

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING  
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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
 Executive Director of the Board

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse License Number 207925 issued to PATRICIA HERRERA	§ § §	REINSTATEMENT  AGREED ORDER
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On this day came to be considered by the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred as the Board, the Petition for Reinstatement of Vocational Nurse License Number 207925, held PATRICIA HERRERA, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner.

An informal conference was held on April 21, 2015, at the office of the Texas Board of Nursing, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code.

Petitioner appeared in person. Petitioner was notified of her right to be represented by legal counsel and elected to waive representation by counsel. In attendance were Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director; John R. Griffith, Assistant General Counsel; Anthony L. Diggs, MSCJ, Director, Enforcement Division; and Diane E. Burell, Compliance Supervisor.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Petitioner and Petitioner was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
2. Petitioner waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
3. Petitioner received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from the Health Institute of San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, on August 4, 2006. Petitioner was originally licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on January 11, 2007.

4. Petitioner's nursing employment history includes:
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| 2006 - 2007    | GVN/LVN | Girling Health Care<br>San Antonio, Texas         |
| 2007 - unknown | LVN     | Princeton Place Health Care<br>San Antonio, Texas |

Petitioner's nursing employment history continued:

2007 - 2008                      LVN                                      Huebner Creek Health Care  
San Antonio, Texas

2009 - unknown                LVN                                      Sonterra Health Care  
San Antonio, Texas

5. On July 21, 2009, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of Petitioner's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas. A copy of the July 21, 2009, Agreed Order, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as a part of this Order.
6. On or about August 8, 2014, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of License to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
7. Petitioner presented the following in support of her petition:
  - 7.1. Termination from Community Supervision, under Cause Number 2007CR10882, dated April 19, 2012.
  - 7.2. Letter of support, dated April 28, 2014, from Pamela S. Thibodeaux, Bandera, Texas, stating she met Petitioner in May of 2010 when she came to work at the Silver Spur Guest Ranch, Bandera, Texas. In the years she's known Petitioner, Ms. Thibodeaux has found her to be honest, loyal and dependable. The staff and guests loved her warm, friendly and outgoing personality. It is Ms. Thibodeaux's prayer that the Board will review Petitioner's request for reinstatement with compassion and respectfully grant her petition.
  - 7.3. Letter of support, from Penny Smith, Ranch Manager, Silver Spur Guest Ranch, Bandera, Texas, stating Petitioner was an exemplary employee while in her employ at the Silver Spur Guest Ranch. She was completely dependable and her timeliness and productivity were excellent. Ms. Smith says Petitioner had a positive attitude and was willing to do anything she needed, even outside of her regular duties. Petitioner volunteered for added work and went above and beyond what was required.
  - 7.4. Letter of support, from Kay and Garry Walsmith, Silver Spur Guest Ranch, Bandera, Texas, stating that Petitioner worked for the Silver Spur Guest Ranch for about seven (7) years. They found her not only a pleasure to work with, but also a quick learner with a willingness to do whatever needed to be done. Petitioner helped to plan, co-ordinate and manage specific events. She was reliable, dependable and sincerely enjoyed people and went out her way to make sure all guest felt welcome and enjoyed their stay.
  - 7.5. Letter of support, from Gina Yvette Garcia, San Antonio, Texas, stating she has known Petitioner over forty (40) years and considers her part of the family. She believes Petitioner to be a dependable, reliable, driven, compassionate, caring, trustworthy and loyal person. Petitioner is a woman of integrity who strives to do her best, in everything she does, and she

always succeeds. Ms. Garcia explains Petitioner spends many hours helping her mother care for her father, who has dementia and diabetes. She also assists with the care of her grandmother who is also suffering with dementia. Petitioner assists with cooking, cleaning, and errands. She believes Petitioner, as an LVN, is very compassionate, sympathetic and caring to her patients. She feels strongly that her career as a nurse is the perfect fit for her.

- 7.6. Documentation of twelve (12) negative drug screens dating from January 30, 2013, through April 2, 2014.
- 7.7. Verification of successful completion of the required continuing education hours.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. 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.
3. Pursuant to Section 301.467, Texas Occupations Code, the Board may refuse to issue or renew a license, and may set a reasonable period that must lapse before reapplication. Pursuant to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26, the Board may impose reasonable conditions that a Petitioner must satisfy before reissuance of an unrestricted license.

### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that the petition of PATRICIA HERRERA, Vocational Nurse License Number 207925, to practice nursing in the state of Texas, be and the same is hereby GRANTED, AND SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS SO LONG AS THE PETITIONER complies 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 the stipulations contained in this Order:

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Petitioner to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Petitioner's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Petitioner's license(s) is/are encumbered by this Order, Petitioner may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Petitioner wishes to work.

