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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse § AGREED
License Number 720641, issued to §
LINDSEY LEIGH (SIMS) PURDY § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of LINDSEY LEIGH (SIMS) PURDY, Registered Nurse License Number 720641, 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 informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on May 5, 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.
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 Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, on August 9, 2005. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on September 13, 2005.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

09/05 - 02/08	Staff Nurse SICU	Parkland Health & Hospital System Dallas, Texas
03/08 - Present	Unknown	

6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with Parkland Health & Hospital System, Dallas, Texas, and had been in this position for two (2) years and five (5) months.
7. On or about December 18, 2007, while employed with Parkland Health & Hospital System, Dallas, Texas, Respondent failed to accurately and completely document blood glucose readings for Patient Medical Record Number 2159397 who was assigned to her care. Respondent falsely documented a blood glucose reading of 80 for Patient Medical Record Number 2159397. The result documented by Respondent could not be verified on any glucometer in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SICU) for that day on any patient. In addition, Respondent failed to document glucometer readings which resulted in RR LO at 2055 and 2059. The glucometer had her log-in ID and showed a result of RR LO for both times for her patient. Respondent did not document in the clinical record any action taken at that time to address the low blood glucose readings. At 0035 the glucometer showed a blood sugar of 45 that is not accurately documented in the clinical record; it was documented as LO. Respondent's conduct resulted in an inaccurate medical record and exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm in that subsequent care givers relied on the accuracy of the information while providing care to the patient.
8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states "I most vehemently deny that I intentionally or deliberately made false entries in the patient's medical record, or that there is any evidence whatsoever to corroborate such a conclusion either by the Board or my former employer Parkland Hospital. . . I would have absolutely no basis for doing so, nor would I do such a thing under any circumstances, nor have I ever done so in my career...Quite simply, I documented a blood sugar of 80 because that is what I understood to be correct. I did not take the blood sugar readings for this patient at 2055 and 2059 and no low readings were conveyed to me. I believe the readings were actually taken by a tech after I already keyed in my employee ID to the glucometer. At Parkland, it was common for the tech to assist nurses by taking the blood sugars and reporting them to the nurse, or even recording the results themselves. Thus, the only explanation I can offer is that either the tech told me the wrong number or I misheard what was reported. I do not recall which tech would have taken the patient's blood sugar at 2055 and 2059. . . I did not fail to treat the low blood sugar and I did not contemporaneously record a value I knew to be false. . . I personally did take shortly after midnight (0008) per the order for Q 4 blood sugar checks. I received a "RR-LO" reading and treated it with D50. Such is documented in the record. I again checked the blood sugar at 0035 and it was 45, and I again responded to the reading with D50 given in the chart. Notwithstanding, my awareness of the 45 reading at 0035, and the fact that I did respond to it at that time are both evidenced by the normal blood sugar value of 104, which I rechecked personally at 0100. . ."

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)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(A)&(D) 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 Registered Nurse License Number 720641, heretofore issued to LINDSEY LEIGH (SIMS) PURDY, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice professional 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 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 is 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 deliver the wallet-sized license issued to LINDSEY LEIGH (SIMS) PURDY, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days from 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) 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 a course in nursing documentation. 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. The course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length of classroom time. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall include content on the following: nursing standards related to

accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation.

RESPONDENT SHALL cause the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Board's office 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:*
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(4) 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>.

(5) 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 REGISTERED NURSE (RN) LICENSE WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

(6) 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.

(7) 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.

(8) For the duration of the stipulation period, RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered 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.

(9) 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 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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT's license 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 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~~

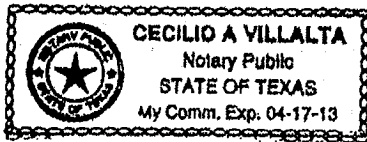
comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 20 day of May, 2010.

Lindsey Leigh (Sims) Purdy RN
 LINDSEY LEIGH (SIMS) PURDY Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of May, 2010.

SEAL



Cecilio Villalta
 Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

Jeffrey F. Wood, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2010.

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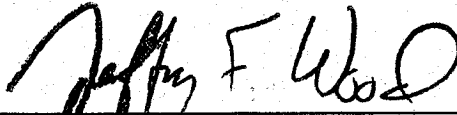
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Approved as to form and substance.



Jeffrey F. Wood, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 20th day of May, 2010.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 20th day of May, 2010, by LINDSEY LEIGH (SIMS) PURDY, Registered Nurse License Number 720641, and said Order is final.

Effective this 22nd day of July, 2010.



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

