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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

IN THE MATTER OF
LARA JEAN JOHNSON,
REGISTERED NURSE LICENSE NUMBER 755451

§ BEFORE THE TEXAS
§
§ BOARD OF NURSING

NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER OF THE BOARD

To: Lara Jean Johnson
c/o Darrin Dest, Attorney
Leichter Law Firm, PC
1602 East 7th Street
Austin, Texas 78702

An Agreed Order of the Board was entered for Lara Jean Johnson on February 13, 2018. The Order, however, contained an incorrect effective date. Upon notice and hearing, administrative agencies, like the Courts, have the power to enter nunc pro tunc orders where it can be seen by reference to a record that what was intended to be entered, but was omitted by inadvertence or mistake, can be corrected upon satisfactory proof of its rendition provided that no intervening rights will be prejudiced. *Railroad Comm'n v. McClain*, 356 S.W.2d 330, 334 (Tex. App.--Austin 1962, no writ) (citing *Frankfort Ky. Nat. Gas Co. v. City of Frankfort*, 276 Ky. 199, 123 S.W.2d 270, 272).

The Executive Director, as agent of the Texas Board of Nursing, after review and due consideration of the record and the facts therein submits and enters the corrected Agreed Order. Respondent received due process regarding her license; therefore, her rights have not been prejudiced.

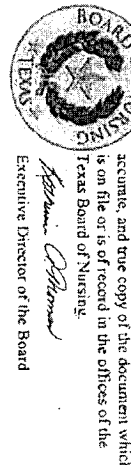
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the corrected Agreed Order of the Board is hereby approved and entered on the dates set forth below.

Order effective February 13, 2018.

Entered this 16th day of May, 2018.

BY:

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



BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED
Registered Nurse License Number 755451 §
issued to LARA JEAN JOHNSON § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of LARA JEAN JOHNSON, Registered Nurse License Number 755451, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

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(s).
2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Lone Star College - Montgomery, Conroe, Texas, on May 9, 2008. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 17, 2008.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

06/2008-03/2014.	Registered Nurse	St. Luke's Hospital The Woodlands, Texas
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Respondent's nursing employment history, continued:

04/2014-07/2015	Unemployed	
08/2015-09/2016	Registered Nurse	Tomball Regional Medical Center Tomball, Texas
10/2016-Present	Unknown	

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Tomball Regional Medical Center, Tomball, Texas, and had been in that position for seven (7) months.
7. On or about March 16, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Tomball Regional Medical Center, Tomball, Texas, and caring for Patient Number 118383, Respondent failed to timely assess and intervene when the telemetry technician informed Respondent the patient was experiencing ST elevations. Further, Respondent failed to timely notify the physician of the ST elevations. Subsequently, the patient was diagnosed with a myocardial infarction (MI). Respondent's conduct may have deprived the patient of a physician's expertise and prevented a timely intervention, placing the patient at risk for complications, including possible demise.
8. On or about March 16, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Tomball Regional Medical Center, Tomball, Texas, and caring for Patient Number 118383, Respondent failed to report the above-referenced ST elevations to the charge nurse, and failed to activate the Rapid Response Team (RRT). Subsequently, the patient was diagnosed with a myocardial infarction (MI). Respondent's conduct deprived the patient of the benefit of timely medical intervention, and placed the patient at risk for complications, including possible demise.
9. On or about September 10, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Tomball Regional Medical Center, Tomball, Texas, Respondent engaged in the imtemperate use of amphetamine and methamphetamine in that Respondent submitted to a for cause drug screen, which produced a positive result for amphetamine and methamphetamine. Respondent later admitted to staff that she had used methamphetamine prior to reporting to the facility for her shift that day. Further, Respondent admitted she had been using methamphetamine since July 2016. The use of amphctamine and methamphetamine 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 patients in potential danger.
10. In response to the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) through Eight (8), Respondent states she had limited experience interpreting electrocardiograms (ECGs) and

a knowledge deficit regarding the significance of an elevated ST segment. Respondent states the patient was experiencing chest pain when she came on shift, so Respondent consulted another nurse, who instructed Respondent to continue to monitor the patient if the patient had no other symptoms besides chest pain. Respondent states the telemetry tech called and informed her of the ST elevations, so she consulted the same nurse, who did not recognize the ST elevations as an issue. Respondent states she spoke with the patient's attending physician several times throughout the shift, but since she did not recognize the urgency of the situation, she did not notify the physician of the patient's status change. Respondent states the patient's status change was recognized by the next shift, and the patient underwent a stent procedure, suffering no apparent harm from the delay in treatment. Respondent states she has since taken a continuing education course on ECG rhythm recognition. In response to Finding of Fact Number Nine (9), Respondent admits she used methamphetamine periodically for approximately two (2) months, and states she used methamphetamine to relieve the stress she was experiencing due to the aforementioned incident. Respondent states she did not develop a dependence and has since quit entirely.

11. Formal Charges were filed on June 9, 2017
12. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on June 9, 2017.
13. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
14. 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.
15. 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(s) of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § § 217.11(1)(A), (1)(B), (1)(D), (1)(M), (1)(P), and 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4),(5),(10)(A)&(10)(D).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(9),(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 755451, heretofore issued to LARA JEAN JOHNSON, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.
6. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
7. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
8. 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.

TERMS OF ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Registered Nurse License Number 755451, heretofore issued to LARA JEAN JOHNSON, 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 professional/registered nursing, use the title "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:
 - A. At least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and
 - B. RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition for reinstatement.
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 nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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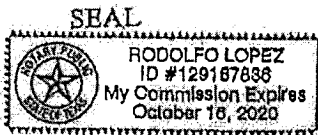
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this 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 12 day of February, 2018.

[Signature]
LARA JEAN JOHNSON, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of February, 2018.



[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

Approved as to form and substance.

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Darrin Dest, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 12 day of Feb, 2018.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 755451, previously issued to LARA JEAN JOHNSON.

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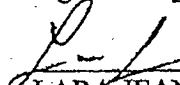
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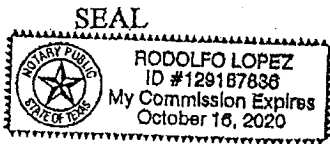
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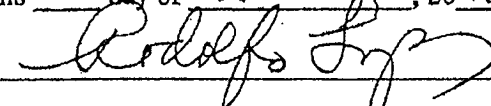
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Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

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Darrin Dest, Attorney for Respondent

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