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Patricia A. Parnham
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § REINSTATEMENT
Registered Nurse License Number 614839 §
issued to LAURA JILL APODACA § AGREED ORDER

On this day came to be considered by the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, the Petition for Reinstatement of Registered Nurse License Number 614839, held by LAURA JILL APODACA, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner.

An informal conference was held on November 5, 2013, at the office of the Texas Board of Nursing, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code.

Petitioner appeared in person. Petitioner was represented by Rudy S. Apodaca, Attorney at Law. In attendance were Denise Benbow, MSN, RN, Consultant for Nursing Practice, Executive Director's Designee; John F. Legris, Assistant General Counsel; Anthony L. Diggs, MSCJ, Director, Enforcement Division; and Diane E. Burell, Investigator.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Petitioner and Petitioner was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
2. Petitioner waived notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
3. Petitioner received an Associate Degree in Nursing from New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on December 1, 1992. Petitioner was originally licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 30, 1995.
4. Petitioner's nursing employment history includes:

1/93 - 6/95	Staff Nurse	Memorial Medical Center Las Cruces, New Mexico
6/95 - 11/10	Staff Nurse	Seton Northwest Hospital Austin, Texas

Petitioner's nursing employment history continued:

1/11 - present Not employed in nursing

5. On January 26, 2011, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of Petitioner's license(s) to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas. A copy of the January 26, 2011, Order of the Board, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as a part of this Order.
6. On or about August 28, 2013, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of License to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
7. Petitioner presented the following in support of her petition:
 - 7.1. Letter from Mariela Fuenmayor, MD, stating Petitioner has been a patient under her care since 2011. Her diagnosis is Opiate Dependence and Anxiety disorder NOS. She is taking Prozac 20mg daily. She has been sober for three (3) years. Petitioner has been compliant with her medications, appointments, and treatment plan in general. Her drug test has been negative. In Dr. Fuenmayor's opinion, Petitioner is emotionally stable, and is ready to go back to work in nursing.
 - 7.2. Letter, dated October 16, 2012, from Greg Tribble, LCSW, Seton Mind Institute, Austin, Texas, states Petitioner attended and participated in an assessment at the Seton Mind Institute's Behavioral Health Services which offers free mental health/substance abuse assessments, as well as Intensive Outpatient Programs. Based on Petitioner's presentation and report, recommended ongoing follow-up with physician for medication monitoring, individual therapy, and participation in sober support groups in the community.
 - 7.3. Letter of support, dated August 21, 2013, from Virginia S. Hart, Practice Administrator, Allergy and Asthma Center of Austin, stating Petitioner was hired as a Medical Assistant and started work on July 8, 2013. Before the interview began, Petitioner informed her that she had voluntarily given up her nursing license after a problem with pain medication. Petitioner has excelled in each of the areas of competencies. She is very good with patients, always ready to work at appointed time, and very willing to help with other duties when needed. She works very well as a team player and her fellow team members have also commented on how well she is doing. They are very pleased to have Petitioner as a part of the team and look forward to having her work as a registered nurse in the clinic.
 - 7.4. Letter of support, dated July 15, 2013, from Cathy Kelly, Director, Abacus School of Austin, stating Petitioner was employed as lead teacher in the infant/toddler classroom from August 12, 2012, to June 28, 2013. During her employment, she was extremely punctual and rarely called in sick. She was very reliable and often went "above and beyond" her job duties. She was very dedicated to the children in her care and had positive interactions with the children. Petitioner will be an asset to any agency or organization with whom she is affiliated.

