BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse	§
License Number 656463	§
issued to COLLEEN PALACIOS	§

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 656463, issued to COLLEEN PALACIOS, 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 a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from the University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas on May 1, 1998. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on November 24, 1998.

4. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history is unknown.

5. On or about June 30, 2008, the Texas Board of Nursing notified Respondent of the following allegation:

   On or about May 13, 2008, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Metropolitan Methodist, San Antonio, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that she wrapped a stethoscope around her neck and stated that she wanted

to kill herself. Subsequently, Respondent tried to lock herself in the restroom, and then ingested unknown pills stating that she had just overdosed.

6. On or about February 19, 2010, the Texas Board of Nursing received a call from Respondent stating that she was on disability due to Bi-Polar issues and Fibromayalgia, and would like to surrender her license.

7. On April 14, 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 April 1, 2010, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that this has been a hardship to give up her license because of afflictions and knowing that she will not be able to help other patients as she has done.

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 violations of Section 301.452(b)(10) and(12)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B),(4),(5)&(10)(A).

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.

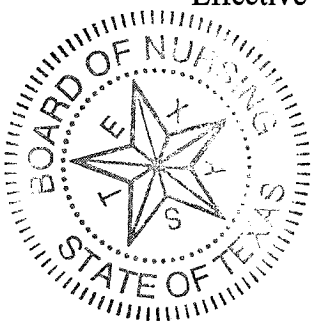
ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 656463, heretofore issued to COLLEEN PALACIOS, 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 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.
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 nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 28th day of April, 2010.



TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

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San Antonio, Texas 78240
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Voluntary Surrender Statement

February 19, 2010

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a professional nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license 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 Colleen Palacios

Date April 1, 2010

Texas Nursing License Number/s 656463

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared Colleen Palacios 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 13th day of April, 2010.

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Janene Sam
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

VANESSA SARRO
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires
August 03, 2011