

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse	§	AGREED
License Number 129702	§	
issued to TERESA LOWERY GOODE	§	ORDER

I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.  
*Katherine A. Thomas*  
 Executive Director of the Board

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of TERESA LOWERY GOODE, a/k/a Teresa Lowery Moore, Teresa Ma Goode, Teresa Lowery Hardy, Vocational Nurse License Number 129702, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Article 4528c, sec. 10, TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on September 9, 2010, 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 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 Howard College, San Angelo, Texas, on August 29, 1990. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on November 28, 1990.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about July 6, 1990, Respondent submitted an Application for Licensure by Examination to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which she provided false, deceptive and/or misleading information in that she answered "Yes" to the question: "Have you been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation."

Respondent disclosed that, on or about February 19, 1990, she was arrested by the Tom Green County Sheriff's Office, San Angelo, Texas, for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (a Misdemeanor offense).

On or about May 18, 1990, Respondent entered a plea of No Contest and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ( a Misdemeanor offense committed on February 19, 1990), in the County Court at Law of Tom Green County, Texas, under Cause No. 82194. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Tarrant County Jail for a period of sixty (60) days; however, the imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of two (2) years. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs. On or about March 26, 1991, Respondent was discharged from probation.

7. However, Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about January 22, 1984, Respondent was arrested by the San Angelo Police Department, San Angelo, Texas, for COUNT 1- POSSESSION OF MARIHUANA ( a Class B Misdemeanor offense), COUNT 2- DISORDERLY CONDUCT, COUNT 3-FAILURE TO IDENTIFY; POSSESSION OF NARCOTIC PARAPHERNALIA ( a Class C Misdemeanor offense).

On or about March 26, 1984, Respondent entered a plea of No Contest and was convicted of POSSESSION OF MARIHUANA (a Class B Misdemeanor offense committed on January 22, 1984), in the County Court of Law of Tom Green County, Texas, under Cause No. 65059. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Tom Green County Jail for a period of sixty (60) days; however, the imposition of the sentence of the confinement was suspended and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of six (6) months.

8. Respondent also failed to disclose that, on or about May 25, 1986, Respondent was arrested by the San Angelo Police Department, San Angelo, Texas, for AGGRAVATED ASSAULT-POLICE OFFICER (a Class C Misdemeanor offense).

Respondent was subsequently convicted of AGGRAVATED ASSAULT-POLICE OFFICER (a Class C Misdemeanor offense committed on May 25, 1986). Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine.

9. On or about June 20, 1991, Respondent entered a plea of No Contest and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (a Misdemeanor offense), in the County Court at Law of Tom Green County, Texas, under Cause No. 85332. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Tom Green County Jail for a period of fifteen (15) days . Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
10. On or about April 2, 1995, Respondent was arrested by the San Angelo Police Department, San Angelo, Texas, and subsequently charged under Cause No. 95-01034 for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (a Class B Misdemeanor offense).

On or about October 12, 1995, Cause No. 95-01034 was dismissed in the County Court at Law of Tom Green County, Texas, for the reason: To be refiled as a felony.

On or about February 12, 1997, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED with one prior conviction (a Class A Misdemeanor offense committed on April 2, 1995), in the 51st Judicial District Court of Tom Green County, Texas, under Cause No. A-95-0697-S. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Tom Green County Jail for a period of one (1) year; however, the imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of two (2) years. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs. On or about February 11, 1999, Respondent was discharged from probation.

11. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) through Nine (9), Respondent gave the following general statement. She stated that she has been embarrassed by her actions. She thought since she did the TPAPN program, she did not need to disclose. Since that time she has remained abstinent from all alcoholic beverages.
12. 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 or chemical dependency.

#### 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 4528c, sec. 10(a)(2),(3)&(9) TEX. REV. CIV. STAT.,(effective September 1, 1985), Article 4528c, sec. 10(a)(2),(3),(9) TEX. REV. CIV. STAT.,(effective September 1, 1997), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT., and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE

§239.11(8),(28)&(29)(iv).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b). Texas Occupation Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 129702, heretofore issued to TERESA LOWERY GOODE, 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 WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS and a FINE, 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) 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) 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>.*

(2) 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://ncsbn.hivelive.com/hives/a0f6f3e8a0/summary>.*

**(3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry**

of this Order Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND RESPONDENT MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWELVE (12) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF A VOCATIONAL NURSE (LVN) LICENSE WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's

office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.

(6) RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse or a Licensed Vocational Nurse who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(7) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Registered Nurse or Licensed Vocational Nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month period for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

(8) RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose. If prescribed, RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the licensed practitioner to submit a written report identifying the medication,

dosage and the date the medication was prescribed. The report shall be submitted directly to the office of the Board by the prescribing practitioner, within ten (10) days of the date of the prescription. In the event that prescriptions for controlled substances are required for periods of two (2) weeks or longer, the Board may require and RESPONDENT SHALL submit to an evaluation by a Board approved physician specializing in Pain Management or Psychiatry. The performing evaluator will submit a written report to the Board's office, including results of the evaluation, clinical indications for the prescriptions, and recommendations for on-going treatment within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.

(9) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol. For the first three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per week. For the next three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least twice per month. For the next six (6) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per month. All random screens SHALL BE conducted through urinalysis. Screens obtained through urinalysis are the sole method accepted by the Board.

Specimens shall be screened for at least the following substances:

Amphetamines	Meperidine
Barbiturates	Methadone
Benzodiazepines	Methaqualone
Cannabinoids	Opiates
Cocaine	Phencyclidine
Ethanol	Propoxyphene
tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)	

A Board representative may appear at the RESPONDENT'S place of employment at any time during the stipulation period and require RESPONDENT to produce a specimen for screening.

All screens shall be properly monitored and produced in accordance with the Board's policy on Random Drug Testing. A complete chain of custody shall be maintained for each



specimen obtained and analyzed. RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for the costs of all random drug screening during the stipulation period.

Any positive result for which the nurse does not have a valid prescription or failure to report for a drug screen, which may be considered the same as a positive result, will be regarded as non-compliance with the terms of this Order and may subject the nurse to further disciplinary action including EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

(10) RESPONDENT SHALL attend at least two (2) support group meetings each week, one of which must be for substance abuse and provided by Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, or another comparable recovery program that has been pre-approved by the Board. RESPONDENT SHALL provide acceptable evidence of attendance. Acceptable evidence shall consist of a written record of at least: the date of each meeting; the name of each group attended; and the signature and printed name of the chairperson of each group attended by RESPONDENT. RESPONDENT SHALL submit the required evidence on the forms provided by the Board at the end of every three (3) month period. No duplications, copies, third party signatures, or any other substitutions will be accepted as evidence.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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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 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 30 day of March, 2011 .

*Teresa Lowery Goode*

TERESA LOWERY GOODE, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30 day of March, 2011 .

*Lori Hearn*

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Notary Public in and for the State of Tx

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 30th day of March, 20 11 , by TERESA LOWERY GOODE, Vocational Nurse License Number 129702, and said Order is final.

Effective this 10th day of May , 2011 .



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