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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 527538 §
issued to Suzanne E. Parker § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of SUZANNE E. PARKER, Registered Nurse License Number 527538, 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 February 15, 2009, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

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 an Associate Degree in Nursing from Iowa Central Community College, Fort Dodge, Iowa, on May 1, 1985. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on September 16, 1985.
5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

6/1985 - 3/1986	Charge Nurse	Humble Rehabilitation Humble, Texas
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Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

3/1986 - 10/1992	Charge Nurse	Hermann Hospital Houston, Texas
10/1992 - 1/1997	Current Review Nurse	New York Life Insurance Houston, Texas
7/1996 - 3/1999	Administrator	Bethel Ranch & Living Grace Ranch Montgomery, Texas
10/1998 - 12/1998	RN Case Manager	Columbia Medical Center Conroe, Texas
5/1999 - 12/1999	Case Manager	Hospice Crown of Texas Conroe, Texas
1/2000 - 3/2000	Unknown	
4/2000 - 4/2003	Staff Nurse	The University of Texas Medical Branch, Correctional Managed Care, Eastham Unit, Huntsville, Texas
9/2003 - 11/2003	Charge Nurse	Beacon Specialty Hospital The Woodlands, Texas
11/2003 - 8/2005	Staff Nurse IV	The University of Texas Medical Branch, Correctional Managed Care, Ellis Unit, Huntsville, Texas
9/2005 - Present	Unknown	

6. On or about April 11, 1995, Respondent was issued an Agreed Order by the Board or Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the April 11, 1995 Agreed Order, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
7. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse IV with The University of Texas Medical Branch, Ellis Unit, Correctional Facility, Huntsville, Texas, and had been in this position for one (1) year and nine (9) months.
8. On or about April 1, 2004, while employed as a Staff Nurse with The University of Texas

Medical Branch, Correctional Managed Care, Ellis Unit, Huntsville, Texas, and caring for TDCJ Offender 614929, Respondent failed to notify the provider of a change in the offender's condition. Offender 614929, an obese male patient with a history of hypertension, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and coronary artery disease, had experienced a sudden onset of urinary incontinence, nausea and vomiting, and was transported to the clinic by security personnel. Twenty (20) minutes after Respondent received initial orders to keep the offender in the clinic until the arrival of the next provider in the facility, the offender reported the onset of left sided weakness and decreased sensation which Respondent did not report to the provider on duty. Subsequently, when the day shift provider arrived at the facility approximately two hours after the change in the offender's condition, the offender was transported by EMS to a hospital where it was determined the offender had suffered a Cerebral Vascular Accident. The offender was then intubated, and placed on a ventilator due to a depressed level of consciousness. The offender's condition continued to deteriorate until he expired two (2) days later. Respondent's failure to notify the provider of essential information regarding the offender's change in condition deprive the patient of emergent medical intervention which may have prevented the offender's demise.

9. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Eight, Respondent states she does not fully recall the incident, but asserts that she would never neglect a patient's care. Respondent was working alone at the facility between 0300am and 0600am and had to answer phones, give thirty (30) to forty (40) offenders insulin, and check sixty (60) blood sugars all before the offenders could eat breakfast. Respondent recalls calling the provider and being instructed to wait until the provider arrived on the unit. Furthermore, Respondent recalls that she had security call the provider again, and was informed the provider was on the way to the unit. Respondent states she resigned from the prison due to lack of staffing and the lack of proper equipment.

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)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(M) & (1)(P) and 217.12(1)(A),(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 527538, heretofore issued to SUZANNE E. PARKER, 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 a WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS, 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 multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice nursing in compact states.

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 multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing 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 SUZANNE E. PARKER, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days from 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) contact 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 physical assessment. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. 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. RESPONDENT SHALL perform physical assessments on live patients in a clinical setting for a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of physical assessment only and shall be provided by the same Registered Nurse who provides the didactic portion of this course. To be approved, the course shall cover all systems of the body. Performing assessments on mock patients or mannequins WILL NOT be accepted. 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:* <http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>.

(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://www.learningext.com/products/generalce/critical/ctabout.asp>.*

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND RESPONDENT MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWELVE (12) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN) LICENSE WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

(6) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on

RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.

(7) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.

(8) RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(9) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT's capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Registered Nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month period for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT's license and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for multistate licensure privileges, 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 is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and 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.

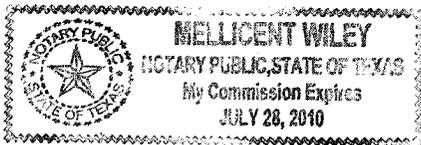
Signed this 7 day of 5, 2009.

Suzanne E. Parker
SUZANNE E. PARKER, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of May, 2009.

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Notary Public in and for the State of 7/28/2010



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 7th day of May, 2009, by SUZANNE E. PARKER, Registered Nurse License Number 527538, and said Order is final.

Effective this 9th day of June, 2009.



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

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of Permanent Certificate §
Number 527538 issued to §
SUZANNE E. PARKER §

AGREED ORDER

On this day came to be considered by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, the matter of registered nurse license number 527538, held by SUZANNE E. PARKER, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Article 4525(b)(1), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. SUZANNE E. PARKER, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, is licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
2. Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas expired in November of 1993.
3. Respondent continued to practice professional nursing at Sanus, Houston, Texas, without a current license until January 20, 1995.
4. Respondent renewed her license to practice nursing on or about January 26, 1995.
5. Respondent desires to continue her career in professional nursing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That pursuant to Article 4525, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. That the evidence received was sufficient to prove a violations of Article 4525(b)(1) and 4526, TEX.REV.CIV.STAT.ANN.

3. That the activities of the Respondent constituted sufficient cause pursuant to Article 4525(b), TEX.REV.CIV.STAT.ANN, to take disciplinary action against license number 527538, heretofore issued to SUZANNE E. PARKER.

AGREED TERMS, STIPULATIONS AND CONDITIONS

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that Respondent receive the discipline of a warning.

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

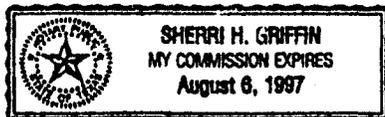
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the truth of the matters previously set out. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Terms, Stipulations and Conditions to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter, and, I consent to the issuance of this discipline. I waive my right to a hearing and judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board and becomes effective when signed by the Executive Director of the Board.

Dated this 3 day of 13, 1995

Suzanne E. Parker
SUZANNE E. PARKER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of March, 1995
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Sherril H. Griffin
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners
for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order signed by SUZANNE E.
PARKER, license number 527538, on the 3rd day of March, 1995, and said Order is
final.

Signed this 11th day of April, 1995.



Louise Waddill, Ph.D., R.N.
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board