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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse License Number 141831 § AGREED
issued to RHONDA GAYLE BLOCK § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the B considered the matter of RHONDA GAYLE BLOCK, Vocational Nurse License Number 14 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 informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on December 3, 2008, 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 informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Lamar University, Orange, Texas, on December 12, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 25, 1993.
5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

05/1993 to 04/1994	Unknown	
05/1994 to 03/1996	Charge Nurse	Cresthaven Nursing Home Groves, Texas

Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

04/1996 to 09/1997	Charge Nurse	Green Acres Development Center Bridge City, Texas
09/1997 to 09/1998	Charge Nurse	Oaks Golden Triangle Living Center Beaumont, Texas
10/1998 to 03/2001	Unknown	
04/2001 to 06/2003	Office Nurse	Dr. David Cox Orange, Texas
07/2003 to 09/2003	Unknown	
10/2003 to 06/2004	Charge Nurse	Green Acres Development Center Bridge City, Texas
07/2004 to 01/2006	Unknown	
02/2006 to 04/2006	Hospital Aide	The University of Texas Medical Branch Regional Maternal Child Health Clinic Orange, Texas
05/2006 to Present	Unknown	

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Hospital Aide with The University of Texas Medical Branch, Regional Maternal Child Health Clinic, Orange, Texas, and had been in this position for one (1) month.
7. On or about March 8, 2006, while employed as a Hospital Aide with The University of Texas Medical Branch, Regional Maternal Child Health Clinic, Orange, Texas, Respondent erroneously administered the loading dose of Glucose for a three (3) hour Glucose Tolerance Test to a pre-natal patient, instead of the loading dose of Glucose for a (1) hour Glucose Tolerance Test, as ordered by the physician. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient from provider misinterpretation of inaccurate testing results.
8. On or about March 9, 2006, while employed as a Hospital Aide with The University of Texas Medical Branch, Regional Maternal Child Health Clinic, Orange, Texas, Respondent attempted to perform a phlebotomy blood draw on a patient using a tube containing blood previously drawn from another patient. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient from possible exposure to blood borne pathogens, if any, present in the other patient's blood, and from provider misinterpretation of inaccurate testing results due to contaminated samples

9. In response to the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states that when she went to obtain the Glucose for a test on a second patient that day, she realized she had administered the incorrect dose to the previous patient and immediately notified both the Nurse Midwife and the Clinic Director. Regarding the blood draw, Respondent states that the Nurse Practitioner had previously drawn blood from a patient and left the vial, labeled with the patient's name, in the blood draw caddy when it should have been taken to the lab for processing.

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)(C) 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 Vocational Nurse License Number 141831, heretofore issued to RHONDA GAYLE BLOCK, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice vocational 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 multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice vocational 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 multistate licensure 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, 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>.

(2) 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: <http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>.*

(3) 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, 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 vocational 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 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 15th day of January, 2009.

Rhonda Gayle Block

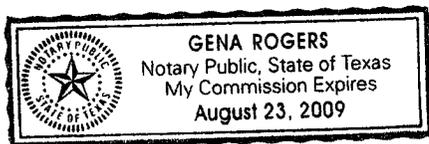
RHONDA GAYLE BLOCK, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of January, 2009.

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



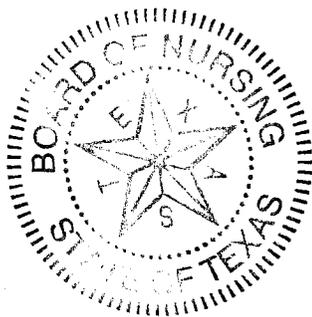
Approved as to form and substance

Stephen C. Howard

Stephen C. Howard, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 15 day of January, 2009.

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 15th day of January, 2009, by RHONDA GAYLE BLOCK, Vocational Nurse License Number 141831, and said Order is final.



Effective this 26th day of January, 20 09.

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