

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of Permanent Certificate §
Number 518481 issued to § AGREED ORDER
JEFFREY F. VOGEL §

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of Jeffrey F. Vogel, license number 518481, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Article 4525(b)(7), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice, hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on May 2, 1997, 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 consented to the entry of this order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in Texas.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas on May 5, 1984.
5. Respondent's professional employment history is unknown
6. On or about March 23, 1997, Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of California was revoked, with the revocation stayed, and Respondent was placed on probation for three (3) years by the State of California Board of Registered Nursing, Sacramento, California.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Article 4525, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Article 4525(b)(7), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN.
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Article 4525(b), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., to take disciplinary action against license number 518481, heretofore issued to JEFFREY F. VOGEL.

AGREED SANCTIONS

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that License Number 518481, previously issued to JEFFREY F. VOGEL, to practice professional nursing in Texas is hereby suspended for a period of two (2) years with the said suspension stayed and Respondent is hereby placed on probation for two (2) years with the following agreed terms of probation:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Art. 4513 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.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-size license issued to JEFFREY F. VOGEL, to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners within ten (10) days of the date of this order for appropriate notation.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with the terms of the Decision After Nonadoption issued by the State of California Board of Registered Nursing on March 23, 1997. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the California Board of Registered Nursing to submit proof of his compliance with that Order to the Board of Nurse Examiners. Successful compliance with the terms of the California Order will be considered as compliance with the terms of this Order issued by the Board of Nurse Examiners.

THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF THIS PROBATION MAY ONLY BE SERVED WHILE RESPONDENT IS EMPLOYED AS A REGISTERED NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND PRACTICING IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL PRACTICE SETTING AND RESPONDENT MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH FOR TWELVE (12) CONSECUTIVE MONTHS DURING THE TWO (2) YEAR PERIOD OF PROBATION. THE LENGTH OF PROBATION WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWELVE (12) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED.

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in professional nursing of this order of the Board and the probation conditions on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a copy of this order to each present employer within five (5) days of notification of this order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all potential employers in professional nursing of this order of the Board and the probation conditions on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a copy of this order to each potential employer prior to employment.

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in professional nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form to the Board's office within ten (10) days of notification of this order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each potential employer to submit the Notification of Employment form to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a professional nurse.

(6) For the first year of employment as a Registered Nurse, RESPONDENT SHALL be directly supervised by a registered nurse. Direct supervision requires another professional nurse to be working on the same unit as RESPONDENT and readily available to provide assistance and intervention. RESPONDENT SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). The RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(7) For the remainder of the stipulation period, RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a registered nurse who is on the premises. The supervising RN is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(8) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a professional nurse on the night shift, rotate shifts, work overtime, accept on-call assignments, or be used for coverage on any unit other than the assigned unit(s) for one (1) year of employment as a professional nurse.

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

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

(11) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT's capability to practice professional nursing. These reports shall be completed by the registered nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. These reports shall be submitted to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) months for two (2) years of employment as a professional nurse.

(12) RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the consumption of alcohol, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan or other synthetic opiates, and/or the use of controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose. If prescribed, RESPONDENT 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.

(13) RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for controlled substances and alcohol.

For the first three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per week.

For the second three (3) month period, random screens shall be performed at least once per month.

For the remainder of the stipulation/probation period, random screens shall be performed at least once every three (3) months.

Specimens shall be screened for at least the following substances:

Amphetamines	Meperidine
Barbiturates	Methadone
Benzodiazepines	Methaqualone
Cocaine Metabolites	Opiates
Ethanol	Phencyclidine
Hydrocodone	Propoxyphene
Marijuana Metabolites	

A Board representative may appear at the Respondent's place of employment at any time during the stipulation period and collect a specimen for screening. That specimen will be screened for all of the above substances as well as Butorphanol Tartrate (Stadol), Dezocine (Dalgan), and Nalbuphine Hydrochloride (Nubain).

All screens shall be properly monitored and production of specimen personally observed by the employer's designee. A complete chain of custody shall be maintained for each specimen obtained and analyzed.

RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the employer/laboratory to send the written results of each random screen to the Office of the Board within five (5) days of the date that the screen is analyzed. If any screen tests positive for alcohol and/or controlled substances Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan or other synthetic opiates, for which the RESPONDENT does not have a valid prescription, the employer/laboratory shall report such results to the Board Office on the day that the results are received by calling (512) 305-6834 and reporting the positive results to the Monitoring Investigator.

(14) RESPONDENT SHALL participate in therapy with a "professional counselor" possessing credentials approved by the Board. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the therapist to submit written reports, on forms provided by the Board, as to the RESPONDENT's progress in therapy, rehabilitation and capability to safely practice professional nursing. The report must indicate whether or not the RESPONDENT's stability is sufficient to provide direct patient care safely. Such reports are to be furnished each and every month for three (3) months. If therapy is recommended for beyond three (3) months, the reports shall then be required at the end of each three (3) month period for the duration of the probation period, or until RESPONDENT is dismissed from therapy.

(15) RESPONDENT SHALL attend at least two (2) support group meetings each week, one of which shall be for substance abuse; and RESPONDENT 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 RESPONDENT. RESPONDENT SHALL submit the required evidence on the forms provided by the Board at the end of every three (3) months. No duplications, copies, third party signatures, or any other substitutions will be accepted as evidence.

(16) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE his probation officer. to submit written reports. on forms provided by the Board. The reports shall indicate the RESPONDENT's compliance with the court ordered probation. The reports shall be furnished each and every three (3) month period until RESPONDENT is released from probation.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this order,
RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license 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. By my signature on this order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Agreed Sanctions, and any stipulations of this order to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I consent to the issuance of the Agreed Sanctions. I waive judicial review of this order. I understand that this order is subject to ratification by the Board. When the order is ratified, the terms of this order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 17 day of June, 1997.

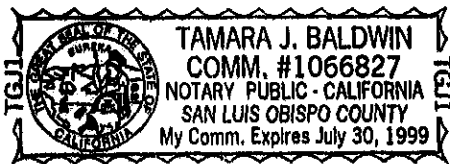
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JEFFREY F. VOGEL

State of California
County of San Luis Obispo

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of June, 1997.

SEAL

Tamara J. Baldwin
Notary Public in and for the State of California



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 17th day of June, 1997, by JEFFREY F. VOGEL, license number 518481, and said order is final.

Effective this 12th day of August, 1997.



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