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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse § AGREED
License Number 97205 §
issued to IRMA P. TORRES § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of IRMA P. TORRES, Vocational Nurse License Number 97205, 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 May 27, 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.
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 Taylor Independent School District School of Vocational Nursing, Taylor, Texas, on August 26, 1982. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 13, 1982
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1982 - 1984	Staff Nurse	Johns Community Hospital Taylor, Texas
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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

1984 - 1986	Staff Nurse	Round Rock Community Hospital Round Rock, Texas
1986 - 1988	Staff Nurse	Northwest Mediplex Austin, Texas
1988 - 1993	Agency Nurse Hospital Staffing	Nurse Finders, Nurses Plus & Quality Care Austin, Texas
1993 - 2002	Staffing Pool	St. David's Medical Center and Rehabilitation Austin, Texas
5/2002 - Present	Agency Nurse	All About Staffing Austin, Texas

6. At the time of the initial incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as an Agency Nurse with All About Staffing, Austin, Texas, and assigned to St. David's Medical Center, Austin, Texas, and had been in this position for five (5) years and ten (10) months.
7. On or about March 29, 2008, while employed as an Agency Nurse with All About Staffing, Austin, Texas, assigned to St. David's Medical Center, Austin, Texas, Respondent erroneously documented in the medical record of Account Number L00070997992 that the patient had been transported via wheelchair, prior to the actual discharge, and failed to ensure that the patient was in fact transported via wheelchair. Instead, the patient was allowed to ambulate out of the facility by a patient care attendant and left alone on a bench to wait for her husband. Respondent's conduct resulted in an inaccurate medical record.
8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that it is the standard practice at St. David's Medical Center that every patient is to be accompanied out of the hospital in a wheelchair, by a nurse, tech, orderly or volunteer. Respondent explains that on this particular occasion, after she discharged the patient from the floor, she asked the unit clerk to make arrangements to have the patient discharged to her private vehicle. Respondent says, "I did not personally accompany this patient downstairs. I did however document that she was discharged via wheelchair." Respondent adds that she trusted that the unit clerk would follow the practice of the facility, which is that every patient is to leave by wheelchair. Respondent concludes by saying, "In the future I will use this incident to ensure that every patient is properly seated in a wheelchair prior to being discharged regardless of who actually escorts the patient out."

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)(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)&(1)(D).
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 97205, heretofore issued to IRMA P. TORRES, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice vocational 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 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 is 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 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:*

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(3) 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 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

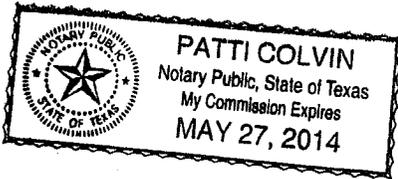
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and 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 to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 12th day of July, 2010.
Irma P. Torres
IRMA P. TORRES, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of July, 2010.

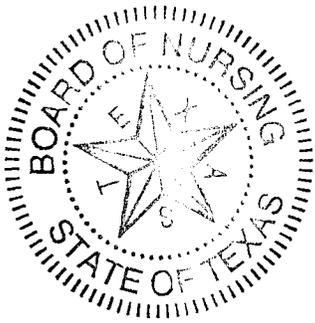
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Patti Colvin
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on beh.
the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on t.
12th day of July, 2010, by IRMA P. TORRES, Vocational Nurse License Number 97205,
and said Order is final.

Effective this 15th day of July, 2010.



Katherine A. Thomas
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Executive Director on behalf
of said Board