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Patricia R. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

IN THE MATTER OF
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE
NUMBER 117266
ISSUED TO
HELEN JOYCE COACHMAN

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BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY
AND DISCIPLINARY
COMMITTEE
OF THE TEXAS
BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: HELEN JOYCE COACHMAN
LOT 7 SUNSET VILLAGE
GAINESVILLE, TX 76240

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on August 9, 2011, the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee of the Texas Board of Nursing finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 117266, previously issued to HELEN JOYCE COACHMAN, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 9th day of August, 2011.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment: Formal Charge filed March 7, 2011.



Re: Permanent Certificate Number 117266
Issued to HELEN JOYCE COACHMAN
DEFAULT ORDER -REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 10th day of August, 20 11, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served by placement in the U.S. Mail via certified mail, and addressed to the following person(s):

HELEN JOYCE COACHMAN
LOT 7 SUNSET VILLAGE
GAINESVILLE, TX 76240

BY: 
KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

In the Matter of Permanent License § **BEFORE THE TEXAS**
Number 117266, Issued to §
HELEN JOYCE COACHMAN, Respondent § **BOARD OF NURSING**

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, HELEN JOYCE COACHMAN, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 117266, which is in delinquent status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

On or about March 10, 2010, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on March 9, 2009, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Two (2) of the Order which states, in pertinent part:

(2) Respondent shall, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics.

A copy of the March 9, 2009, Agreed Order, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this pleading.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) and (10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to revocation of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.state.tx.us.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order which is attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Agreed Order dated March 9, 2009.

Filed this 7th day of March, 2011.



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Attachments: Agreed Order dated March 9, 2009.

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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| In the Matter of Vocational Nurse | § | AGREED |
| License Number 117266 | § | |
| issued to HELEN JOYCE COACHMAN | § | ORDER |

An investigation by the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, produced evidence indicating that HELEN JOYCE COACHMAN, Vocational Nurse License Number 117266, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, may have violated Section 301.452 (b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code.

An informal conference was held on February 3, 2009, at the office of the Texas Board of Nursing, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent was not in attendance, but agreed to have her case heard telephonically in her absence. Respondent was notified of her right to be represented by legal counsel and elected to waive representation by counsel. In attendance were Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director; John F. Legris, Assistant General Counsel; Anthony L. Diggs, MSCJ, Director, Enforcement Division; and Skylar Caddell, RN,C, Lead Investigator.

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, notice and hearing, and consented 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 North Central Texas College Vocational Nurse Program, Gainesville, Texas, on August 15, 1986. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 20, 1987.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

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| 5/87 to 9/97 | Unknown | |
| 10/97 to 12/98 | Staff Nurse | JPS Health Network Fort Worth, Texas |
| 1/99 to 5/00 | Unknown | |
| 6/00 to 8/01 | Staff Nurse | JPS Health Network Fort Worth, Texas |
| 9/01 to 12/02 | Unknown | |
| 1/03 to 2/03 | Staff Nurse | Precision Nurse Network Fort Worth, Texas |
| 3/03 to 11/07 | Unknown | |
| 12/07 to 4/08 | Home Health Nurse | Epic MedStaff Home Health Dallas, Texas |
| 5/08 to Present | Not employed in nursing | |

6. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as a Home Health Nurse with Epic MedStaff Home Health, Dallas, Texas, and had been in this position for one (1) month.

7. On or about January 9, 2008, through February 26, 2008, while employed with Epic MedStaff Home Health Dallas, Dallas, Texas, Respondent inappropriately administered thin liquid broth from chicken noodle soup to Patient Medical Record Number 526807368-347, a 20-month-old patient with a tracheostomy and a swallowing dysfunction, even though the physician ordered the patient to have no liquids by mouth and only small amounts of pureed food. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient from choking or aspiration of liquids which could result in respiratory distress and/or possible demise.

8. On or about March 23, 2008, while employed with, but not on duty for, Epic MedStaff Home Health Dallas, Dallas, Texas, Respondent infringed upon appropriate nurse patient boundaries when she babysat the aforementioned Patient Medical Record Number 526807368-347, while not on duty through Epic MedStaff Home Health, Dallas, Texas, for about an hour while the patient's mother left the premises to go shopping. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient's care giver in that it could have resulted in confusion

between the needs of the nurse and those of the patient. In addition, Respondent's conduct may have caused delayed distress for the patient's care giver, which may not be recognized or felt by the care giver until after harmful consequences have occurred.

9. In response to the incidents in Finding of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states that she started thickening the patient's liquids as soon as she learned to do so from the physician. Regarding the baby sitting, Respondent indicates that she only did so because the regularly scheduled weekend nurse was a no call no show for her assigned shift and because the patient's mother needed to go buy groceries. Although the patient did not require any nursing care while she was there babysitting, Respondent acknowledges that if such care had been required, she would have provided it while not on duty.

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 violations of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(J)&(2)(A) and 217.12(1)(B)&(4).
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 117266, heretofore issued to HELEN JOYCE COACHMAN, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice vocational 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 REMEDIAL EDUCATION, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, 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 multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice nursing in compact states.

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 that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-sized license issued to HELEN JOYCE COACHMAN to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days of the date of ratification of this Order.

(2) 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 be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing 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 this 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.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>

(3) 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. *Information regarding this workshop may be found at the following web address:*

<http://www.learningext.com/products/generalce/critical/ctabout.asp>

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in "Respecting Professional Boundaries," a 3.9 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. *Information regarding this workshop may be found at the following web address: <http://www.learningext.com/products/generalce/boundaries/boundariesabout.asp>*

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Feeding Outcomes of Extremely Premature Infants After Neonatal Care," a 2.0 contact hour online program provided by the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal

Nurses (AWHONN) as a companion to an article in the *Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic, & Neonatal Nursing*. 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. *Information regarding this workshop may be found at the following web address:*
<http://www.leiacq.com/awhonn/TrackDetail.cfm?Course=JOGNN207>.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT's license and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for multistate licensure 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 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 3 day of 3, 2009.

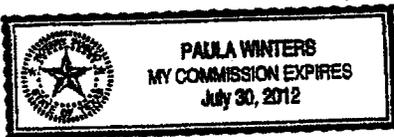
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HELEN JOYCE COACHMAN, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of March, 2009.

SEAL

Paula Winters

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 ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 3rd day of March, 2009, by HELEN JOYCE COACHMAN, Vocational License Number 117266, and said Order is final.



Effective this 9th day of March, 2009.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Katherine A. Thomas', is written over a horizontal line.

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