

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse License Number 113257 § AGREED
issued to BERTHA MAE HODGKINSON § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of BERTHA MAE HODGKINSON, Vocational Nurse License Number 113257, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 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 February 7, 2008, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

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 Grayson County College, Denison, Texas, on August 30, 1985. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 4, 1985.
5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

12/1985 - Unknown	Staff Nurse	Wilson N. Jones Medical Center Gainesville, Texas
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6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with Wilson N. Jones Medical Center, Gainesville, Texas, and had been in this position for nineteen (19) years and five (5) months.

7. On or about May 12, 2005, while employed with Wilson N. Jones Medical Center, Sherman, Texas, Respondent erroneously aspirated Formulin instead of Normal Saline into an irrigation syringe then handed the syringe to the physician who was performing Bronchoscopy of Patient MR 021150. Consequently, the physician irrigated the bronchoscope with Formulin while it was still in the patient's trachea. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that a hazardous, caustic chemical was introduced into the patient's trachea.
8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states she wanted to be ready to start the procedure right away with the arrival of the physician, as they were a little late in starting the procedure, and so she prepared her table as usual but put the Formulin bottle on the table along with the normal saline. After the procedure, when she started to clear her table, Respondent states she realized that she had drawn up the Formulin and she informed the physician, who admitted the patient into the hospital for over night observation. According to Respondent, the patient was discharged the next day and then returned to work the next day. After this incident, the facility revised their policy and procedure regarding the way bottles are labeled and set up.

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)(M) and 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(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 113257, heretofore issued to BERTHA MAE HODGKINSON, 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, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 *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 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 BERTHA MAE HODGKINSON to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days of 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 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, RESPONDENT 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. *Information regarding this workshop may be found at the following web address: <http://www.learningext.com/products/generalce/critical/ctabout.asp>.*

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 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 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 18 day of March, 2008.

Bertha Mae Hodgkinson
BERTHA MAE HODGKINSON, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of March, 2008.


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Jane Brown
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 18th day of March, 2008, by BERTHA MAE HODGKINSON, Vocational Nurse License Number 113257, and said Order is final.

Effective this 27th day of March, 2008.


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