(1) PETITIONER SHALL NOT seek employment or practice nursing for compensation until she has completed the following pre-licensure conditions and obtained a license to practice vocational nursing from the Board.

(2) PETITIONER SHALL apply for a "Six-Month Clinical Permit" for the limited purpose of completing a refresher course. PETITIONER SHALL NOT, in any way, attempt to use this clinical permit for any purpose other than attending this course.

(3) PETITIONER SHALL successfully complete a nursing refresher course prior to returning to the practice of vocational nursing in the State of Texas. PETITIONER SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. 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 course's content shall include: 1) the role and scope of the vocational nurse; 2) a review of the nursing process to include focused assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation; 3) Pharmacology review; 4) medication administration review for all standard routes of administration; 5) documentation, ethical and legal implications for nursing practice; and 6) current CPR certification. This course shall include a minimum of the clinical components, providing direct patient care supervised by another nurse, as stated on the Board's website, <http://www.bon.texas.gov/olv/pdfs/6mth-lvn.pdf>.

(4) Upon completion of the refresher course, PETITIONER SHALL return the clinical permit to the office of the Board, and PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to notify the Board, on a form provided by the Board, of Petitioner's successful completion of the refresher course, including the required clinical component.

(5) Upon verification of successful completion of the agreed pre-licensure probation conditions of reinstatement, as set out in this Order, PETITIONER SHALL pay all re-registration fees and be issued a license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, which shall bear the appropriate notation. Said license issued to PATRICIA HERRERA, shall be subject to the following agreed post-licensure probation conditions:

(6) PETITIONER SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of three hundred and fifty (\$350.00) dollars. PETITIONER SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of relicensure. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

(7) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of relicensure, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. PETITIONER 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) 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. PETITIONER 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 PETITIONER'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.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>*

(8) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of relicensure, successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension. In order to receive credit for completion of this program, PETITIONER SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance>*

**IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD PETITIONER CHOOSE TO WORK AS A NURSE IN TEXAS, PETITIONER WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROBATION CONDITIONS FOR THREE (3) YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE PROBATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN) OR A VOCATIONAL NURSE (LVN) LICENSE, AS APPROPRIATE, WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:**

(9) PETITIONER SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on PETITIONER'S license(s). PETITIONER SHALL present a complete copy of this

Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.

(10) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.

(11) For the first year of employment as a Nurse under this Order, PETITIONER SHALL be directly supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Direct supervision requires another nurse, as applicable, to be working on the same unit as PETITIONER and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. PETITIONER SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). The PETITIONER SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(12) For the remainder of the stipulation period, PETITIONER SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as PETITIONER, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the PETITIONER is currently working. PETITIONER SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). PETITIONER SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(13) PETITIONER SHALL NOT practice as a nurse on the night shift, rotate shifts, work overtime, accept on-call assignments, or be used for coverage on any unit other than the identified, predetermined unit(s) to which PETITIONER is regularly assigned for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

(14) PETITIONER SHALL NOT practice as a nurse in any critical care area for one (1) year of employment as a nurse. Critical care areas include, but are not limited to, intensive care units, emergency rooms, operating rooms, telemetry units, recovery rooms, and labor and delivery units.

(15) PETITIONER SHALL NOT administer or have any contact with controlled substances, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, Propofol, or other synthetic opiates for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

(16) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, periodic reports as to PETITIONER'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the nurse who supervises the PETITIONER. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month period for three (3) year(s) of employment as a nurse.

(17) PETITIONER SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose. If prescribed, PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the licensed practitioner to submit a written report identifying the medication, dosage and the date the medication was prescribed. The report shall be submitted directly to the office of the Board by the prescribing practitioner, within ten (10) days of the date of the prescription. **In the event that prescriptions for controlled substances are required for periods of two (2) weeks or longer, the Board may require and PETITIONER SHALL submit to a pain management and/or chemical dependency evaluation by a**

**Board approved evaluator. The performing evaluator must submit a written report meeting the Board's requirements to the Board's office within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.**

(18) PETITIONER SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances, tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram), and alcohol. For the first three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per week. For the next three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least twice per month. For the next six (6) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per month. For the remainder of the stipulation period, random screens shall be performed at least once every three (3) months. All random screens SHALL BE conducted through urinalysis. Screens obtained through urinalysis are the sole method accepted by the Board.

Specimens shall be screened for at least the following substances:

Amphetamines	Meperidine
Barbiturates	Methadone
Benzodiazepines	Methaqualone
Cannabinoids	Opiates
Cocaine	Phencyclidine
Ethanol	Propoxyphene
tramadol hydrochloride (Ultram)	

A Board representative may appear at the PETITIONER'S place of employment at any time during the stipulation period and require PETITIONER to produce a specimen for screening.

