

IN THE MATTER OF
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE
NUMBER 186527
ISSUED TO
ANGELA ELIZABETH DAWN RAMOS

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BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY
AND DISCIPLINARY
COMMITTEE
OF THE TEXAS
BOARD OF NURSING



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. Ramos
Executive Director of the Board

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Angela Elizabeth Dawn Ramos
6115 Faragut
San Antonio, Texas 78238

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on June 10, 2008, the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case. This case was heard, and based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee of the Texas Board of Nursing finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing (22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.2(j)). All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Certificate 186527, previously issued to Angela Elizabeth Dawn Ramos, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 186527, previously issued to Angela Elizabeth Dawn Ramos, upon receipt of this Order, be immediately delivered to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multi-state privilege, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 10th day of June, 2008.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:


KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD



Re: Permanent Certificate Number 186527
Issued to Angela Elizabeth Dawn Ramos
DEFAULT ORDER -REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 14 day of June, 2008, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served by placement in the U.S. Mail via certified mail, and addressed to the following person(s):

Angela Elizabeth Dawn Ramos
6115 Faragut
San Antonio, Texas 78238



BY: Katherine A. Thomas
KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

In the Matter of Permanent License § BEFORE THE TEXAS
Number 186527, Issued to §
ANGELA ELIZABETH DAWN RAMOS, Respondent § BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, ANGELA ELIZABETH DAWN RAMOS, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 186527, which is in delinquent status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

On or about May 3, 2006, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Heartlink Home Health Inc., San Antonio, Texas, Respondent administered the wrong type of insulin to Patient Number 15402 in that she administered Novolin "N" 5 units instead of Novolin "R" 50 units as ordered by the physician. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that the failure to administer the appropriate insulin could result in the patient experiencing symptoms of hyper/hypoglycemia including, nausea, vomiting, dizziness and even diabetic coma.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A)(B)(C)(M), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)(B)&(4).

CHARGE II.

On or about May 3, 2006, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Heartlink Home Health Inc., San Antonio, Texas, failed to follow the physician's orders for Patient Number 24201, in that Respondent administered 16 units of Humalog Insulin, instead of 30 units of Humalog Insulin, as ordered by the physician. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that the failure to administer the prescribed dose of insulin could result in the patient experiencing symptoms of hyper/hypoglycemia including, nausea, vomiting, dizziness and even diabetic coma.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A)(B)(C)(M), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)(B)&(4).

CHARGE III.

On or about May 17, 2006, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Heartlink Home Health Inc., San Antonio, Texas, Respondent failed to follow physician's orders in that Respondent administered 26 units of Lantus to Patient Number 30601, instead of 24 units of Lantus as ordered by the physician. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that the failure to administer the prescribed dose of insulin could result in the patient experiencing symptoms of hyper/hypoglycemia including, nausea, vomiting, dizziness and even diabetic coma.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A)(B)(C)(M), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)(B)&(4).

CHARGE IV.

On or about May 28, 2006, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Heartlink Home Health Inc., San Antonio, Texas, Respondent failed to initiate the sliding scale insulin for a Blood Glucose of 188 and 231, for Patient Number 04302, as ordered by the physician. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that failure to initiate the sliding scale insulin as ordered by the physician could have resulted in nonefficacious treatment, and the patient experiencing symptoms of hyper/hypoglycemia including, nausea, vomiting, dizziness and even diabetic coma.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A)(B)(C)(M), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)(B)&(4).

CHARGE V.

On or about April 30, 2006, May 17, 2006, May 21, 2006, May 27, 2006, May 28, 2006, and May 31, 2006, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Heartlink Home Health Inc., San Antonio, Texas, Respondent failed to conduct scheduled home health skilled nursing visits in order to assess Patient #24201 and Patient #15402. Furthermore, Respondent failed to notify other healthcare providers of the missed skilled nursing visits. Respondent's conduct deprived the patients of detection and timely intervention in the event of a change in the patients' conditions and deprived subsequent healthcare providers of essential information on which to base their ongoing medical care.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A)(B)(P)(I), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)(B)&(4).

CHARGE VI.

On or about May 31, 2006, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Heartlink Home Health Inc., San Antonio, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Cocaine, in that Respondent produced a specimen for a drug/alcohol screen which resulted positive for Cocaine. Possession of Cocaine without a lawful prescription is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Cocaine by a Licensed Vocational Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(10)(A)(D)&(11)(B).

CHARGE VII.

On March 19, 2007, Respondent entered a plea of guilty for the offense, "Possession of a Controlled Substance PG 1 Less Than One Gram Heroin" (a State Jail Felony Offense that occurred on January 13, 2007) in the 227th Judicial District Court of Bexar County, Texas, under Cause No. 2007CR0981-W. As a result of Respondent's guilty plea, proceedings were deferred without an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was sentenced to community supervision for a period of four (4) years. In addition, Respondent was required to complete inpatient treatment for a period of ninety (90) days in a "Mentally Impaired Offenders Facility," attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, attend Narcotics Anonymous meetings, and submit to random urinalysis screens.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11 (1)(A) and §217.12(11)(B)&(13).

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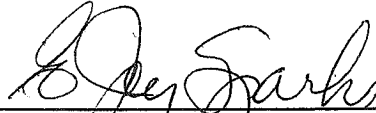
NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Board's rules, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to § 301.461, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.state.tx.us.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder which can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.state.tx.us.

Filed this 25th day of April, 2008.

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