

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse
License Number 171723
issued to TYRA DIONNE STEVENSON

§ AGREED
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§ ORDER



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.
Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of TYRA DIONNE STEVENSON, Vocational Nurse License Number 171723, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Article 4528c, sec10(a)(2),(3)&(9), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, and Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on August 24, 2007, 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 representation by counsel, informal conference, 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 Nursing from Texas State Tech College, Sweetwater, Texas, on February 26, 1999. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on April 20, 1999.
5. Respondent's complete vocational nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about July 7, 2006, Respondent submitted a renewal application to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which she answered "Yes" to the following question, "Have you been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court...?" Respondent disclosed the following offense:

A. On or about December 22, 2005, Respondent was convicted of Theft $\geq \$500 < \$1,500$, Class A Misdemeanor. Respondent was sentenced to pay a fine in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) and court costs in the amount of two hundred eighty-six dollars (\$286.00).

Respondent failed to disclose the following offenses:

B. On or about March 5, 1993, Respondent plead "Guilty" and was "Convicted" of Theft - Class B Misdemeanor. Respondent was sentenced to thirty (30) days in the Taylor County Jail, with the imposition of the sentence suspended and was placed on one (1) year probation, and assessed a fine in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). On or about March 1, 1995, a Motion to Dismiss the State's Motion to Revoke Community Supervision was filed. On or about April 24, 1995, an Order to Dismiss the State's Motion to Revoke Community Supervision was granted.

C. On or about April 14, 1995, Respondent plead "Guilty" and was "Convicted" of Theft Property By Check $\geq \$20 < \500 , Class B Misdemeanor. Respondent was sentenced to one hundred eighty (180) days confinement with imposition of sentence suspended and was placed on two (2) years probation, assessed court costs in the amount of two hundred twenty-two dollars (\$222.00).

D. On or about August 26, 1998, Respondent plead "Guilty" and was "Convicted" of Worthless Check in Commerce, a Class C Misdemeanor. Respondent was sentenced to pay a fine in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) and court costs in the amount of one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$165.00).

7. On or about June 30, 2006, Respondent submitted a written statement related to Finding of Fact Six (6A), which states she was in a very bad relationship and decided to make some tough choices. She was unaware a warrant for her arrest had been issued for one of the checks she had not covered due to insufficient funds. She went to court and complied with her sentence.

8. On or about December 2, 1998, Respondent submitted an Application by Examination to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners in which she answered "No" to the following question: "Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor other than minor traffic violation?" Respondent failed to disclose the convictions listed in Finding of Facts Six (6 B-D).

9. On or about August 10, 2007, Respondent submitted a written statement related to Finding of Fact Eight (8), which states she did not purposely fail to disclose these offense to the board. At the time, she informed her instructors that she had been on probation and that she had successfully completed all terms. It was her understanding when she filled out her application for licensure that if the offense had been a certain amount of years since the original offense (relating to probation), then she could check "No" to the question.

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 Article 4528c, sec 10(a)(2),(3)&(9), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ART., and Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODES §217.12(13) and §239.11(8)&(28)(H).
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 171723, heretofore issued to TYRA DIONNE STEVENSON, 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 Board of Nurse Examiners, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION WITH A FINE, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Vocational Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 *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 deliver the wallet-sized license issued to TYRA DIONNE STEVENSON to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners within ten (10) days of the date of ratification of this Order for appropriate notation.

(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 Chemical Dependency, 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.bne.state.tx.us/about/stipscourses.html>.*

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Board of Nurse Examiners in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

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 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 8th day of Oct, 2007.

Tyra Dionne Stevenson

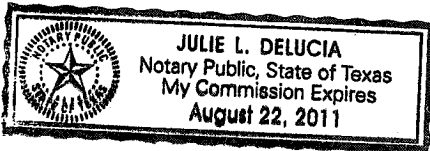
TYRA DIONNE STEVENSON, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of Oct., 2007.

SEAL


Julie L. DeLucia

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 8th day of October, 2007, by TYRA DIONNE STEVENSON, Vocational Nurse License Number 171723, and said Order is final.

Effective this 22nd day of October, 2007.


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