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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 735799 §
issued to ANNAMMA GEORGE § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of ANNAMMA GEORGE, Registered Nurse License Number 735799, 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 representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on May 12, 2010, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

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, 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 Diploma in Nursing from Military Command Hospital, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India, on December 31, 1977 and a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Military Command Hospital, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India in August 1978 Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on December 06, 2006.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1/1992- 7/2006	Agency Nurse Accu-care Nursing Agency Nanuet, New York
4/1992-4/1994	Staff Nurse Riverside Nursing Home Haverstraw, New York
4/1994-1/2001	Staff Nurse Rockland Psych Center Orangeburg, New York
1/2001-9/2001	Unknown
10/2001-9/2003	Staff Nurse Riverside Nursing Home Haverstraw, New York
9/2003-6/2004	Nurse Manager FriedWald Nursing Home New City, New York
6/2004-8/2006	Unknown
8/2006-10/2006	Staff Nurse Ben Taub Hospital Houston, Texas
10/2006-1/2007	Unknown
1/2007- 8/2007	Staff Nurse Harris County Hospital District Houston, Texas

6. At the time of the initial incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Harris County Hospital District, Ben Taub Hospital, Houston, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately two (2) months

7. On or about March 2, 2007 through June 23, 2007, while employed with Harris County Hospital District, Houston, Texas, Respondent was counseled for at least two (2) minor incidents that include failing to perform finger stick blood sugar monitoring as ordered, and failing to clarify a physician's order when administering "Morphine" to a patient assigned to her care. In addition to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent's collective nursing performance at said facility constituted a pattern in which her continued practice poses a risk of harm to patients or other persons.
8. On or about July 2, 2007, while employed with Harris County Hospital District, Ben Taub Hospital, Houston, Texas, Respondent failed to follow physician's orders to administer "Normal Saline" to patient MR#49569670, as ordered. Instead, Respondent administered "1/4 Normal Saline," which had been discontinued by the physician on June 26, 2007. Respondent's failure to administer normal saline, as ordered, may have affected Patient MR#4956670's electrolyte balance.
9. On or about July 7, 2007, while employed with Harris County Hospital District, Houston, Texas, Respondent failed to follow physician's orders to hold the administration of "Metformin" to Patient MR#03514525 when said patient's blood glucose was less than 120 mg/dl, as ordered. Respondent administered Metformin to Patient MR#03514525 when said patient's blood glucose level was "102". Respondent's conduct may have exposed patient MR#03514525 to the risk of harm to include hypoglycemia and diabetic coma.
10. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), through Nine (9), Respondent describes a hectic work environment with conflict between management and staff. Respondent reports being assigned to work floors for which she was not oriented, and being "forced" to work twelve (12) hour shifts. Respondent states that she was singled out and discriminated against based on her national origin, and in retaliation for threatening to file a law suit against Harris County Hospital District for wrongful termination.

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, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(B), (1)(C), (1)(D)&(1)(N), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §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 735799, heretofore issued to GEORGE ANNAMMA, 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 REMEDIAL EDUCATION, 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 State of Texas 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 ANNAMMA GEORGE 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) 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 medication administration. 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. The didactic portion of this course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course shall contain a minimum twenty-four (24) hour clinical component which is to be provided by the same Registered Nurse who provides the didactic portion of this course. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. In order for the course to be approved, the course's content shall include: a review of proper administration procedures for all standard routes; computation of drug dosages; the five (5) rights of medication administration; factors influencing the choice of route; and possible adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course to satisfy this stipulation. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor 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:*
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(4) 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:*
<http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>.

(5) 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>.

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 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 2nd day of June, 2010.

A. George

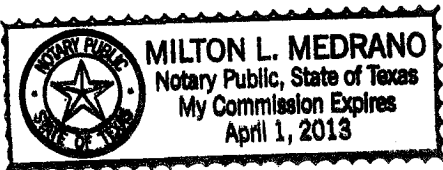
ANNAMMA GEORGE, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of June, 2010.

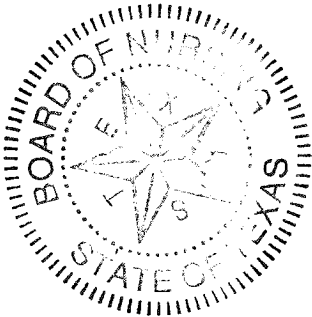
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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 2nd day of June, 2010, by ANNAMMA GEORGE, Registered Nurse License Number 735799, and said Order is final.



Effective this 8th day of June, 2010.

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