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 Executive Director of the Board
Katherine A. Thomas

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse	§	AGREED
License Number 193713	§	
issued to SONJA MICHELLE KOON	§	ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of SONJA MICHELLE KOON, Vocational Nurse License Number 193713, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Sections 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on October 8, 2007, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Texas Careers School of Vocational Nursing, San Antonio, Texas, on April 8, 2004. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on June 17, 2004.
5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

07/2004 to 08/2004		Not employed in nursing
09/2004 to 02/2005	Staff Nurse	South Austin Hospital Austin, Texas

Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

01/2005 to 03/2005	Field Supervisor, As Needed	Girling Healthcare Austin, Texas
03/2005 to 07/2005	Staff Nurse	Georgetown Healthcare System Georgetown, Texas
08/2005 to Present	Unknown	

6. At the time of the initial incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with Georgetown Healthcare System, Georgetown, Texas, and had been in this position for two (2) months.
7. On or about May 16, 2005, while employed as a Staff Nurse with Georgetown Healthcare System, Georgetown, Texas, Respondent documented in error that she administered Lasix 2 g (2000 mg) to Patient Medical Record Number M000126248, but states that she only administered Lasix 20 mg, as ordered by the physician. Respondent's conduct created an inaccurate medical record.
8. On or about June 16, 2005, while employed as a Staff Nurse with Georgetown Healthcare System, Georgetown, Texas, Respondent administered and documented the administration of Levaquin 500mg Intravenous Piggyback, at 1100, to Patient Medical Record Number M000044514, instead of ensuring the medication was administered twenty-four (24) hours after it was first administered in the Emergency Department, at 2100 on the previous day, as appropriate. The physician ordered the medication to be administered once daily, which would require the medication to be administered twenty-four (24) hours apart. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that the administration of Levaquin in excess dosage and/or frequency of the physician's order could result in the patient suffering from adverse reactions.
9. In response to the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) through Eight (8), Respondent states that with regard to the Lasix medication error, she and her preceptor had to interpret the physician's order, which was difficult to read. Regarding the Levaquin, Respondent states that she felt her patient load was too large for her to safely handle.

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)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C), (1)(D)&(2)(A) and 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)&(4).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 193713, heretofore issued to SONJA MICHELLE KOON, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice vocational 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, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 *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 vocational 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 SONJA MICHELLE KOON, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days from 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 Chemical Dependency, 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/about/stipscourses.html>.*

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in medication administration. 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. The didactic portion of this course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course shall contain a minimum twenty-four (24) hour clinical component which is to be provided by the same Registered Nurse who provides the didactic

portion of this course. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. In order for the course to be approved, the course's content shall include: a review of proper administration procedures for all standard routes; computation of drug dosages; the five (5) rights of medication administration; factors influencing the choice of route; and possible adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course to satisfy this stipulation. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor 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/about/stipscourses.html>.*

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing documentation. 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. The course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length of classroom time. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall include content on the following: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL cause the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form,

provided by the Board, to the Board's office 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/about/stipscourses.html>.

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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

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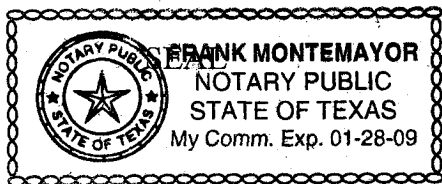
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 19 day of August, 2008.

Sonja Koon
SONJA MICHELLE KOON, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of August, 2008.



Frank Montemayor
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

Taralynn R. Mackay
Taralynn R. Mackay, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 8th day of August, 2008.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 19th day of August, 2008, by SONJA MICHELLE KOON, Vocational Nurse License Number 193713, and said Order is final.

Effective this 26th day of August, 2008.



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