

7. On or about August 2005, and/or September 2005, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Methodist Charlton Medical Center, Dallas, Texas, Respondent withdrew Morphine 10mg vials from the Medication Dispensing System for patients, but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedure for wastage of the unused portions of the medications. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy and placed them in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).
8. On or about September 2005, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Methodist Charlton Medical Center, Dallas, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing in that Respondent may have a chemical dependency/ addiction problem. When Respondent was requested to submit to a drug screen she admitted to using MS Contin. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.
9. In response to Finding of Facts Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states that during this time she had two student nurses assigned to her for supervision and she had been instructed to give them "lee way" to perform their duties as they were about to graduate. Respondent states that she would go pull narcotics for the students who were working in the trauma section and would pull 10mg vials as she had been told that was more efficient, to use 10mg vials for multiple uses than the 2mg vials for each individual use. Respondent Additionally states that each time she saw the student nurses she would inquire if they were properly wasting the remainder and was told "yes". Respondent denies taking any of the morphine for any reason and that at that time she had a prescription for MS Contin and disclosed this to the facility at hiring. Respondent states that she does not have an addiction and that the prescriptions she takes do not have an affect on her ability to safely practice nursing.
10. On or about June 5, 2009, the Board received written notification of Respondent's wish to voluntarily surrender her Registered Nursing license. Respondent states that she suffers from a number of medical conditions which have kept her from working for several years. Respondent hopes at some point to recover and renew her nursing license. A copy of the statement is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
11. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
12. 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.

13. 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)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12 (5),(10)(C),&(11)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.453(a), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered License Number 714568, heretofore issued to CHRISTIE JANE HARRIS, 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 License Number 704568, heretofore issued to CHRISTIE JANE HARRIS, 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 immediately deliver the wallet-sized license, heretofore issued to CHRISTIE JANE HARRIS, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title "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 multistate privilege, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

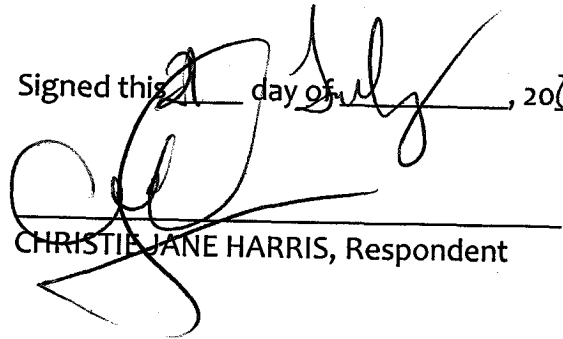
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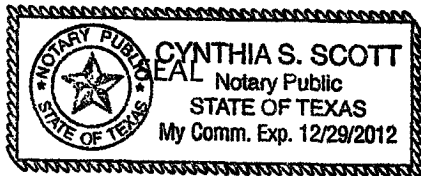
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

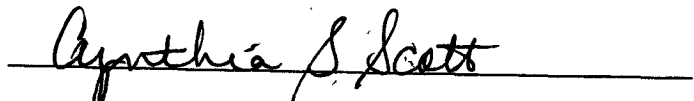
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order 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 21 day of July, 2009.

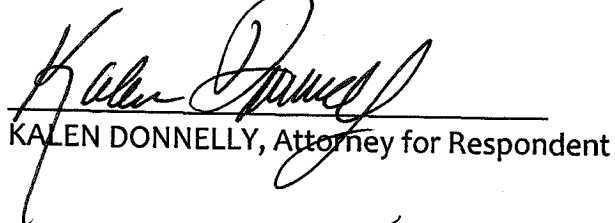

CHRISTIE JANE HARRIS, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of July, 2009.



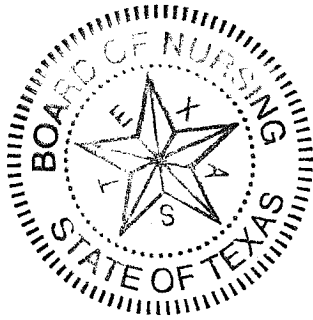

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.



KALEN DONNELLY, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 24 day of July, 2009.

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 714568, previously issued to CHRISTIE JANE HARRIS.



Effective this 28th day of July, 2009.


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