

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS  
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse           §  
License Number 509870                       §  
issued to BRENDA A. WILLIAMSON           §



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.  
*Patricia A. Williams*  
Executive Director of the Board

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 509870, issued to BRENDA A. WILLIAMSON, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Texarkana Community College, Texarkana, Texas, on May 17, 1983. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas in August 30, 1983.
4. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history is unknown.
5. On or about April 30, 2007, Respondent was notified by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas of the following allegations:
  - a. On or about January 2007, through February 2007, while employed at Christus St. Michael Hospital, Texarkana, Texas, Respondent withdrew Morphine from the medication dispensing system for patients without a valid physician's order.

- b. On or about January 2007, through February 2007, while employed at Christus St. Michael Hospital, Texarkana, Texas, Respondent withdrew Morphine from the medication dispensing system for patients, but failed to completely and accurately document the administration of the medication in the patients' Medication Administration Records (MARs), Nurses Notes, or both.
  - c. On or about January 2007, through February 2007, while employed at Christus St. Michael Hospital, Texarkana, Texas, Respondent withdrew Morphine from the medication dispensing system for patients, but failed to follow the policy and procedure for the wastage of said medications.
  - d. On or about January 2007, through February 2007, while employed at Christus St. Michael Hospital, Texarkana, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Morphine belonging to the facility and its patients, thereof, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation.
  - e. On or about February 17, 2007, while employed at Christus St. Michael Hospital, Texarkana, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that she exhibited impaired behavior while on duty, including, but limited to, change in personality, and "pinging" off the walls.
  - f. On or about February 17, 2007, while employed at Christus St. Michael Hospital, Texarkana, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of narcotics, including, but not limited to, Morphine and Norpropoxyphene in that she submitted a specimen for a drug/alcohol screen which resulted positive for the presence of Morphine and Norpropoxyphene.
6. On May 10, 2007, Respondent returned Registered Nurse License Number 509870 and submitted a statement to the Board voluntarily surrendering the right to practice professional nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this order.
7. 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.
8. 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)(9), (10) &(13), 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(C),(D)(iv)&(T) and 217.12 (1)(A),(E),(4),(5),(6)(G)&(10)(A),(C)&(D).
4. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
5. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
6. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.452 (b), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC §§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 509870, heretofore issued to BRENDA A. WILLIAMSON, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board of Nurse Examiners. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title of 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in compact states.

Effective this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS  
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

Dear Mr. Bressie and the Texas State Board of Nurse Examiners,

I, Brenda Ann Williamson do hereby voluntarily surrender my nursing license on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2007. Enclosed is my current nursing license. If there is anything else I need to do to make my surrender official please let me know. Thank you for your time and I am truly sorry for everything. I am currently in outpatient rehab and am planning to return to college to obtain my license in chemical dependency counseling and a Masters in Psychology. I think that is what I need to be doing instead of Nursing. I want to be able to help other Nurses and Professionals receive to help and counseling I am receiving. Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Ann Williamson". The signature is written in black ink and has a fluid, connected style.

Brenda Ann Williamson