



Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

01/1998 - 06/1999	Staff Nurse	Cogdell Memorial Hospital Snyder, Texas
06/1999 - 01/2005	Clinic Nurse	Covenant Health System Snyder Community Clinic Snyder, Texas
02/2005 - Present	Unknown	

6. On or about September 18, 2003, through January 14, 2005, while employed as a Clinic Nurse with Covenant Health System, Snyder Community Clinic, Snyder, Texas, Respondent transmitted and passed numerous forged and unauthorized prescriptions, for herself and for members of her family, to local pharmacies in order to unlawfully obtain Controlled Substances and Dangerous Medications, as follows:

Date	Pharmacy	Prescription Number	Physician	Medication	Qty
9/18/03	Eckerd Drug	4516933	Kerr	Phentermine 30 mg	30
11/3/03	Eckerd Drug	4521099	Kerr	Phentermine 30 mg	30
12/30/03	Eckerd Drug	4521099	Kerr	Phentermine 30 mg	30
1/5/04	CVS	4524531	Kerr	Phentermine 30 mg	30
1/14/04	McWilliams	30585	Kerr	Hydrocodone BT-Ibupof	20
1/23/04	CVS	3525555	Kerr	B-Tuss Liquid	360
1/23/04	McWilliams	30585	Kerr	Hydrocodone BT-Ibupof	20
1/29/04	McWilliams	30707	Kerr	B-Tuss Liquid	240
2/3/04	CVS	3525555	Kerr	B-Tuss Liquid	360
2/9/04	McWilliams	30777	Kerr	B-Tuss Liquid	240
2/16/04	CVS	3526774	Kerr	B-Tuss Liquid	360
2/23/04	McWilliams	30777	Kerr	B-Tuss Liquid	240
2/27/04	Wal-Mart	4469967	Kerr	Hydrocodone/APAP 5/500	60
3/1/04	Eckerd Drug	4527571	Kerr	Phentermine 30 mg	30
3/1/04	Eckerd Drug	3527563	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
3/12/04	McWilliams	318230	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
3/22/04	Eckerd Drug	3528686	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240

Date	Pharmacy	Prescription Number	Physician	Medication	Qty
3/29/04	Wal-Mart	6938988	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin CBX Syrup	180
3/29/04	Wal-Mart	4470331	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Syrup	240
4/2/04	Eckerd Drug	4529310	Kerr	Phentermine 30 mg	30
4/2/04	Eckerd Drug	3529309	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
4/7/04	McWilliams	318230	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
4/12/04	Wal-Mart	4470331	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Syrup	240
4/15/04	CVS	3529925	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
4/19/04	McWilliams	31335	Kerr	Hydromet Syrup	180
4/22/04	Eckerd Drug	3530314	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
4/22/04	Eckerd Drug	4529310	Kerr	Phentermine 30 mg	30
4/26/04	Wal-Mart	4470530	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Syrup	240
5/5/04	CVS	3530984	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Syrup	120
5/7/04	Wal-Mart	4470874	Kerr	Hydrocodone/APAP 5/500	60
5/7/04	Wal-Mart	4470530	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Syrup	240
5/11/04	McWilliams	31335	Kerr	Hydromet Syrup	180
5/25/04	Wal-Mart	4471060	Kerr	Hydrocodone/APAP 5/500	60
5/25/04	Eckerd Drug	4531952	Kerr	Phentermine 30 mg	30
6/2/04	CVS	3532266	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Syrup	120
6/4/04	McWilliams	31617	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
6/14/04	McWilliams	31675	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
6/23/04	Eckerd Drug	3533286	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
6/28/04	Wal-Mart	4471406	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Syrup	240
7/2/04	McWilliams	31675	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
7/8/04	CVS	3533974	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
7/13/04	Wal-Mart	6945598	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin CBX Syrup	180
7/19/04	CVS	3533974	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
7/27/04	Wal-Mart	4469967	Kerr	Hydrocodone/APAP 5/500	60
8/16/04	Wal-Mart	4471727	Kerr	Hydrocodone/APAP 5/500	60

Date	Pharmacy	Prescription Number	Physician	Medication	Qty
8/26/04	Eckerd Drug	4536182	Kerr	Phentermine 30 mg	30
8/26/04	Eckerd Drug	3536183	Kerr	Hydrocodone/APAP 5/500	60
9/13/04	Wal-Mart	4472317	Kerr	Hydrocodone/APAP 5/500	60
9/27/04	Eckerd Drug	0201077	Kerr	Hydrocodone/APAP 5/500	60
10/7/04	McWilliams	32462	Kerr	Hydrocodone/APAP 5/500	60
10/18/04	Wal-Mart	4472758	Kerr	Hydrocodone/APAP 5/500	60
10/29/04	McWilliams	32648	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
11/2/04	Wal-Mart	4472758	Kerr	Hydrocodone/APAP 5/500	60
11/12/04	McWilliams	32462	Kerr	Hydrocodone/APAP 5/500	60
11/15/04	Wal-Mart	4473135	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Syrup	180
11/22/04	Wal-Mart	4473249	Kerr	Hydrocodone/APAP 5/500	60
11/23/04	Wal-Mart	4473248	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Syrup	180
11/29/04	McWilliams	31675	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
12/2/04	CVS	104258	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
12/10/04	McWilliams	31675	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
12/16/04	Wal-Mart	4473648	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Syrup	180
12/20/04	McWilliams	33054	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
12/23/04	CVS	105351	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
12/27/04	Wal-Mart	4473815	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Syrup	180
12/30/04	McWilliams	33054	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240
1/14/05	McWilliams	33253	Kerr	Hydro-Tussin HC Liquid	240

Respondent's conduct deceived the pharmacies and possession of controlled substances through the use of fraudulently communicated and/or forged prescriptions is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substance Act).

7. In response to the incidents in Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent admits that she developed a habit of taking Hydrocodone after she obtained a valid prescription and noticed that it gave her energy so that she could get more done both at work and at home. Respondent denies prior history of chemical dependency.
8. Respondent's conduct described in the preceding Finding of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.

9. 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.
10. Respondent's conduct described in Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) and Seven(7) resulted from or was significantly influenced by Respondent's impairment by dependency on chemicals.
11. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.455, 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 Sections 301.452(b)(9)&(10) and 302.402(a)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 217.12(10)(A),(10)(B),(10)(E)&(11)(B)[*effective 9/28/04*] and 239.11(5)&(28).
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 159643, heretofore issued to STEPHANIE MICHELLE PARHAM, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
5. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

#### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT, in lieu of the sanction of Revocation under Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code, SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN):

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to and be accepted into the TPAPN, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) payable to TPAPN.

(2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN contract to the Board of Nurse Examiners.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN contract during its term.

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Board of Nurse Examiners of any violation of the TPAPN contract.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code, Section §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to 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 privileges, if any, to practice 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, SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further disciplinary action including revocation of Respondent's license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice 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. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Conditions One (1) through Four (4) of this Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board of Nurse Examiners, 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 4 day of April, 2007.

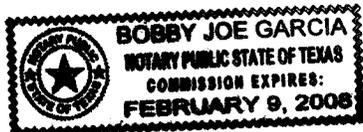
Stephanie Michelle Parham  
STEPHANIE MICHELLE PARHAM, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of April, 2007.

SEAL

Bobby Joe Garcia

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 accept and enter the Agreed Order that was signed on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007, by STEPHANIE MICHELLE PARHAM, Vocational Nurse License Number 159643, and said Order is final.

Entered and effective this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Katherine A. Thomas", is written over a horizontal line.

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