

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS



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

In the Matter of Registered Nurse	§	AGREED
License Number 630569	§	
issued to JOAN COLDIRON	§	ORDER

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter refer to as the Board, considered the matter of JOAN COLDIRON, Registered Nurse License Num 630569, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on April 26, 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 informal conference, 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 from Abilene Intercollegiate, Abilene Texas, on May 1, 1996. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 2, 1996.
5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

07/96-12/03	ER/OR/ICU Staff Nurse	Rolling Plains Memorial Sweetwater, Texas
01/04-Present	ONCOLGY Staff Nurse/Charge Nurse	Hendrick Medical Center Abilene, Texas

6. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as a Charge Nurse with Hendrick Medical Center, Abilene, Texas, and had been in this position for two (2) years and three (3) months.
7. On or about March 28, 2006, while employed as Charge nurse on the Oncology Unit with Hendrick Medical Center, Abilene, Texas, Respondent made rounds on the unit at the beginning of her shift and failed to assess Patient Medical Record Number P7-7627-1, who was oxygen dependent and would be placed on a Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) machine later in the shift. At 9:35 pm, the assigned nurse initiated the CPAP treatment for the patient and Respondent did not insure that the machine was properly connected to the patient. The patient experienced respiratory distress at 2:15 am and at that time, Respondent became aware that the CPAP equipment had not been connected with the oxygen tubing for delivery of the oxygen supplemented continuous airway flow. Respondent's conduct unnecessarily delayed the delivery of appropriate care for the patient and further subjected the patient to additional health care interventions for stabilization.
8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states she does not recall assessing the patient and was not informed that he would later be placed on a CPAP machine. She states that she became aware the patient was to receive the oxygen supplemented CPAP, when the patient had a change in condition which required her to assist in stabilizing the patient.

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 violation of Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(P), (1)(U) and (3)(A).
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 630569, heretofore issued to JOAN COLDIRON, 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 Board of Nurse Examiners, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION, 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 Professional 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 professional 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 JOAN COLDIRON 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 the course in *Supervisory Skills For Nurses*, offered and provided by Western Schools, Nurses Study Resource. RESPONDENT SHALL, in the event a similar

course in content is preferred, obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall be a minimum of thirty (30) contact hours in length. The course's content shall include supervisory responsibilities, development of goals, promoting teamwork, conducting effective meetings and responsibilities in training nursing staff. RESPONDENT SHALL submit the Course Completion Continuing Education Certificate to the Office of the Board in order 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. *Information regarding this course can be found at <http://www.western.com>.*

(3) 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>.*

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

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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.

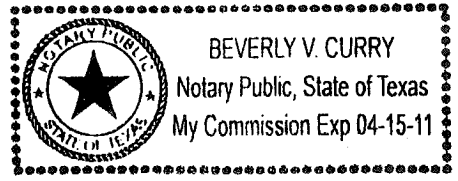
Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 06 day of June, 2007.
Joan Coldiron
JOAN COLDIRON, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 06 day of June, 2007.

SEAL

Beverly V. Curry
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



Approved as to form and substance.

James Mac Stewart
James "Mac" Stewart,
Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 4 day of June, 2007

Approved as to form and substance.

Kip Poe
Kip Poe, R.N., M.S.N., J.D.

Signed this 4 day of June, 2007

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the _____ day of _____, 2007, by JOAN COLDIRON, Professional Nurse License Number 630569, and said Order is final.

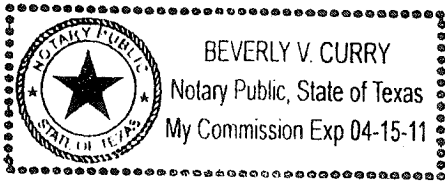
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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 in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to this 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 19th day of June, 2007.
Joan Coldiron
JOAN COLDIRON, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of June, 2007.

SEAL



Beverly V. Curry
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

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James "Mac" Stewart,
Attorney for Respondent

Kip Poe, R.N., M.S.N., J.D.

Signed this ___ day of ___, 20__.

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 6th day of June, 2007, by JOAN COLDIRON, Professional Nurse License Number 630569, and said Order is final.

Effective this 22nd day of June, 2007.



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