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*Patricia R. Plummer*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS  
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse  
License Number 79408  
issued to SUE ELLEN HITCHCOCK

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ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 79408, issued to SUE ELLEN HITCHCOCK, 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 conference, 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 conference, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Howard College Vocational Nurse Program, Big Spring, Texas, on September 7, 1978. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on November 28, 1978.

4. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

11/78 - 8/92	Unknown
9/92 - 5/94	Staff LVN Lumberton Care Lumberton, Texas

Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

6/94 - 11/94	Unknown
12/94 - 7/98	Staff LVN Pineland Health and Rehabilitation Pineland, Texas
8/98 - 5/99	Unknown
6/99 - 9/01	Staff LVN Avalon Place Kirbyville, Texas
9/01 - 3/07	Staff LVN Kountze Nursing Center Kountze, Texas
4/07 - present	Unknown

5. On April 9, 2007, the Board notified Respondent of the following allegations:
- On or about March 20, 2007, while employed with Kountze Nursing Center, Kountze, Texas, Respondent incorrectly performed the insertion of an indwelling Foley urinary catheter on Resident Medical Record Number 2006022-1. Consequently, Resident Medical Record Number 2006022-1 was transported to Hermann Memorial Hospital, Beaumont, Texas, where a renal ultrasound revealed that the Foley catheter and bulb were placed within the urethra instead of the bladder.
  - On or about March 20, 2007, while employed with Kountze Nursing Center, Kountze, Texas, Respondent performed the insertion of an indwelling urinary Foley catheter on Resident Medical Record Number 2006022-1, without a physician's order.
  - On or about March 20, 2007, while employed with Kountze Nursing Center, Kountze, Texas, Respondent failed to completely and accurately report and document that she had inserted both a straight catheter and Foley catheter in Resident Medical Record number 2006022-1.
7. On September 5, 2007, Respondent returned License Number 79408 and submitted a statement to the Board expressing her desire to voluntarily surrender the right to practice vocational nursing in Texas as her physical condition will prevent her from practicing nursing.

### 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)(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(C)&(D) & (2)(A)(iv).
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.

### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse Vocational Nurse License Number 79408, heretofore issued to SUE ELLEN HITCHCOCK, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board of Nurse Examiners. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:


1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title of licensed 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;

2. 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 multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice vocational nursing in compact states.

Effective this   6th   day of September, 2007.

BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS  
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

Aug 29, 2007

Enclosed is my LVN license. I am currently under treatment @ MD Anderson for squamous cell ca of @ lung - my @ lung is collapsed. Stage 3B ca c metastasis to lymph nodes. I am therefore relinquishing my license.

Thank you -  
Sue Hitchcock

**LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE**

BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS  
333 Guadalupe #3-460, Austin, Texas 78701

A CERTIFICATE OF RE-REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE VOCATIONAL NURSING  
ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS TO

LVN LIC. NO.  
79408

EXPIRES  
LAST DAY OF:

JUN 2008

SUE ELLEN HITCHCOCK

*Matthew A. Thomas* *Sue Hitchcock*  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LVN SIGNATURE REQUIRED

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Can we  
accept this?  
as a v. s. *CAO*

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