

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 588691 §
issued to TANYA ANN CHUOKE §



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 P. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

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 588691, issued to TANYA ANN CHUOKE, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived 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.
2. Respondent waived informal conference, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from the University of Texas-Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas, on May 1, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas in March 23, 1993.
4. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

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| 03/93 - 01/98 | Unknown | |
| 02/98 - 08/00 | Staff RN | Columbia North Bay Hospital Aransas Pass, TX |
| 08/00 - 10/02 | Staff RN | Christus Spohn Hospital South Corpus Christi, TX |

Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

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| 10/02 - 01/04 | Staff RN | Agency Nurses Harlingen TX |
| 02/04 - Unknown | Staff RN | ASAP McAllen, TX |

5. On or about March 20, 2008, the Texas Board of Nursing notified Respondent of the following allegations:

On or about October 10, 2007, through December 26, 2007, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Christus Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Shoreline, Corpus Christi, Texas, Respondent:

- a. withdrew Dilaudid from the Medication Dispensing System for patients without valid physicians' orders.
 - b. withdrew Dilaudid from the Medication Dispensing System for patients in excess frequency/dosage of physicians' orders.
 - c. withdrew Dilaudid from the Medication Dispensing System for patients, but failed to document, or accurately document the administration of the medications in the medical records for the patients.
 - d. withdrew Dilaudid from the Medication Dispensing System for patients, but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedure for wastage of the unused portions of the medications/narcotics.
 - e. misappropriated Dilaudid from the facility and patients thereof.
6. On May 28, 2008, Respondent returned Registered Nurse License Number 588691, and submitted a notarized statement to the Board voluntarily surrendering the right to practice professional nursing in Texas. A copy of this 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), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(C)&(D)(iv) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)&(C),(4),(6)(A)&(G),(10)(B)&(C)&(11)(B).
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 588691, heretofore issued to TANYA ANN CHUOKE, to practice professional 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 nursing, use the title of "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license is 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 nursing in compact states.

Effective this 2nd day of June, 2008.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

TANYA ANN CHUOKE
413 Mercer Street
Port Aransas, Texas 78373
Texas RN License # 588691

April 23, 2008

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a professional nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license to practice in Texas. I consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I will be required to comply with Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Signature: Tanya Ann Chuoke
Date: May 16, 2008
Texas RN License Number: 588691

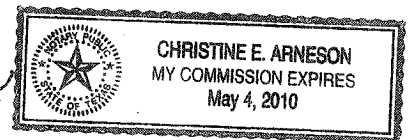
The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared TANYA ANN CHUOKE who, being duly sworn by me, stated that she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that she understood same.

Sworn to before me the 16 day of May, 2008

SEAL

Christine E. Arneson
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



Approved as to form and substance.

Joe A. Flores
JOE A. FLORES, JD, FNP, RN, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 19th day of May, 2008

REGISTERED NURSE

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.
588691

EXPIRES
LAST DAY OF:

AUG 2008

TANYA ANN CHUOKE

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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RN SIGNATURE REQUIRED