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Patricia A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse §
License Number 637414 §
issued to SANDRA NOSTER §

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 Number 637414, issued to SANDRA NOSTER, 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 is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from San Jacinto College, Pasadena, Texas, on December 1, 1996. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 4, 1997.
4. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history is unknown.
5. On or about November 3, 2009, Respondent was issued an Agreed Order by the Texas Board of Nursing which required her to participate and successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN). A copy of the Finding of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Agreed Order dated November 3, 2009 is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

6. On or about March 24, 2010, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing, on November 3, 2009. Respondent's noncompliance is the result of her failure to comply with Stipulation Number One (1) of the Order, which reads, in pertinent part:
 - (1) "RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to TPAPN and SHALL, within ninety (90) days following the date of the entry of this final ORDER, sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) payable to TPAPN."

On March 24, 2010, Respondent was dismissed from the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) and referred to the Board.

7. On May 5, 2010, Respondent submitted a notarized statement to the Board voluntarily surrendering the right to practice professional nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated May 6, 2010, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
8. 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.
9. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to 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)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(9)&(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 637414, heretofore issued to Sandra Noster, to practice professional 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 immediately deliver the wallet-size license, heretofore issued to SANDRA NOSTER, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title of Registered Nurse or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
3. 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.
4. 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 nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 6th day of May, 2010.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By: _____

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



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Houston, Texas 77089
Texas RN License #637414

Voluntary Surrender Statement

May 5, 2010

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a professional nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license/licenses to practice in Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Signature Sandra Noster
Date 5/6/10
Texas Nursing License Number/s 637414

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared SANDRA NOSTER who, being duly sworn by me, stated that she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that she understood same.

Sworn to before me the 6th day of MAY, 2010.

SEAL

Robert H. Miller
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

