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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 525328  
issued to REBA KAY COOPER

§ AGREED  
§ ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of REBA KAY COOPER, Registered Nurse License Number 52532 hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on June 2, 2008, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

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 the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas, on May 1, 1985. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 28, 1985.
5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

1985 - 1987	Charge Nurse	St. Luke's Baptist Hospital San Antonio, Texas
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Respondent's professional nursing employment history (continued):

1987 - 06/06	Charge Nurse	Laurel Ridge Treatment Center San Antonio, Texas
06/06 - present	School Nurse	Clear Spring Elementary School North East Independent School District San Antonio, Texas

7. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a School Nurse with Clear Spring Elementary School in the North East Independent School District, San Antonio, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately one (1) year and nine (9) months.
8. On or about March 5, 2008, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Clear Spring Elementary, San Antonio, Texas, Respondent failed to implement measures to promote a safe environment for a student with a peanut allergy in that Respondent failed to provide the necessary medications including a dose of EpiPen and inhaler for the student to take on a field trip. Additionally, Respondent failed to provide any training/instructions to the personnel that were to accompany the student on the field trip. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient from possible allergic reaction, including anaphylaxis and/or demise.
9. In response to Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent states: On March 5, 2008, a student on my campus went on a school field trip without his Epi-Pen and asthma inhaler. I was unexpectedly absent from work on March 3, 2008 and March 4, 2008. The teachers accompanying the field trip did not present to the clinic for required training prior to leaving on the field trip nor did they come to the clinic to pick up the medications/supplies prior to boarding the bus. The clinic assistant was dispatched immediately with the medications and met up with the field trip approximately a hour and a half later. The clinic assistant remained with the field trip for the rest of the day.

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 Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22TEX.ADMIN.CODE §217.11(1)(B)&(S).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against REBA KAY COOPER Registered Nurse License Number 525328, heretofore issued to REBA KAY COOPER, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice professional 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 REMEDIAL EDUCATION, 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 and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional 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 that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-sized license issued to REBA KAY COOPER to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days of 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 Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; 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/disciplinary action>.*

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 professional 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 when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

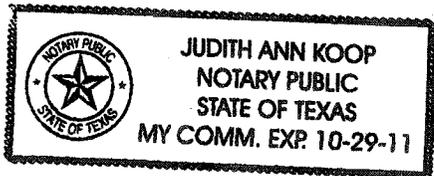
Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.

Reba Kay Cooper  
REBA KAY COOPER, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.

SEAL

Judith Ann Koop  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 19th day of June, 2008, by REBA KAY COOPER, Registered Nurse License Number 525328, and said Order is final.

Effective this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.

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