



5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1970 - 1971	Charge Nurse & Relief Nurse	Springfield Memorial Hospital Springfield, Illinois
1971 - 1972	Charge Nurse	Parkview Episcopal Hospital Pueblo, Colorado
1972 - 1975	Volunteer, Staff Nurse Nursing Director	Peace Corps, Columbia & Ecuador South America
1976 - 1988	Charge Nurse / FNP	Austin Travis County Health Dept. East Austin Medical Assistance Program Family Outpatient Clinic Austin, Texas
1989 - 1996	FNP	Seton Healthcare Network East and South Community Health Ctrs. Austin, Texas
7/1996 - 3/2003	FNP	Jefferson Street Family Practice Austin, Texas
4/2003 - 9/2003	Unknown	
10/2003 - 10/8/2006	FNP	Jefferson Street Family Practice Austin, Texas
10/9/2006 - 12/26/2006		Not employed in nursing
12/27/2006 - 6/2007	FNP	Jefferson Street Family Practice Austin, Texas
7/2007 - Present	Unknown	

6. On or about July 20, 2000, Respondent was issued the sanction of Warning with Stipulations through an Agreed Order by the Board. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order dated July 20, 2000, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

7. At the time of the initial incident in Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent was employed as a FNP with Jefferson Street Family Practice, Austin, Texas, and had been in this position for four (4) years and seven (7) months.

8. On or about February 2001 through June 2007, while employed as a FNP with Jefferson Street Family Practice, Austin, Texas, Respondent managed medical aspects of patient care without appropriate protocols or other documentation of physician delegation, as required. While the cover page of Respondent's "Protocol for Delegation of Limited Prescriptive Authority & Initiation of Medical Aspects of Care" was signed by both Respondent and the physician, neither signature included a date, as required, and the protocol delegated Limited Prescriptive Authority to Respondent even though she was not Board authorized to have such authority. Respondent's conduct mislead patients, staff and the public into believing that she was in compliance with all applicable Board rules and practice requirements.
9. On or about March 1, 2005, through October 8, 2006, while employed as a FNP with Jefferson Street Family Practice, Austin, Texas, Respondent failed to timely renew her license to practice professional nursing with FNP authorization in the State of Texas, and consequently, practiced professional nursing without a current license and authorization, as required. Respondent's conduct mislead patients, staff and the public into believing that her practice was in compliance with all applicable Board rules and licensure requirements.
10. In response to the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Eight (8) and Nine (9), Respondent states that she took a leave of absence from her employer and did not return until after her license had been renewed. Regarding the protocols, Respondent states that she had on more than one occasion discussed the need to develop practice protocols with the physician, but that they "... never carried out the formal process of signing patient care protocols."

#### 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)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 217.11(1), 217.11(1)(A)[*effect. 9/28/04*], 217.12(1), 221.8(a)&(b) and 221.13(a)&(d).
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 435016, heretofore issued to MARTHA LOUISE RAMSAY, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a REPRIMAND WITH STIPULATIONS, 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 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 nursing in compact states.

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 MARTHA LOUISE RAMSAY, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days from 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.bon.state.tx.us/about/stipscourses.html>.*

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within ninety (90) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing 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 nursing in the State of Texas.

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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 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 30 day of January, 2008.

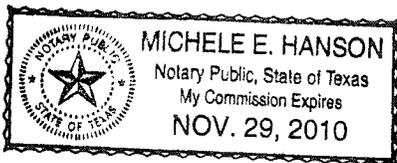
Martha Louise Ramsay  
MARTHA LOUISE RAMSAY, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30 day of JANUARY, 2008

SEAL

Michele E Hanson

Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008, by MARTHA LOUISE RAMSAY, Registered Nurse License Number 435016, and said Order is final.

Effective this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katherine A. Thomas", written over a horizontal line.

