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Patricia P. Plummer
Executive Director of the Board

In the Matter of § BEFORE THE TEXAS
Permanent Registered Nurse §
License Number 571256 §
Issued to KAREN LOUISE EDWARDS, §
Respondent § BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

TO: KAREN LOUISE EDWARDS
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A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing was held on October 23, 2012 at 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-460, Austin, Texas, in which the Temporary Suspension of Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 571256, issued to KAREN LOUISE EDWARDS was considered pursuant to Section 301.4551, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE. Staff of the Texas Board of Nursing appeared and presented evidence and information concerning the conduct of KAREN LOUISE EDWARDS and whether her continued practice as a nurse would constitute a continuing and imminent threat to the public welfare.

After review and due consideration of the evidence and information presented, the Board finds that the following charges are substantiated:

On or about August 9, 2011, while employed with Texoma Healthcare, Sherman, Texas, and subject to an Agreed Order issued to her on September 8, 2009, by the Texas Board of Nursing, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Phenobarbital and violated her Order of the Board in that she produced a specimen for a drug screen which resulted positive for Phenobarbital. Noncompliance is the result of her failure to comply with Stipulation Number Twelve (12) of the Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(12) RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose....

The Texas Board of Nursing further finds that, given the nature of the charges concerning her fitness to practice, the continued practice of nursing by KAREN LOUISE EDWARDS constitutes a continuing and imminent threat to public welfare and that the temporary suspension of Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 571256 is justified pursuant to Section 301.4551, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 571256, issued to KAREN LOUISE EDWARDS, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is, hereby SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY in accordance with Section 301.4551, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a probable cause hearing be conducted in accordance with Section 301.455(c) not later than seventeen (17) days following the date of the entry of this order, and a final hearing on the matter be conducted in accordance with 301.455(d) not later than the 61st day following the date of the entry of this order.

Entered this 23rd day of October, 2012.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY: 
KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR