BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse	§
License Number 157662	§
issued to APRIL KAY MORELAND	§

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

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 157662, issued to APRIL KAY MORELAND, 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 Certification in Vocational Nursing from Temple Junior College, Temple, Texas, on May 8, 1996. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas in June 12, 1996.

4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

06/1996-07/1997	LVN	Veterans Medical Center Temple, Texas
08/1997-02/2003	Unknown	
03/2003-12/2006	LVN	Staff Search Healthcare Houston, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

12/2005-10/2006	LVN	Foundation Surgical Hospital Houston, Texas
11/2006-04/2007	Unknown	
05/2007-08/2007	LVN	Suburban Physicians Center Houston, Texas
09/2007-03/2008	LVN	American Nurse Staffing Indianapolis, IN
03/2008-02/2009	LVN	All About Staffing San Antonio, Texas
03/2009-11/2009	Unknown	
12/2009- Unknown	Agency Nurse	Royalty Staffing Solutions Houston, Texas

5. On or about April 14, 2010, the Board provided Respondent with notice of alleged violations of the Nursing Practice Act of the State of Texas, which included, in relevant part:

   That, on or about February 24, 2010, while working as an Agency Nurse with Royalty Staffing Solutions, Houston, Texas, and assigned to Nexus Specialty Hospital, Shenandoah, Texas, Respondent left the facility without notifying her supervisor and, in so doing, abandoned the six (6) patients that had been assigned to her care.

   Respondent's conduct, as alleged, was likely to injure patients.

6. On or about July 12, 2010, Respondent submitted a written statement to the Board voluntarily granting the Board permission to revoke her license, i.e., voluntarily surrendering the right to practice vocational nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated July 6, 2010, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

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 violation of Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(12).

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 157662, heretofore issued to April Kay Moreland, 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 registered 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.

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 29th day of July, 2010.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

DEAR MS. KATHY DUNCAN, INVESTIGATOR

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT LETTER. AS I LET YOU KNOW ON THE PHONE I HAVE BEEN UNEMPLOYED SINCE DECEMBER 30, 2009. YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO REVOKE MY LVN LICENSE. I NO LONGER HAVE ANY INTEREST IN PRACTICING NURSING. THIS IS NOT AN ADMISSION OF GUILT, BUT I NO LONGER HAVE THE MONEY, ENERGY OR TIME TO DEAL WITH THE POLITICS OF NURSING.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SINCERELY,
APRIL KAY MORELAND
April Kay Moreland 07/06/2010 1600
LVN 157662