BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse	§	AGREED
License Number 574139	§	
issued to SHARON KAY WHEELER	§	ORDER

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

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Boa considered the matter of SHARON KAY WHEELER, Registered Nurse License Number 5741 ɔɔ, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on May 12, 2008, 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.

2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, 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 San Jacinto College, Pasadena, Texas, on May 10, 1991. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 26, 1991.

5. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about November 6, 2006, Respondent submitted a renewal application to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which she answered "Yes" to the following question, "Have you been convicted...?" Respondent disclosed the following offense:

   A. On or about November 9, 2005, Respondent was arrested for Theft of Property >=$50 <$500.

      On or about February 7, 2006, Respondent was convicted of Theft of Property >=$50 <$500, a Class B Misdemeanor, in the County Criminal Court at Law No. Six, Harris County, Texas, under Cause # 133808001010. As a result of the conviction Respondent was sentenced to serve three (3) days confinement in the Harris County Jail and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

   B. On or about May 24, 2007, Respondent was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, by the Pasadena Police Department.

      On or about August 22, 2007, Respondent entered a plea of "Guilty" and was "Convicted" of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class B Misdemeanor, in the County Criminal Court at Law Number 15, under Cause Number 1456129. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to serve three (3) days in the Harris County Jail, with credit for three (3) days and ordered to pay a fine.

7. On or about January 20, 1994, Respondent was arrested for Theft >=$200 But < $750.

   On or about March 22, 1994, Respondent entered a plea of "Guilty" to Theft >=$200 But < $750, a Class A Misdemeanor, in the Criminal Court at Law No. Ten, Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 940269501010. As a result of the plea Respondent was sentenced to one (1) year deferred adjudication probation.

   On or about January 3, 1995, Respondent was discharged from probation.

8. Respondent submitted a written statement related to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), which states she has been treated for a seizure disorder for the last three years. Before the current onset she was seizure-free for over 25 years. Her doctor ordered a medication change and she had an absence seizure. During this state, she was approached after shoplifting clothes and cosmetics, most of which were not her size or brand. The security guard said she appeared drunk. Her only memory of this was from the store tape. She had another seizure in jail before being released. She immediately saw her Neurologist and was properly medicated and has been seizure-free for nine months. Respondent states she had a petit mal seizure while driving. She was pulled over and given a field sobriety test. When she returned to the car she had no recollection of the event. Respondent states she had not been drinking, she went to court and at the advice of her attorney, she was issued a fine. She sees a psychiatrist monthly and a psychologist weekly due to resulting depression. She also attends a support group. Respondent states on January 22, 1994, she was shopping at Neiman Marcus. She had planned to buy a handbag, but needed to go to customer service first. She

was unfamiliar with the store's layout and went through a door which led outside. She was immediately stopped by security and was told if she confessed she would be allowed to go home. She confessed and went to court.

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)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12 (13).

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 574139, heretofore issued to SHARON KAY WHEELER, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice professional 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, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *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 and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in compact states.

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 multistate licensure 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 deliver the wallet-sized license issued to SHARON KAY WHEELER, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days from the date of ratification of this Order for appropriate notation.

(2) 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) contact 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/disciplinary action.*

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED 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:

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) 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.

(6) 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) months for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, 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 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 27th day of June, 2008.

Sharon Kay Wheeler

SHARON KAY WHEELER, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of June, 2008.

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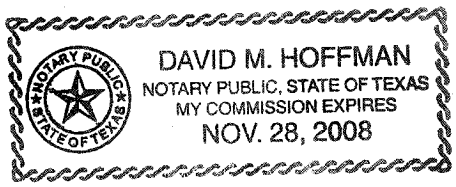

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 27th day of June, 2008, by SHARON KAY WHEELER, Registered Nurse License Number 574139, and said Order is final.

Effective this 12th day of August, 2008.

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