

IN THE MATTER OF	§	BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY
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PERMANENT CERTIFICATE	§	AND DISCIPLINARY
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NUMBER 192347	§	COMMITTEE
	§	
ISSUED TO	§	OF THE TEXAS
	§	
MERIDITH LEIGH ORNELAS	§	BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Meridith Leigh Ornelas
1211 Stacy
San Marcos, Texas 78666

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on November 12, 2008, the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case. This case was heard, and based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee of the Texas Board of Nursing finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing (22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.2(j)). All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.


NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 192347, previously issued to MERIDITH LEIGH ORNELAS, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 192347, previously issued to MERIDITH LEIGH ORNELAS, upon receipt of this Order, be immediately delivered to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multi-state privilege, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 12th day of November, 2008.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING


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

Re: Permanent Certificate Number 192347
Issued to MERIDITH LEIGH ORNELAS
DEFAULT ORDER -REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 14 day of November, 2008 a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served by placement in the U.S. Mail via certified mail, and addressed to the following person(s):

Meridith Leigh Ornelas
1211 Stacy
San Marcos, Texas 78666

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

In the Matter of Permanent License § **BEFORE THE TEXAS**
Number 192347, Issued to §
MERIDITH LEIGH ORNELAS, Respondent § **BOARD OF NURSING**

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, MERIDITH LEIGH ORNELAS, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 192347, which is in current status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

On or about May 30, 2005, while employed with The Heart Hospital of Northwest Texas, Amarillo, Texas, Respondent failed to administer Novolin 8 units at 1700 and failed to administer a bolus of Heparin 2500 Units for a partial thromboplastin time (PTT) of 38.5 at 1430, to Patient Medical Record Number 295720, as ordered by the physician. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm from a delay of treatment of his disease process.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(B)&(C), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B)&(4).

CHARGE II.

On or about May 30, 2005, while employed with The Heart Hospital of Northwest Texas, Amarillo, Texas, Respondent withdrew medications from the Medication Dispensing System (Pyxis) for patients, but failed to document, or accurately document the administration of the medications in the patient's Medical Administration Records (MAR) and/or nurse's notes, as follows:

Patient ID	Physician's Order	Medication Dispensing System (Pyxis)	Medication Administration Record
392636	Hydrocodone/Acetaminophen 7.5mg/APAP 500mg 1 tab PO Q4h PRN	Hydrocodone/APAP 7.5/500 1 Tab 2005-05-30 13:08:15	Not documented by Respondent
295720	Clonidine HCl / 1 tab PO Q8h	Clonidine HCl .10000000149mg 2005-05-30 19:24:33	Not documented by Respondent

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(B)&(D), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B)&(4).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Board's rules, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to § 301.461, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.state.tx.us.

Filed this 22nd day of July, 2008.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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