

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of License Number 460014 § AGREED
issued to CARIN GALE HANRATTY § ORDER

An investigation by the Board produced evidence indicating that CARIN GALE HANRATTY, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, License Number 460014, may have violated Article 4525(b)(9)&(12), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

An informal conference was held on July 13, 1999, at the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners, in accordance with Article 4524C, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

Respondent appeared in person. Respondent was represented by Rachel Sheeran, Attorney at Law. In attendance were Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director; Marcelo Lajjas Jr., Board Member; James W. Johnston, Assistant General Counsel; Gary Walters, BSN, RN, MSED, Senior Investigator; Jolene Zych, MS, RNC, WHCNP, Advanced Practice Nursing Consultant; and Karen Burk, BSN, RN, C, Investigator.

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 notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in Texas.

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4. Respondent received a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Russell State College, Troy, New York, in 1975, and completed the pediatric nurse practitioner program of the University of California at San Diego, San Diego, California, in 1980. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas in 1981. Respondent became recognized as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner by the Board of Nurse Examiners in 1990.

5. Respondent's professional employment history includes:

1975-1981	Unknown
1981-1985	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Day Surgery Unit Children's Medical Center Dallas, Texas
1985-1986	Clinical Pediatric Manager Trinity Medical Center Carrollton, Texas
1986-1988	Manager of Employee Health Program Wynn's Climate Systems Fort Worth, Texas
1988-1990	Manager of Employee Health Abbott Laboratories Irving, Texas
1990-1995	Pediatric Coordinator Parkland Hospital Dallas, Texas
1995-1997	Nurse Practitioner-Clinical Research TEXCAPS Fort Worth, Texas
1997-February 1998	Head Nurse-High School Dallas Independent School District Dallas, Texas
March 1998-December 1998	School Nurse Lewisville Independent School District Lewisville, Texas

5. Respondent's professional employment history includes: (continued)

January 1999-April 1999 Specialist Nursing
Texas Department of Health
Arlington, Texas

June 1999-Present Pediatric Supervisor
Baylor Pediatric Home Care
Dallas, Texas

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a School Nurse at The Colony High School with the Lewisville Independent School District, Lewisville, Texas, and had been in this position for six (6) months.
7. On or about September 18, 1998, while employed with Lewisville Independent School District, Lewisville, Texas, and while working at The Colony High School, Respondent failed to thoroughly document interventions for and the status of student M.T.M., who came to the clinic at 10:50 am complaining that he hurt his lower back during a fall in gym class. The student left the clinic but returned at 11:30 am and began complaining that the pain was worse, he had a headache, was nauseated and was "near tears." Respondent failed to document the student's neurological or musculoskeletal status except for "alert and orientated (sic)", "tight ligaments and muscles" in the student's medical record. Respondent failed to document the application of an ice pack to the student's back. Respondent failed to document the student's blood pressure, pulse, respiratory rate or his response to the ice pack application. Respondent's failure was likely to deceive others regarding student M.T.M.'s actual status on this day.
8. On or about September 23, 1998, while employed with the above mentioned employer, Respondent failed to thoroughly assess and document the status of student R.E., who came to the clinic complaining of dizziness, nausea and pain. Respondent documented that the student was "very pale and lethargic," "alert and orientated (sic)" and his temperature was 97.4°F. The student reported that he had vomited twice. Respondent failed to document any other vital signs or the student's report of pain in the student's medical record. The student left Respondent's office after a short time and reported he was going back to class. Instead, the student drove himself to his mother's work place a short distance away. The student was diagnosed with a severe kidney infection later this day.
9. On or about October 12, 1998, while employed with the above mentioned employer, Respondent failed to thoroughly assess and document the status of student S.M., who suffered from asthma and depression. The student informed Respondent that she thought she had taken three (3) extra Tegretol pills but could not remember if she took her morning dose. Respondent failed to document the student's blood pressure or neurological status other than "lethargic, sleepy" in the student's medical record.

