



Board of Nurse Examiners For the State of Texas

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN
Executive Director

February 9, 2005

George Vinson, Jr.
5901 Little Brandywine Creek
San Antonio, Texas 78233

Dear Mr. Vinson:

Our file reflects that all requirements of the Order of the Board entered on January 15, 2004, have been met.

Please return your current wallet-sized license along with a copy of this letter. We will then issue you a license without the stipulated designation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 305-6827.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane E. Burell".

Diane E. Burell
Investigator
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of License Number 618660
issued to GEORGE VINSON, JR.

§ AGREED
§ ORDER

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of GEORGE VINSON, JR., License Number 618660, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on November 16, 2003, 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 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 Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas, on May 1, 1995. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 27, 1995.

5. Respondent's professional employment history includes:

11/95 - 06/96	Staff RN Night Supervisor	Anahuac Healthcare Center Anahuac, Texas
05/96 - 07/98	Staff RN Team Leader	HealthSouth Rehab Hospital Beaumont, Texas
08/98 - 07/99	Staff RN Temp Agency	MedForce Beaumont, Texas
05/99 - 07/99	Staff RN Temp Agency	Nurse Finders Beaumont, Texas
07/99 - 03/03	Staff RN Temp Agency	Professional Nursing Services, Inc. San Antonio, Texas
03/03 - Present	Unknown	Unknown

6. At the time of the incidents, Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with Professional Nursing Services, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and was working in the Medical/Surgical Unit at Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, Texas, and had been in this position for three (3) years and eight (8) months.
7. On or about March 17, 2003, while employed with Professional Nursing Services, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and working at Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, Texas, Respondent received and transcribed an order to discontinue the epidural catheter and Fentanyl Drip for Patient Medical Record Number 00092339. After Respondent's nursing assessment of the patient and Respondent's nursing evaluation that Patient Medical Record Number 00092339 continued to be in pain, Respondent did not remove the epidural catheter and/or discontinue the Fentanyl Drip. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of experiencing infection, sedation, seizures, cardiac arrhythmias, respiratory depression, dyspnea, and/or apnea.
8. On or about March 17, 2003, while employed with Professional Nursing Services, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and working at Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, Texas, Respondent failed to document that Patient Medical Record Number 00092339 exhibited signs of inadequate pain management, although the physician's order had been written to discontinue the epidural catheter and Fentanyl Drip. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive other caregivers who needed complete information on which to base their care.

9. On or about March 17, 2003, while employed with Professional Nursing Services, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and working at Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, Texas, Respondent failed to notify the physician that Respondent did not remove the epidural catheter and/or discontinue the Fentanyl Drip for Patient Medical Record Number 00092339. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive other caregivers who needed complete information on which to base their care.
10. On or about March 17, 2003, while employed with Professional Nursing Services, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and working at Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, Texas, Respondent failed to administer Fentanyl for Patient Medical Record Number 00092339, as ordered by the physician. Respondent changed medication cassettes, yet failed to change the administration rates of the infusion pump, which resulted in the patient receiving an overdose of Fentanyl. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of experiencing sedation, seizures, cardiac arrhythmias, respiratory depression, dyspnea, and/or apnea.
11. On or about March 17, 2003, while employed with Professional Nursing Services, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and working at Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, Texas, Respondent accepted an assignment to provide nursing care for Patient Medical Record Number 00092339. Respondent lacked the educational preparation, experience, knowledge and/or ability to appropriately care for Patient Medical Record Number 00092339, as the patient had an epidural catheter and Fentanyl drip. Respondent's behavior exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of experiencing infection, sedation, seizures, cardiac arrhythmias, respiratory depression, dyspnea, and/or apnea.

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)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(3),(4),(12)&(20) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(4).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against License Number 618660, heretofore issued to GEORGE VINSON, JR., including revocation of Respondent's professional license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code, Section §§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 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 multistate licensure 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 deliver the wallet-sized license issued to GEORGE VINSON, JR. to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners within ten (10) days of 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 Texas course in nursing jurisprudence. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Registered 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, and documentation of care. 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 on the Board's website, www.bne.state.tx.us (under BNE events).*

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in medication administration. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Registered Nurses. The didactic portion of this course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course shall contain a minimum twenty-four (24) hour clinical component which is to be provided by the same Registered Nurse who provides the didactic portion of this course. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. In order for the course to be approved, the course's content shall include: a review of proper administration procedures for all standard routes; computation of drug dosages; the five (5) rights of medication administration; factors influencing the choice of route; and possible adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course to satisfy this stipulation.

RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor 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 on the Board's website www.bne.state.tx.us (under BNE events).*

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in physical assessment. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Registered Nurses. The didactic portion of this course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. RESPONDENT SHALL perform physical assessments on live patients in a clinical setting for a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours which shall be provided by the same Registered Nurse who provides the didactic portion of this course. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of physical assessment only. To be approved, the course shall cover all systems of the body. Performing assessments on mock patients or mannequins WILL NOT be accepted. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course to satisfy this stipulation. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor 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*

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(5) 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. 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 Registered 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 on the Board's website www.bne.state.tx.us (under BNE events).*

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

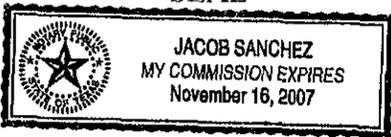
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 8th day of January, 2004.

George Vinson, Jr.
GEORGE VINSON, JR., Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of January, 2004.

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Jacob Sanchez
Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 8th day of January, 2004, by GEORGE VINSON, JR., License Number 618660, and said Order is final.

Effective this 15th day of January, 2004.



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