the order is ratified, the terms of this order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 24th day of June, 1996.

Darlene Rebecca Angele

DARLENE REBECCA ANGELE

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of June, 1996.

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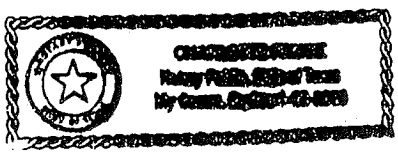

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 24th day of June, 1996, by DARLENE REBECCA ANGELE, license number 550965, and said order is final.

Effective this 25th day of July, 1996.

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