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*Patricia A. Plummer*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse §  
License Number 678882 and Vocational §  
Nurse License Number 145363 §  
issued to SANDRA KAY HOLDEN §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 678882 and Vocational Nurse License Number 145363, issued to SANDRA KAY HOLDEN, 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. Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is currently in delinquent status.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Vernon Regional Junior College, Vernon, Texas, on August 23, 1993. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 1, 1993. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Vernon Regional Junior College, Vernon, Texas, on July 3, 2001. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 10, 2001.

4. Respondent's vocational and professional nursing employment history includes:

September 1992 to November 1997	LVN Seymour Hospital Seymour, Texas
November 1997 to April 2001	LVN Westview Care Center Seymour, Texas
May 2001 to August 2002	GN/RN Munday Nursing Center Munday, Texas
August 2002 to Unknown	LVN/RN Outreach Health Services Seymour, Texas
March 2003 to Unknown	RN Olney Health Care Olney, Texas
October 2003 to June 2007	RN North Texas State Hospital Wichita Falls, Texas
July 2007 to Present	Employment Unknown

5. In a letter dated September 27, 2007, Respondent was notified by the Board of the following allegation:

On or about March 22, 2007, while employed with North Texas State Hospital, Wichita Falls, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing as evidenced by her self admission into a treatment facility for chemical dependency and major depression. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.

6. On April 2, 2008, Respondent returned Registered Nurse License Number 678882 and submitted a statement to the Board voluntarily surrendering the right to practice professional and vocational nursing in Texas. A copy of the 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 violation of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(5).
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 678882 and Vocational Nurse License Number 145363, heretofore issued to SANDRA KAY HOLDEN, to practice professional and vocational nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

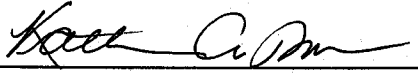
1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional or vocational nursing, use the title of "registered nurse or licensed vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "RN or LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or licensed vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse or licensed vocational nurse during the period in which the licenses are 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 and vocational nursing in compact states.

Effective this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:

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

**BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
333 Guadalupe #3-460, Austin, Texas 78701

A CERTIFICATE OF RE-REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL NURSING  
ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS TO

RN LIC. NO.  
**678882**

EXPIRES  
LAST DAY OF:

**JUL 2009**

**SANDRA KAY HOLDEN**

*Katharine A. Thomas* *Sandra Holden*  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RN SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Texas

I have enclosed my RN license# 67882. I wish to voluntarily surrender my license to practice as an RN/LVN effective immediately.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. You very kind and understanding during our phone conversation.

Sincerely,

Sandra Holden

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