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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse           §       AGREED  
License Number 189989                         §  
issued to KENISHA EMICA SMITH           §       ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the considered the matter of KENISHA EMICA SMITH, Vocational Nurse License Number 189989, 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 proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on April 9, 2010, 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 proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Angelina College Vocational Nursing, Jasper, Texas on July 25, 2003. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on August 29, 2003.
5. Respondent's complete vocational nursing employment history is unknown.
6. At the time of the incident described in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was the owner/operator of Precise Reliable Nursing Services, Jasper, Texas, and had been in this position for one (1) year.

7. On or about May 15, 2008, while a Licensed Vocational Nurse and owner/operator of Precise Reliable Nursing Services, Jasper, Texas, Respondent attempted to obtain Vicodin, Phentermine, and Chlorothiazide from Brookshire Brothers Pharmacy, Hemphill, Texas, under the name of Kenisha E. Hoyle-Smith, through the use of an unauthorized electronically communicated prescription on which Respondent used the name and Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) number assigned to Lawrence R. Berg, ENP. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the pharmacy, and possession of Vicodin, Phentermine or Chlorothiazide through use of a falsified, unauthorized and fraudulent telephonically - communicated prescription is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).
8. The Respondent's conduct described in the preceding Finding of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
9. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of evidence of criminal behavior or acts involving substance abuse or chemical dependency.
10. Charges were filed on April 27, 2009.
11. Charges were mailed to Respondent on April 29, 2009.
12. Respondent's conduct described in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7) was significantly influenced by Respondent's dependency on chemicals.
13. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.455, 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)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(10)(E) & (11)(B).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 189989, heretofore issued to KENISHA EMICA SMITH, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT, in lieu of the sanction of Revocation under Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code, SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN):

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to TPAPN and SHALL, within ninety (90) days following the date of entry of this final Order, sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) payable to TPAPN.

(2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN participation agreement to the Texas Board of Nursing.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep her license to practice nursing in the State of Texas current.

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, Section §§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 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 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, SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further disciplinary action including EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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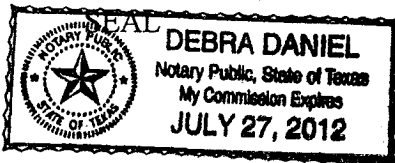
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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 violation alleged herein. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Conditions One (1) through Four (4) of this Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 24 day of May, 2010.

Kenisha Emica Smith  
KENISHA EMICA SMITH, Respondent


Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.



Debra Daniel  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept and enter the Agreed Order that was signed on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010, by KENISHA EMICA SMITH, Vocational Nurse License Number 189989, and said Order is final.

Entered and effective this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

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

