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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 Registered Nurse           §     AGREED  
License Number 590219                     §  
issued to JULIE ANN ARNOLD             §     ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JULIE ANN ARNOLD, Registered Nurse License Number 590219, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Article 4525(b)(3)&(12)(effective 1995), TEX.REV.CIV.STAT.ANN, Article 4525(b)(3) &(12)(effective 9/1995), TEX.REV.CIV.STAT.ANN, Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10)(effective 7/2000), Texas Occupations Code, Section 301.452(b)(3)(effective 9/2003), Texas Occupations Code, and Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on September 23, 2011, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, 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 Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas on December 16, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 23, 1992.

5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

03/1992 - 01/2000	Employment history unknown.
01/2000 - 01/2002	RN Southwest Medical Center Lawton, Oklahoma
01/2002 - 07/2003	RN Hale Center Hospital Hale Center, Texas
12/2001 - 02/2005	RN Medical Center of Dimmit Dimmit, Texas
02/2005 - 07/2005	Employment history unknown.
07/2005 - 10/2005	RN Sierra Vista Truth or Consequences, New Mexico
10/2005 - 03/2006	Employment history unknown.
03/2006 - 06/2006	RN Fort Duncan Medical Center Eagle Pass, Texas
07/2006 - 09/2007	RN Abilene Regional Hospital Abilene, Texas
09/2007 - 04/2009	RN Brownwood Regional Brownwood, Texas
04/2009 - 07/2009	Employment history unknown.
07/2009 - 09/2009	RN St. John's Hospital Joplin, Missouri
09/2009 - 11/2009	RN Continuing Care Hospital Cedar Rapids, Iowa
11/2009 - Present	Employment history unknown.

6. On or about April 24, 1995, Respondent pled guilty to the offense of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (a Class B Misdemeanor), in the Crosby County Court, Crosbyton, Texas, Cause Number 10192. Respondent was sentenced to twelve (12) months confinement in the Crosby County Jail which was stayed and she was placed on twelve (12) months of probation.

7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states: "I had been out with friends and received a DWI. I feared that I would have no way to provide for my children. I did do all that the court required of me."
8. On or about July 2, 1996, Respondent pled guilty to the offense of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 2ND (a Class A Misdemeanor), in the Floyd County Court, Floydada, Texas, Cause Number 8399. Respondent was sentenced to one hundred eighty (180) days confinement in jail which was probated for two (2) years. In addition, Respondent was assessed a fine and court costs.
9. In response to Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent states: "I felt a friend that I was with should not drive, so I did. I used poor judgment for a good intention."
10. On or about November 25, 2000, Respondent was arrested by the Randall County Sheriffs Department, Canyon, Texas for the offense of THEFT OF PROPERTY >=\$20<\$500 BY CHECK (a Class C Misdemeanor). On December 15, 2000, the Respondent plead guilty to the offense of ISSUANCE OF A BAD CHECK (a Class C Misdemeanor), in the Randall County Court, Canyon, Texas, Cause Number 055747L. She was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
11. On or about October 9, 2003, Respondent plead guilty to the offense of ISSUANCE OF A BAD CHECK (a Class C Misdemeanor), in the Potter County Court, Amarillo, Texas, Cause Number 92716-P. She was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
12. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Ten (10) and Eleven (11), Respondent states: "After separating from my prior husband, he took all the money out of our bank account without notifying me. I had just gotten a travel arrangement, so I paid my bills and then left for Lawton, Oklahoma. Shortly after returning to Texas, I was stopped for speeding. It was at this time that I was informed that I had warrants for bad checks. Even though the dates of the two allegations are approximately three years apart, this is the result of the courts' paperwork. Upon learning of the warrants, I promptly took care of the checks."
13. On or about February 5, 2007, Respondent submitted a Texas Online Renewal Document, Registered Nurse, to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the following question:

" Have you ever been convicted, placed on community supervision whether or not adjudicated guilty, sentenced to serve jail or prison time or granted pre-trial diversion, or plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, or received a court order whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrests whether or not on appeal (excluding minor Class C traffic violations)? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without a finding of guilt. Please not that

DUIs, DWIs, and PIs must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations. One time minor in possession [MIP] or Minor in Consumption [MIC] does not need to be disclosed; therefore, you may answer "No." If you have two or more MIPs or MICs, you must answer "Yes." You may answer "No" if you have previously disclosed a criminal matter otherwise responsive to this question in a renewal and/or licensure form."

Respondent failed to disclose her criminal history as indicated in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) through Nine (9), above.

14. On or about November 18, 2009, while utilizing her multi-state licensure compact privilege associated with her license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, while employed with Aureus Medical Group/Aureus Nursing, LLC, Omaha, Nebraska, and on assignment with Continuing Care Hospital, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Alcohol, in that she submitted to a post-accident drug screen, that resulted positive for Alcohol. The use of Alcohol by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
15. In response to Finding of Fact Number Fourteen (14), Respondent states: "The hospital was conducting a fire drill. I tripped on a mat and I was given a Breathalyzer and a urine screen. The Breathalyzer registered 0.000, but the urine screen was positive. However, it had been approximately 15 hours since I ingested alcohol in my home, until I reported to work at the hospital."
16. 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.
17. Formal Charges were filed on September 1, 2010.
18. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on September 2, 2010.

#### 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 Article 4525(b)(3)&(12)(effective 1995), TEX.REV.CIV.STAT.ANN, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(effective 1995), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.13(1)(effective 1995).

4. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Article 4525(b)(3)&(12)(effective 9/1995), TEX.REV.CIV.STAT.ANN, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(effective 9/1995), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.13(1)(effective 9/1995).
5. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(3) &(10)(effective 7/2000), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(effective 7/2000), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(effective 7/2000).
6. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(3)(effective 9/2003), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A) (effective 9/2003), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13)(effective 9/2003).
7. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(E),(4),(5),(6)(H),(6)(I), (10)(A)&(10)(D).
8. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 590219, heretofore issued to JULIE ANN ARNOLD, 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 a LIMITED LICENSE 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 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) While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL NOT provide direct patient care. For the purposes of this Order, direct patient care involves a personal relationship between the Nurse and the client, and includes, but is not limited to: teaching, counseling, assessing the client's needs and strengths, and providing skilled nursing care.

(2) SHOULD RESPONDENT desire to return to a clinical practice setting, which would require her to provide direct patient care, RESPONDENT SHALL petition the Board for such approval.

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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 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 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 8 day of Feb, 2012.

Julie Ann Arnold  
JULIE ANN ARNOLD, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of Feb, 2012.

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Donna Hill  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

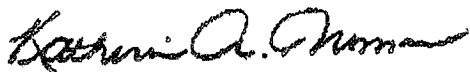
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Nancy Roper Willson  
Nancy Roper Willson, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 9th day of February, 2012

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012, by JULIE ANN ARNOLD, Registered Nurse License Number 590219, and said Order is final.

Effective this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.



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

