

5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

07/94 - 03/95	Staff Nurse	Parkland Health & Hospital System Dallas, Texas
04/95 - 03/02	Unknown	
04/02 - 07/02	Staff Nurse	Corvel Healthcare Corp. Dallas, Texas
08/02 - 02/03	Staff Nurse	Palestine Regional Hospital Palestine, Texas
04/03 - 09/03	Staff Nurse	Medical City Dallas Hospital Dallas, Texas
12/03 - 12/04	Staff Nurse	RHD Memorial Medical Center Dallas, Texas
02/05 - 12/06	Staff Nurse	Richardson Regional Medical Center Richardson, Texas
01/07 - Present	Unknown	

6. On or about June 26, 2006, Respondent was arrested for the offense of "Driving While Intoxicated" a Class B Misdemeanor. On January 22, 2008, Respondent plead guilty to Driving While Intoxicated in the Criminal County Court No. 5, Dallas County, Texas, cause number MB0670850. Respondent was placed on probation for a period of twenty (20) months, assessed a fine in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000) and court costs in the amount of three hundred eighty-four dollars (\$384).
7. On or about August 20, 2006, Respondent submitted an on-line license renewal to the Texas Board of Nursing and she answered "No" to question number two (2) which reads as follows: "Have you ever been arrested, . . . including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrests . . . Please note that DUIs, DWIs, and PIs must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations." Respondent failed to disclosed the June 26, 2006 arrest for the offense of Driving While Intoxicated in Dallas County, Texas. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the Board and could have affected the decision to issue a license.
8. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact Number Nine (9), Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with Richardson Regional Medical Center, Richardson, Texas, and had been in this position for one (1) year and nine (9) months.

9. On or about November 26, 2006 and November 27, 2006, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Richardson Regional Medical Center, Richardson, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing, in that Respondent had slurred speech, was very agitated, forgot what she was saying in the middle of conversations, cried during conversations, and she seemed intoxicated. Additionally, Respondent stated she was having difficulty coping and dealing with things, so she called her psychiatrist, because she felt she needed intense in-patient treatment. Respondent's conduct could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
10. Respondent states that she contacted her Director of Patient Care from home the evening after the 7A-7P shift with emotional concerns regarding some recent management decisions. The next day she was informed by a phone call from human resources that they had set up a psychiatrist appointment for her and had contacted the in-patient department of our hospital for pre-admission arrangements to Mental Health. Although she was apprehensive, she contacted her insurance company to get a financial overview of coverage. She kept the psychiatrist appointment and obtained a note to return to work which her employer refused. She was relieved of her duties over the phone immediately. Respondent denies that she has ever lacked fitness to practice professional nursing or ever had a positive drug or alcohol screen. Respondent provided a faxed copy of a prescription form (work release given to her on the date of her appointment), dated November 29, 2006, from Rekha Pole, M.D., MetroPlex Psychiatric Associates, P.A., Richardson, Texas, and states: For Christy Hollingsworth, To Whom it May Concern, "This is to state that Ms. Hollingsworth was seen in my office on 11/29/06." In addition, Respondent provided a faxed copy of a letter from Dr. Rekha Pole, dated February 26, 2007, which states: "To whom it may concern: Re: Christy Hollingsworth, DOB: 8/11/60, I am writing on behalf of Ms. Hollingsworth who I saw for an evaluation on 11/29/06 and was released to return to work on that day. I have had no follow up appointments with her since. If you have any additional questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact my office, Sincerely, Rekha Pole, MD." Psychiatric Evaluation dated November 29, 2006, AXIS I - diagnosis MDD, Anxiety NOS, and Alcohol Abuse.
11. 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.
12. Charges were filed on January 29, 2008.
13. Charges were mailed to Respondent on January 30, 2008.

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 a violation of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12) Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(E),(5),(6)(I)&(13)
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 604301, heretofore issued to CHRISTINE MARIE HOLLINGSWORTH, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice professional 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 a WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS, 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 Professional 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 professional nursing in compact states.

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 Texas Board of Nursing 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 CHRISTINE MARIE HOLLINGSWORTH, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days from 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 Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; 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/disciplinary action>.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. 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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT 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 AND RESPONDENT MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWELVE (12) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN) LICENSE WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT 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.

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent 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, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.

(6) For the duration of the stipulation period, RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse who is on the premises. The supervising nurse 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. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(7) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT's capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Registered Nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. 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 one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

(8) RESPONDENT 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, 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. **In the event that prescriptions for controlled substances are required for periods of two (2) weeks or longer, the Board may require and RESPONDENT SHALL submit to an evaluation by a Board approved physician specializing in Pain Management or Psychiatry. The performing evaluator will submit a written report to the Board's office, including results of the evaluation, clinical indications for the prescriptions, and recommendations for on-going treatment within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.**

(9) RESPONDENT 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.

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 RESPONDENT's place of employment at any time during the stipulation period and require RESPONDENT 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. RESPONDENT 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 will be regarded as non-compliance with the terms of this Order and may subject the nurse to further disciplinary action by this Board. Failure to report for a drug screen may be considered the same as a positive result and may result in further disciplinary action by this Board.

(10) 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 stipulation period, or until RESPONDENT is dismissed from therapy.

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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.

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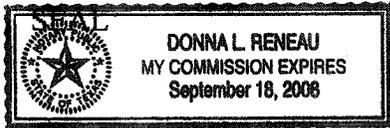
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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 violation 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 9 day of July, 2008.

Christine Marie Hollingsworth
CHRISTINE MARIE HOLLINGSWORTH, Respondent *RN*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of July, 2008.



Donna Reneau

Notary Public in and for the State of TX

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 9th day of July, 2008, by CHRISTINE MARIE HOLLINGSWORTH, Registered Nurse License Number 604301, and said Order is final.

Effective this 12th day of August, 2008.



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