10. On or about the same day, while employed with the above mentioned employer, Respondent failed to institute appropriate nursing interventions which may have been necessary to stabilize the condition of and/or to prevent complications in student S.M. Rather than summoning emergency medical services immediately, Respondent allowed student to remain in the clinic for over one (1) hour before she contacted emergency medical services. Respondent did not contact Poison Control. Rather, Respondent was contacted by Poison Control and instructed to summon emergency medical services immediately. S.M. was transferred to an acute care facility and found to have a toxic Tegretol level later this day.
11. On or about the same day, while employed with the above mentioned employer, Respondent failed to institute appropriate nursing interventions which may have been necessary to stabilize the condition of and/or to prevent complications in student D.A., who had drunk seven (7) shots of brandy and smoked marijuana before school. Respondent evaluated student D.A. at 9:00 am at which time the student had already vomited four (4) times, had a regular pulse rate and was very pale. At 9:05 am, Respondent found the student's pulse to be irregular and his pupils were dilated to four (4) mm (millimeters). Student D.A. vomited seven (7) more times before 9:30 am, when Respondent summoned emergency medical services.
12. On or about the same day, while employed with the above mentioned employer, Respondent failed to document the status of student B.M., an insulin dependent diabetic. At 9:00 am, the student's blood sugar was 451, at which point the student self administered insulin. Respondent failed to document any assessment of the student on this day. Respondent's failure potentially prevented the timely detection of hypoglycemia or worsening hyperglycemia, thus unnecessarily exposing student B.M. to risks associated with these conditions, including vital organ damage and coma.

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 violations of Article 4525(b)(9)&(12), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(3), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.13(2),(4)&(5).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Article 4525(b), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., to take disciplinary action against License Number 460014, heretofore issued to CARIN GALE HANRATTY, including revocation of Respondent's professional license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a Reprimand with Stipulations, and 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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-size license issued to CARIN GALE HANRATTY, to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners within ten (10) days of the date of this Order for appropriate notation.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing jurisprudence. RESPONDENT 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 must include registered nurses. It must be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, and documentation of care. 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 is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in physical assessment. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the

course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The target audience must include registered nurses. The didactic portion of this course must be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course must contain a minimum twenty-four (24) hour clinical component to be supervised by another registered nurse. To be approved, the course should cover all systems of the body. The course description must 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 is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure.

(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. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The course must be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience must include registered nurses. The course must contain content on the following: guidelines and processes for good reporting and recording; legal guidelines for recording; methods 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 is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT CHOOSE TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING, UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT:

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in professional nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a copy of this Order to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in professional nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a copy of this Order to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.

(6) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in professional nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a professional nurse.

(7) Should RESPONDENT CHOOSE to work as a PNP, RESPONDENT'S practice of professional nursing will be monitored for one (1) year by a Pediatrician or Pediatric Nurse Practitioner who has been approved by the Board. RESPONDENT must provide a list of three (3) Pediatricians and/or three (3) Pediatric Nurse Practitioners for the Board to select. For the Pediatrician and/or Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, the list must include the following for each: name, license number or social security number, educational background and professional employment history. Monitoring shall commence no later than thirty (30) days following the date of

RESPONDENT's receipt of the name of the monitor selected by the Board. The monitor will offer guidance, advice and assistance to the RESPONDENT as necessary to ensure that deficiencies such as those set forth in this Order do not reoccur. RESPONDENT SHALL meet with the monitor at least twice a month, at least one (1) hour duration each. RESPONDENT SHALL ensure that the monitor submits reports, addressing RESPONDENT's progress in overcoming these deficiencies to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) months for the one (1) year stipulation period. Meetings may be longer and more frequent if the monitor determines necessary. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(8) Should RESPONDENT choose to not work as a pediatric nurse practitioner, 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.

(9) 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 one (1) year of employment as a professional nurse.

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 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 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 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 30th day of Sept, 1999.

Carin Hanratty
CARIN GALE HANRATTY, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of September, 1999

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Shyrene D. Shelton
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

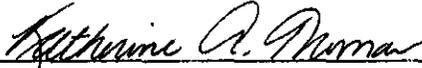
Approved as to form and substance.

Rachel Sheeran
Rachel Sheeran, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 30th day of September, 1999.

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 30th day of September, 1999, by CARIN GALE HANRATTY, License Number 460014, and said Order is final.

Effective this 9th day of November, 1999.


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