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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse           §        AGREED  
License Number 663650 and                   §  
Vocational Nurse License Number 165020   §  
issued to EULA WYNELL EDWARDS       §        ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of EULA WYNELL EDWARDS, Registered Nurse License Number 663650 and Vocational Nurse License Number 165020, 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 September 1, 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. Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is currently in delinquent status.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from North Harris College, Houston, Texas, on August 14, 1997, and received an Associate Degree in Nursing from North Harris Community College, Houston, Texas, on May 1, 1999. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 13, 1997, and was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 24, 1999.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

10/1997 - 05/2000	Unknown	
06/2000 - 02/2001	Minimum Data Set (MDS) Coordinator	Woodwind Lakes Houston, Texas
03/2001 - 09/2002	Assistant Director of Nursing	Mariner Health NW Houston, Texas
10/2002 - 06/2004	Administrator Director of Nursing	H e a r t l a n d a t Willowbrook Houston, Texas
07/2004 - 02/2006	Supervising Nurse	Prayer of Jabez Hospice Houston, Texas
03/2006 - 08/2007	Director of Nursing	C o u r t y a r d Convalescent Center Houston, Texas
Unknown	Director of Nursing	L e g e n d O a k s Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Houston, Texas

6. At the time of the initial incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as Director of Nursing with Courtyard Convalescent Center, Houston, Texas, and was in this position for less than one (1) month.

7. On or about March 2006 through August 2007, while employed as Director of Nursing (DON) for Courtyard Convalescent Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent failed to verify and ensure the competencies, skills and training of nursing staff under her supervision, including but not limited to: Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) TF regarding tracheostomy care, assessment, and suctioning. On August 7, 2007, LVN TF was caring for Resident PJ, who had copious secretions, and LVN TF suctioned Resident PJ without the use of sterile technique. Later that evening, Resident PJ developed apnea lasting one to five seconds, and although efforts were made to resuscitate the resident, she expired. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the residents under her supervision in that it created an unsafe environment and may have unnecessarily exposed them to risk of injury.

8. On or about March 2006 through August 2007, while employed as Director of Nursing (DON) for Courtyard Convalescent Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent failed to ensure that staff under her supervision were administering medication according to physician orders. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the residents under her supervision in that it created an unsafe environment and may have unnecessarily exposed them to risk of injury.
9. In response to the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states that the nurses were trained; however, there was a high turn over due to the high level of stress which came from working at the facility. Respondent indicates that she notified the Administrator that the facility had enough "trachs," but the Administrator would over ride Respondent's will to limit the number of trachs, stating that they had to get the census up.

### 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, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M),(1)(S),(1)(T)&(1)(U) and 217.12(2)&(4).
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 663650 and Vocational Nurse License Number 165020, heretofore issued to EULA WYNELL EDWARDS, 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 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:*  
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(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in "Infection Control," a 5.0 contact hours workshop presented in various

locations by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services. In order to receive credit for completion of this workshop, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this workshop 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 website: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/Training/jointtraining.cfm> or by contacting (512) 438-2201.*

(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, 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.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

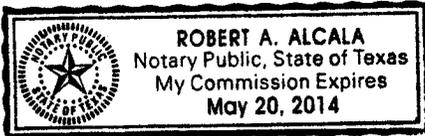
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

*Eula Wynell Edwards RN*  
EULA WYNELL EDWARDS, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

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*[Handwritten Signature]*

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010, by EULA WYNELL EDWARDS, Registered Nurse License Number 663650 and Vocational Nurse License Number 165020, and said Order is final.

Effective this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.



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