- 7.5. Letter of support from Adrian and Trent Hankins, stating they have known Petitioner since October 2011, when she began caring for their infant son. Petitioner was honest and up-front and the Hankins' completely aware of her past struggles. Knowing this does not change the opinion of her and they still trust her with their son's life.
- 7.6. Letter of support, dated July 17, 2013, from Karen Schelfhout, MS, BSN, Austin, Texas, stating she has known Petitioner for nine (9) years. Six (6) of those years Petitioner worked for her at Seton Northwest Hospital in Austin, Texas. Petitioner was an excellent nurse. She was empathetic, professional and very caring. She was dependable and hardworking. Ms. Schelfhout would hire Petitioner back in a second. She is an asset for any organization and feels confident that Petitioner will get back on her feet and function effectively and efficiently as a nurse again.
- 7.7. Letter of support, dated August 20, 2013, from Jena J. Hiltenbrand, MSN, RN-C, Austin, Texas, stating she has known Petitioner since December 1998. Ms. Hiltenbrand worked with Petitioner at Seton Northwest Hospital until she left in 2010. Petitioner has been a great colleague and friend since that time. Petitioner was a very hardworking co-worker. She was very dependable and never had any problems with attendance or late arrivals. She has a strong work ethic and she was passionate about being a nurse. While Ms. Hiltenbrand knows Petitioner made mistakes in judgment that led her to losing her license, Petitioner has grown and changed significantly since that time. Petitioner has worked hard on her personal issues in order to be ready to assume the responsibilities of again being a nurse. Ms. Hiltenbrand believes Petitioner is ready to resume being a nurse and feels she would be safe to practice.
- 7.8. Letter of support, dated August 8, 2013, from Shelley Reed, BA, BSN, RNC, Austin, Texas, stating she began working with Petitioner at Seton Northwest Hospital in June of 1995. Along with being very skilled, responsible, efficient and enthusiastic, she distinguished herself by assuming the role of team leader and acting as a resource for less experienced nurses. Petitioner was highly regarded by her peers and was an integral part of the team. Ms. Reed believes that Petitioner remains a valuable asset as a registered nurse.
- 7.9. Letter of support, dated August 14, 2013, from Robert S. Hughes, MD, Austin Regional Clinic, Austin, Texas, stating he has known Petitioner in her capacity as a labor and delivery nurse since about 1997 when he worked with her at Seton Northwest Hospital. Dr. Hughes knows Petitioner to be an outstanding nurse with excellent judgment, excellent people skills, and good rapport with the patients, her co-workers and the medical staff. Dr. Hughes is aware of Petitioner's problems with having lost her license because of drug-related issues. Despite this, Dr. Hughes would highly recommend her for consideration of reinstatement of her license.
- 7.10. Letter of support, dated August 24, 2013, from Melanie Wiseman, Cedar Park, Texas, stating since January 2011 to present she has had the pleasure and privilege to work with Petitioner as her sponsor through Alcoholic Anonymous. Petitioner has been very diligent about working through her 12 steps and following the "Big Book" and has placed the importance of her sobriety above all else. When Petitioner first came to Ms. Wiseman about her

problem, she was in a very fragile state, but Ms. Wiseman has seen her persevere through vocational, emotional and financial hardships, and she is obviously happy, strong, in control and above all else, sober. Petitioner has a very deep faith in God, as well as an amazing capacity to love and care for others.

- 7.11. Fourteen (14) random drug screens collected monthly from September 12, 2012, through October 1, 2013.
 - 7.12. Documentation of support group attendance dating from January 4, 2011, through March 21, 2011, and September 1, 2012, through July 29, 2013.
 - 7.13. Verification of successful completion of the required Continuing Education Contact Hours for reinstatement.
8. Petitioner gives November 1, 2010, as her date of sobriety.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. 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.
3. Pursuant to Section 301.467, Texas Occupations Code, the Board may refuse to issue or renew a license, and may set a reasonable period that must lapse before reapplication. Pursuant to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26, the Board may impose reasonable conditions that a Petitioner must satisfy before reissuance of an unrestricted license.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that the petition of LAURA JILL APODACA, Registered Nurse License Number 614839, to practice nursing in the state of Texas, be and the same is hereby GRANTED, AND SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS SO LONG AS THE PETITIONER complies 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 the stipulations contained in this Order:

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Petitioner to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Petitioner's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Petitioner's license(s) is/are encumbered by this Order, Petitioner 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 Petitioner wishes to work.

(1) PETITIONER SHALL pay all re-registration fees and be issued a license to practice nursing in the State of Texas, which shall bear the appropriate notation. Said licenses issued to LAURA JILL APODACA, shall be subject to the following agreed post-licensure stipulations:

(2) PETITIONER SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. PETITIONER SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of relicensure. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

(3) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of relicensure, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. PETITIONER 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. PETITIONER 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 PETITIONER'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.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>

(4) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of relicensure, 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, PETITIONER 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. *Board-approved*

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<http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD PETITIONER CHOOSE TO WORK AS A NURSE IN TEXAS, PETITIONER WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROBATION CONDITIONS FOR THREE (3) YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE PROBATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF A

REGISTERED NURSE (RN) OR A VOCATIONAL NURSE (LVN) LICENSE, AS APPROPRIATE, WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

(5) PETITIONER SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on PETITIONER'S license(s). PETITIONER 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) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.

(7) For the first year of employment as a Nurse under this Order, PETITIONER SHALL be directly supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Direct supervision requires another nurse, as applicable, to be working on the same unit as PETITIONER and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. PETITIONER SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). The PETITIONER SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(8) For the remainder of the stipulation period, PETITIONER SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as PETITIONER, 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 PETITIONER is currently

working. PETITIONER SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). PETITIONER SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(9) PETITIONER SHALL NOT practice as a nurse on the night shift, rotate shifts, work overtime, accept on-call assignments, or be used for coverage on any unit other than the identified, predetermined unit(s) to which PETITIONER is regularly assigned for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

(10) PETITIONER SHALL NOT practice as a nurse in any critical care area for one (1) year of employment as a nurse. Critical care areas include, but are not limited to, intensive care units, emergency rooms, operating rooms, telemetry units, recovery rooms, and labor and delivery units.

