BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse	§
License Number 547678 and	§
Vocational Nurse	§
License Number 76099	§
issued to KAREN KAY HUNT	§

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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.

Executive Director of the Board

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 547678 and Vocational Nurse License Number 76099, issued to KAREN KAY HUNT A/K/A KAREN KAY WEAVER HUNT, 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 proceedings, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas is currently in inactive status. Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is currently in inactive status.

2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Bee County College Vocational Nurse Program, Beeville, Texas, on September 20, 1977. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 17, 1978. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Texas, on June 1, 1988. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on September 1, 1988.

4. Respondent's complete professional and vocational nursing employment history includes:

05/1978-1984	Unknown	
1984-1988	LVN	Charter Hospital of Corpus Christi Corpus Christi, Texas
01/1987-01/1992	LVN/RN	Humana Hospital of Corpus Christi Corpus Christi, Texas
01/1992-01/1993	RN	Southside Hospital Corpus Christi, Texas
01/1993-01/1996	RN	Bay Area Medical Center Corpus Christi, Texas
01/1996-01/1999	RN	Doctors Regional Medical Center Corpus Christi, Texas
01/1999-01/03	RN	Nurses Network Agency San Antonio, Texas
01/03-01/05	RN	Spohn Hospital Shoreline Corpus Christi, Texas
02/05-11/05	Unknown	
12/05-12/07	RN	Dubuis Hospital Corpus Christi, Texas
12/07-05/09	RN	CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Memorial Corpus Christi, Texas
06/09-Present	Unknown	

5. On December 9, 2009, Respondent was provided notice by the Board of the following allegations:

- On or about May 5, 2009, while employed as a Registered Nurse with CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Memorial, Corpus Christi, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Benzodiazepines and Propoxyphene in that she submitted a specimen for a drug screen that produced a positive result for Benzodiazepines, specifically

Desmethyldiazepam 2129 ng/mL, Oxazepam 3915 ng/mL, Temazepam 3797 ng/mL, and Propoxyphene (Norpropoxyphene 159590 ng/mL) ; and

- On or about May 5, 2009, while employed as a Registered Nurse with CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Memorial, Corpus Christi, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing in that she showed signs of impaired behavior, including: not realizing she was at work or supposed to be at work even though she was called in; sitting in her car for a period of time before she came into work; and acting as if thoughts were "not connecting."

6. On September 28, 2010, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated September 25, 2010, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

7. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.

8. 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 Section 301.452(b)(9),(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code and 22 Tex. Admin. Code §217.12(1)(A)&(B),(4),(5),(10)(A)&(D) and (11)(B).

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 License Number 547678 and Vocational Nurse License Number 76099, heretofore issued to KAREN KAY HUNT A/K/A KAREN KAY WEAVER HUNT, to practice professional or vocational nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional or vocational nursing, use the title of registered nurse or vocational nurse or the abbreviation "RN" or "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered or vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered or vocational 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; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.

3. 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 nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice professional or vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 11th day of October, 2010.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

9/25/10

To The Texas State Board of Nursing
333 Guadalupe Street 3-460 Austin TX 78701

To whom it may Concern and Ms. Katherine A. Thomas MN, RN

On this day 9/25/10 I am surrendering Voluntarily
my RN license #547678
+ my LVN License # 76099
Due to illness and inability to work or attend school.
I am responding by the date I was asked to respond.

Thank you
Karen Kay Hunt

New address of 7 days
5501 Ayers St. # 149
Corpus Christi TX 78415

State of Texas
County of Nueces

Before me, Karen Hunt personally appeared

on this 25th day of September, 2010

V. Karbowski
Notary Public

VINCENT KARBOWSKI
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
June 15, 2014