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William A. Plummer
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of §
Registered Nurse License Number 627713 §
issued to VIRGINIA OKWUCHUKWU ONUORAH §

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 627713, issued to VIRGINIA OKWUCHUKWU ONUORAH, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived 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 informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received a Diploma in Nursing from the University of Nigeria Technical Hospital, Enugu, Nigeria, on September 1, 1975. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on April 12, 1996.
4. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

10/1976 - 01/1977	Staff Nurse	University of Nigeria Hospital Enugu, Nigeria
01/1979 - 04/1979	Pre-Registration Student Nurse	Royal Informatory Glasgow, Scotland
01/1980 - 12/1980	Staff Nurse	Agnes Nursing Agency Sutton Surrey, England

Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

01/1981 - 12/1984	Nurse Manager	St. Martin's Hospital Enugu, Nigeria
03/1989 - 07/1991	Charge Nurse	Armed Forces Hospital Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
09/1991- 07/1997	Assistant Nurse Manager/ Charge Nurse	Saudi Aramco Medical Center Dhahran Kingdom, Saudi Arabia
06/1997 - 12/1997	Staff Nurse	Memorial Medical Center Savannah, Georgia
01/1998 - 05/2000	Nurse Clinician	University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston, Texas
11/2003 - 01/2007	Nurse Clinician	Texas Department Criminal Justice, University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston, Texas
2003 - 07/2012	Administrator	St. Jude's Home, Inc.
08/2012 - 07/2013	Unemployed	
08/2013 - Unknown	RN	Omnipotent Home Away from Home, Inc. League City, Texas

5. On or about August 17, 2010, Respondent was issued the sanction of a WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS through an Agreed Order by the Board. A copy of the Finding of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order dated August 17, 2010, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
6. On or about October 17, 2013, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Omnipotent Home Away from Home, Inc., League City, Texas, Respondent falsified the signature of a psychologist and submitted a Consent for Implementation of Behavior Therapy Program form to the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (TDADS) Surveyor during a Level II follow-up review for Home and Community Based Services for Patient CT. Respondent's conduct was deceptive and was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would not have accurate information on which to base their decisions for further care.

7. On October 8, 2014, 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 October 3, 2014, 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(s) of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A)&(1)(D) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4),(6)(A)&(6)(H).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 627713, heretofore issued to VIRGINIA OKWUCHUKWU ONUORAH, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), 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 627713, heretofore issued to VIRGINIA OKWUCHUKWU ONUORAH, to practice 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.
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 nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 8th day of October, 2014.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By: 

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

VIRGINIA OKWUCHUKWU ONUORAH
18062 FM 529 RD., SUITE 273
CYPRESS, TX 77433
Texas Registered Nurse License Number 627713

Voluntary Surrender Statement

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license(s) to practice in Texas. I consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I may not petition for reinstatement until one (1) year from the effective date of the Order; 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 *Virginia Okwuchukwu Onuorah*

Date 10/3/14

Registered Nurse License Number 627713

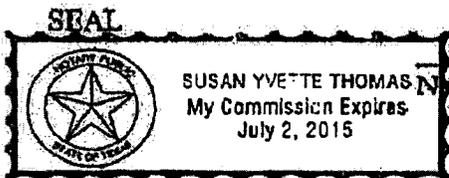
Approved as to form and substance
Deola A. Shoyombo
Deola A. Shoyombo, Attorney for Independent

Signed this 7th day of October, 2014

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared VIRGINIA OKWUCHUKWU ONUORAH who, being duly sworn by me, stated that he or she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that he or she understood same.

Sworn to before me the 7th day of October, 2014



Susan Yvette Thomas
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director

July 23, 2014

Virginia Okwuchukwu Onuorah
c/o Deola A. Shoyombo, Attorney at Law
18062 FM 529 Rd. Suite 273
Cypress, Texas 77433

Dear Virginia Okwuchukwu Onuorah:

Enclosed, please find a proposed Agreed Order for your review. If you choose to sign this Order, you must sign and date the proposed Agreed Order before a notary public and have the Order approved by your Attorney. The signed Order must be received within three weeks of the date of this letter. The Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When the Order is ratified, the terms of the Order will become effective, and a copy will be mailed to you.

If you do not return the signed, notarized Order or respond within three weeks of the date of this letter, formal charges may be filed and/or the matter scheduled for a public disciplinary hearing.

The result of any disciplinary action is public information. Dispositions will appear in the Board's quarterly newsletter and will be reported to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc., and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

If you have any questions please contact Roberto Rodriguez Jr, Investigator, at (512)305-7609.

Sincerely,

Katherine A. Thomas
Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Agreed Order

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BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED
Registered Nurse License Number 627713 §
issued to VIRGINIA OKWUCHUKWU §
ONUORAH § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of VIRGINIA OKWUCHUKWU ONUORAH, Registered Nurse License Number 627713, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on June 27, 2014, 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(s).
2. Respondent waived 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.
4. Respondent received a Diploma in Nursing from the University of Nigeria Technical Hospital, Enugu, Nigeria, on September 1, 1975. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on April 12, 1996
5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

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6. On or about August 17, 2010, Respondent was issued a WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order, dated August 17, 2010, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
7. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Omnipotent Home Away from Home, Inc, League City, Texas, and had been in this position for two (2) months.
8. On or about October 17, 2013, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Omnipotent

Home Away from Home, Inc., League City, Texas, Respondent falsified the signature of a psychologist and submitted a Consent for Implementation of Behavior Therapy Program form to the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (TDADS) Surveyor during a Level II follow-up review for Home and Community Based Services for Patient C T. Respondent's conduct was deceptive and was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would not have accurate information on which to base their decisions for further care.

9. In response to Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent admits she did sign Karen Rogillio's signature on the Consent for Implementation of Behavior Therapy Program form for one of the participants at the Omnipotent Home Away from Home, Inc., League City, Texas, but not with the intent to be fraudulent. Respondent advised she inadvertently omitted to indicate she was signing the document on behalf of Karen Rogillio. Respondent cites mitigating factors such as multiple activities and the stress of the day, as reasons why she neglected to sign her name above Karen Rogillio's name.

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(s) of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(A)&(1)(D) and 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4),(6)(A)&(6)(H).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 627713, heretofore issued to VIRGINIA OKWUCHUKWU ONUORAH, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice 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 REPRIMAND WITH STIPULATIONS, 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, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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 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, 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 a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nurse 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 the 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>

(2) 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. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: *<http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>**

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. 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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT PRACTICE AS A 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 TWO (2) YEAR(S) OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWENTY-FOUR (24) 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:

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license(s). 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(s). 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.

(5) 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.

(6) For the first year of employment as a Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT 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 to be working on the same unit as RESPONDENT and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. RESPONDENT SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). The 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.

(7) For the remainder of the stipulation period, RESPONDENT 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 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.

(8) 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 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) month period for two (2) year(s) of employment as a nurse.

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 may 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 have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) 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(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 20__.

VIRGINIA OKWUCHUKWU ONUORAH, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 20__.

SEAL

Notary Public in and for the State of _____

Approved as to form and substance.

Deola A. Shoyombo, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this ____ day of _____, 20__.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the _____ day of _____, 20____, by VIRGINIA OKWUCHUKWU ONUORAH, Registered Nurse License Number 627713, and said Order is final.

Effective this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

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