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

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS  
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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In the Matter of License Number 435016   §    AGREED  
issued to MARTHA LOUISE COOCH       §    ORDER

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of MARTHA LOUISE COOCH, License Number 435016, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Article 4525(b)(9), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended and Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on April 20, 2000, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

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 professional nursing in Texas.
4. Respondent received a Diploma in Nursing from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, Peoria, Illinois in 1970. Respondent received certification from the Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas, in 1978. Respondent received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing/Master's of Science in Nursing from University of Texas Health Science Center School of Nursing, San Antonio, Texas, in 1995. Respondent was first licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 9, 1976. Respondent received recognition as a Family Nurse Practitioner from the Board of Nurse Examiners on June 9, 1992.

5. Respondent's professional employment history includes:

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| 1970-1971    | Charge Nurse, relief nurse<br>Physical Rehabilitation Unit, Burn Unit<br>Springfield Memorial Hospital<br>Springfield, Illinois   |
| 1971-1972    | Charge Nurse<br>Intensive Care Unit<br>Parkview Episcopal Hospital<br>Pueblo, Colorado  |
| 1972-1975    | Peace Corps Volunteer/ Staff Nurse/Nursing Director<br>Columbia and Ecuador<br>South America  |
| 1976-1988    | Charge Nurse/Family Nurse Practitioner<br>Austin Travis County Health Department<br>East Austin Medical Assistance Program's Family<br>Outpatient Clinic<br>Austin, Texas |
| 1989-1996    | Family Nurse Practitioner<br>Seton East and Seton South Community Health<br>Centers<br>Austin, Texas  |
| 1996-Present | Family Nurse Practitioner<br>Jefferson Street Family Practice<br>Austin, Texas  |

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner in the Jefferson Street Family Practice Clinic with the City of Austin, Austin, Texas, and had been in this position for three (3) years.
7. Between March 1999 and December 1999, while employed with Jefferson Street Family Clinic, Austin, Texas, Respondent practiced professional nursing without a current license to practice professional nursing. Respondent's license expired February 28, 1999. She did not renew the license until December 14, 1999. Respondent's failure to renew her licensure with the Board of Nurse Examiners was likely to deceive the public, her patients, and her employer.

8. On or about December 8, 1999, while employed with Jefferson Street Family Clinic, Austin, Texas, Respondent wrote a prescription for patient LT for Darvocet, a controlled substance, when she did not have the authority to do so. The Board of Nurse Examiners Rule 222.4(d) prohibits APN's from signing or carrying out prescriptions for controlled substances. Respondent's action was likely to deceive the patient.
9. On or about December 8, 1999, while employed with Jefferson Street Family Clinic, Austin, Texas, Respondent wrote a prescription for Entex LA, a decongestant, for patient LT that was inappropriate for the patient's condition and inappropriate to mix with the other medications he was taking. LT's cardiologist advised LT not to take the Entex LA due to his history of hypertension and atrial fibrillation, and instead recommended an antihistamine. The act of prescribing this decongestant for LT without considering his history was likely to injure the patient from an increased ventricular rate.
10. On or about December 8, 1999, while employed with Jefferson Street Family Clinic, Austin, Texas, Respondent failed to collaborate appropriately with physicians in the care of patient LT by consulting about the appropriate medications to prescribe for him, even when questioned by the patient. Respondent's failure to consult was likely to injure the patient from side effects from inappropriate medication interactions.

#### 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 4525(b)(9), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.13(1)(March-August 1999), Section 301.452(b)(10), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(3)&(21)(September-December 1999).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against License Number 435016, heretofore issued to MARTHA LOUISE COOCH, including revocation of Respondent's professional license to practice 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 a Warning with Stipulations, 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 that:

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(3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). 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,  
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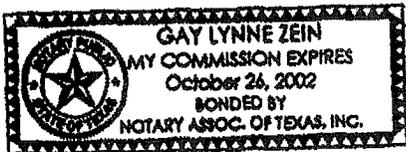
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Signed this 22 day of June, 2000.

Martha Louise Cooch  
MARTHA LOUISE COOCH, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of June, 2000

SEAL



Gay Lynne Zein  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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 22nd day of June, 2000, by MARTHA LOUISE COOCH, License Number 435016, and said Order is final.

Effective this 20th day of July, 2000.



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