

IN THE MATTER OF  
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE  
NUMBER 698226  
ISSUED TO  
SHANNON CHERIE HERNANDEZ

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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. Roman*  
Executive Director of the Board

**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

TO: Shannon Cherie Hernandez  
1525 Old Ida Road  
Sherman, Texas 75090

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on August 12, 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 professional 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 Number 698226, previously issued to SHANNON CHERIE HERNANDEZ, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 698226, previously issued to SHANNON CHERIE HERNANDEZ, 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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):

Shannon Cherie Hernandez  
1525 Old Ida Road  
Sherman, Texas 75090

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 698226, Issued to §  
SHANNON CHERIE HERNANDEZ, Respondent § BOARD OF NURSING

### FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, SHANNON CHERIE HERNANDEZ, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 698226, 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 January 9, 2007, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Methadone, in that Respondent produced a specimen for a pre-employment drug screen requested by Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Dallas, Texas, which resulted positive for Methadone. The use of Methadone by a Registered 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)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(5),(10)(A)&(11)(B).

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## CHARGE II.

On or about May 3, 2007 and May 24, 2007, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Dallas, Texas, Respondent withdrew Morphine Sulfate 10mg/1ml Inj from the Medication Dispensing System (Pyxis) for Patient ID No. 166056 and Patient ID No. 101945, but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedures for wastage of any of the unused portion of the Morphine Sulfate, as follows:

Date	Patient ID No.	Physician's Order	Medication Dispensing System (Pyxis) Record Time and Quantity	Post Anesthesia Care Unit Record	Wastage
05-03-07	166056	Morphine Sulfate 2mg IV q2h prn moderate pain	Morphine Sulfate 10mg /1 ML INJ 1558 (1)	Morphine 2mg IV given at 1615 for c/o back pain	None Documented
05-24-07	101945	None (See Note 1)	Morphine Sulfate 10mg/1 ML INJ 1535 (1)	Morphine 1mg IV given at 1535 for c/o 5/5 VAS  Morphine 1mg IV given at 1540 for pain control 5/5 VAS	None Documented

Note 1: There was no physician's order for the Morphine 1mg that Respondent administered to Patient ID No. 101945 at 1535 and 1540 on 05-24-07. Staff at Pain Management Services at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital tried, but failed to locate a physician's order for the Morphine. They then advised it was possible that Respondent had received a verbal order to administer the Morphine, but failed to record the order.

Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy and placed them in violation of Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act).

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

## CHARGE III.

On or about May 3, 2007 and May 24, 2007, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Dallas, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Morphine Sulfate from the facility and patients thereof, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients thereof of the cost of the medications.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B),(6)(G)&(11)(B).

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](http://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 and Fraud, Theft & Deception which can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us).

Filed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

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