(11) PETITIONER SHALL NOT administer or have any contact with controlled substances, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, Propofol, or other synthetic opiates for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

(12) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, periodic reports as to PETITIONER'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the nurse who supervises the PETITIONER. 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 three (3) year(s) of employment as a nurse.

(13) PETITIONER 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, PETITIONER 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 PETITIONER SHALL submit to a pain management and/or chemical dependency evaluation by a Board approved evaluator. The performing evaluator must submit a written report meeting the Board's requirements to the Board's office within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.**

(14) PETITIONER 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. For the remainder of the stipulation period, random screens shall be performed at least once every three (3) months. 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 and their metabolites:

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

A Board representative may appear at the PETITIONER'S place of employment at any time during the stipulation period and require PETITIONER 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. PETITIONER 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 refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen may subject the nurse to further disciplinary action, including EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of PETITIONER's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas. Further, failure to report for a drug screen, excessive dilute specimens, or failure to call in for a drug screen may be considered the same as a positive result or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen.

(15) PETITIONER SHALL attend at least two (2) support group meetings each week, one of which must be for substance abuse and provided by Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, or another comparable recovery program that has been pre-approved by the Board. PETITIONER SHALL provide acceptable evidence of attendance. Acceptable evidence shall consist of a written record of at least: the date of each meeting; the name of each group attended; and the signature and printed name of the chairperson of each group attended by PETITIONER. PETITIONER SHALL submit the required evidence on the forms provided by the Board at the end of every three (3) month period. No duplications, copies, third party signatures, or any other substitutions will be accepted as evidence.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from PETITIONER'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and PETITIONER may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Reinstatement Agreed Order. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my Petition for Reinstatement of Licensure, has been in conformity with the Board's professional character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past behavior in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of convictions, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

I have reviewed this Order. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order. 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 agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to reinstating my license to practice professional nursing in the state of Texas. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas will be revoked, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

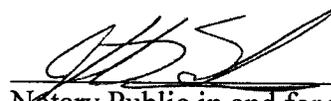
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LAURA JILL APODACA, Petitioner

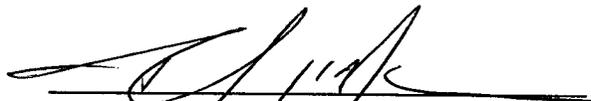
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of November, 2013.

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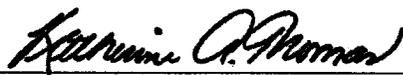
Approved as to form and substance.


Rudy S. Apodaca, Attorney for Petitioner

Signed this 25th day of NOVEMBER, 2013.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Reinstatement Agreed Order that was signed on the 25th day of November, 2013, by LAURA JILL APODACA, Registered Nurse License Number 614839, and said Order is final.

Effective this 23rd day of January, 2014.



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

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse §
License Number 614389 §
issued to LAURA JILL APODACA §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 614389, issued to LAURA JILL APODACA, 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on December 1, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 30, 1995.

4. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

03/1995 - 11/2010	RN	Seton Northwest Hospital Austin, Texas
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11/2010 - Present	Employment history unknown.
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5. On January 4, 2011, the Board provided notice to Respondent for the following allegations:
 - A. On or about January 6, 2010 through May 5, 2010, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Seton Northwest Hospital, Austin, Texas, Respondent:
 - i. withdrew Fentanyl from the Medication Dispensing System for patients that were not under her care.
 - ii. withdrew Fentanyl from the Medication Dispensing System for patients without valid physicians' orders.
 - iii. withdrew Fentanyl from the Medication Dispensing System for patients, but failed to document or accurately document the administration of the medications in the patients' Medication Administration Records and/or nurse's notes.
 - iv. withdrew Fentanyl from the Medication Dispensing System for patients, but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedures for wastage of any of the unused portions of the medications.
 - v. misappropriated Fentanyl from the facility and patients thereof, or failed to take the precautions to prevent such misappropriation.
 - B. On or about October 4, 2010 through October 31, 2010, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Seton Northwest Hospital, Austin, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Fentanyl from the facility and patients thereof. Additionally, she admitted that she diverted the medications for personal use.
6. On February 25, 2011, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated February 24, 2011, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
7. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
8. 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.

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)(9),(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(A),(C)&(D) and 217.12(4),(5),(8),(10)(A),(B)&(E) and(11)(B).
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 Registered Nurse License Number 614389, heretofore issued to LAURA JILL APODACA, to practice professional 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 professional nursing, use the title of registered nurse or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered 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; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 1st day of March, 2011.



TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:


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

LAURA JILL APODACA
2505 Monte Carlo
Cedar Park, Texas 78613
Texas Registered Nurse License #614389

Voluntary Surrender Statement

February 16, 2011

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a professional nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license/licenses to practice in Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Signature

Laura J. Apodaca

Date

2-24-11

Texas Nursing License Number/s

614839

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared LAURA JILL APODACA who, being duly sworn by me, stated that she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that she understood same.

Sworn to before me the 24 day of February, 20 11.

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