All screens shall be properly monitored and produced in accordance with the Board's policy on Random Drug Testing. A complete chain of custody shall be maintained for each specimen obtained and analyzed. PETITIONER SHALL be responsible for the costs of all random drug screening during the stipulation period.

Any positive result for which the nurse does not have a valid prescription or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen may subject the nurse to further disciplinary action, including EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of

PETITIONER's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas. Further, failure to report for a drug screen, excessive dilute specimens, or failure to call in for a drug screen may be considered the same as a positive result or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen.

(19) PETITIONER SHALL attend at least two (2) support group meetings each week, one of which must be for substance abuse and provided by Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, or another comparable recovery program that has been pre-approved by the Board. PETITIONER SHALL provide acceptable evidence of attendance. Acceptable evidence shall consist of a written record of at least: the date of each meeting; the name of each group attended; and the signature and printed name of the chairperson of each group attended by PETITIONER. PETITIONER SHALL submit the required evidence on the forms provided by the Board at the end of every three (3) month period. No duplications, copies, third party signatures, or any other substitutions will be accepted as evidence.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from PETITIONER'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and PETITIONER may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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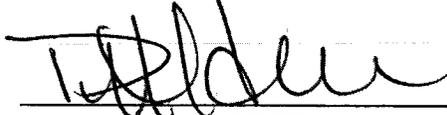
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PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Reinstatement Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my Petition for Reinstatement of Licensure, has been in conformity with the Board's professional character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past behavior in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of convictions, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

I have reviewed this Order. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to reinstating my license to practice vocational nursing in the state of Texas. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas will be revoked, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

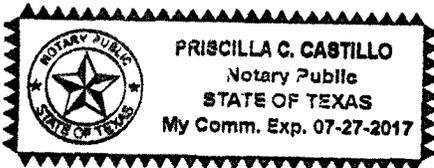
Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015



PATRICIA HERRERA, Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

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Priscilla C. Castillo  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Reinstatement Agreed Order that was signed on the 6th day of June, 2015, by PATRICIA HERRERA, Vocational Nurse License Number 207925, and said Order is final.

Effective this 23rd day of July, 2015.



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



Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

2007 - Unknown	LVN	Princeton Place Health Care San Antonio, Texas
2007 - 2008	LVN	Huebner Creek Health Care San Antonio, Texas
2009 - Present	LVN	Sonterra Health Care San Antonio, Texas

6. On or about February 13, 2006, Respondent disclosed the following to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas:
  - 6a. On or about January 25, 1989, Respondent was convicted of DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE LIQUOR, in the County Court No. 7 of Bexar County, Texas, under Cause No. 416494. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was placed on probation for a period of two (2) years, and ordered to pay and fine and court costs.
  - 6b. On or about November 19, 1999, Respondent was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, in the County Court No. 2 of Bexar County, Texas, under Cause No. 713329. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to ninety (90) days confinement in the Adult Detention Center of Bexar County, with the imposition of the sentence being suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of six (6) months. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
7. On or about November 13, 2006, Respondent underwent an Addiction Specialist Assessment with John T. Pichot, M.D., wherein Dr. Pichot advised the following:

"In my opinion, Ms. Herrera appears clinically stable and has no psychiatric disorder warranting further assessment or treatment at this time.  
She does not appear to have ever met full criteria for Alcohol Dependence Disorder."
8. On or about December 14, 2006, Respondent was deemed eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Vocational Nurses (NCLEX-PN Examination) and to practice as a Graduate Vocational Nurse, by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas.
9. On or about April 13, 2009, Respondent entered a plea of guilty and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 3RD OR MORE, (a 3rd Degree Felony offense committed on November 18, 2007), in the 175th District Court of Bexar County, Texas, under Cause No. 2007-CR-10882. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to three (3) years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division, with the imposition of the sentence suspended, and Respondent was placed on community supervision for a period of three (3) years. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

10. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
11. 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.
12. 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 violations of Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.453(a), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 207925, heretofore issued to PATRICIA HERRERA, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Vocational Nurse License Number 207925, heretofore issued to PATRICIA HERRERA, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Texas Board of Nursing.

In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title "vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational 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.
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 privilege, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

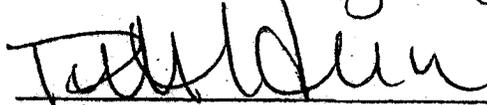
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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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 this Order becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 20 day of July, 2009.



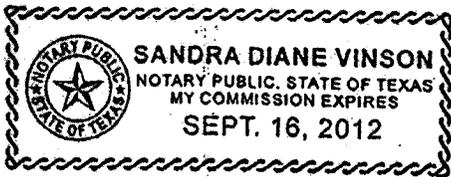
PATRICIA HERRERA, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.



Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 207925, previously issued to PATRICIA HERRERA.

Effective this 21st day of July, 20 09.



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