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Patricia P. Roman
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 645625 § AGREED
and Vocational Nurse License Number 136708 §
issued to RHONDA FREEMAN § ORDER

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 645625 and Vocational Nurse License Number 136708, issued to RHONDA FREEMAN, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c) of the Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was provided to 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, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent holds a license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, which is in Delinquent status. Respondent holds a license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, which is in Delinquent status.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Temple Junior College, Temple, Texas, on December 18, 1991. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 27, 1992. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Austin Community College, Austin, Texas, on August 1, 1997. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on September 30, 1997.

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

01/92 - 04/93	GVN/LVN	Sweetbriar Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Taylor, Texas
04/93 - 06/94	LVN	Bluebonnet Nursing Home Granger, Texas
04/94 - 09/95	LVN	S.P.J.S.T Nursing Home Taylor, Texas
09/95 - 03/00	LVN/GN/RN	Georgetown Hospital Georgetown, Texas
Unknown	RN	Crestview Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Belton, Texas
06/03 - 05/04	RN	Granger Villa Granger, Texas
05/04 - 08/04	Unknown	
08/04 - 11/06	RN	Taylor Care Center Taylor, Texas
11/06 - 01/07	Unknown	
01/07 - 04/09	RN	Texas Crestview Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Belton, Texas
04/09 - Present	Not employed in Nursing	

6. On or about April 14, 2009, Respondent entered a plea of "Guilty" to POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, TO WIT: METHAMPHETAMINE LESS THAN ONE GRAM (a State Jail Felony offense committed on November 21, 2008), in the 426th District Court, Bell County, Texas, under Cause No. 64024. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of four (4) years. Additionally, as a part of her conditions of supervision, Respondent was ordered to enter and remain in the Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility (SAFPF), for no more than one (1) year. Respondent was also ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states: I did receive 6 months ordered SAF-P by my judge, as part of my 4 year deferred probation sentence, and, that if both the SAF-P Program and the remainder of my deferred probation and stipulations are completed successfully, then my record will only be as a "charge" and not a "conviction" for this offense.
8. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
9. 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.
10. 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 a violation of Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.453(a), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 645625 and Vocational Nurse License Number 136708, heretofore issued to RHONDA FREEMAN, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Registered Nurse License Number 645625 and Vocational Nurse License Number 136708, heretofore issued to RHONDA FREEMAN, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by 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 "registered 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.
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 multistate privilege, 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 violation 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 becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 8 day of June, 2010.

Rhonda Freeman
RHONDA FREEMAN, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of June, 2010.

Noemi Leal
Notary Public in and for the State of TX



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 645625 and Vocational Nurse License Number 136708, previously issued to RHONDA FREEMAN.



Effective this 8th day of June, 20 10.


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