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December 20, 2017

Rhonda Burks Ragans, R.N.
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DUPLICATE COPY
VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

DATE 12/20/17

RE: License Number: 0001-190884
Case Number: 184537

Dear Ms. Ragans:

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, you are hereby given notice that your license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia has been mandatorily suspended by the enclosed Order entered December 19, 2017. You are hereby advised that you may not practice professional nursing or hold yourself out as a licensed professional nurse unless and until the Board of Nursing has notified you in writing that your license has been reinstated. Please return your license to Jay Douglas, Executive Director of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board"), at the above address, immediately upon receipt of this letter.

You may apply to the Board for reinstatement of your license, and you shall be entitled to a formal administrative hearing not later than the next regular meeting of the Board after the expiration of 60 days from the Board's receipt of your reinstatement application. The reinstatement of your license shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board present at the hearing. The reinstatement application can be found at www.dhp.virginia.gov/Nursing.

If you have any questions about this matter, you can contact me at (804) 367-4474 or anne.joseph@dhp.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Anne Joseph, Deputy Director
Administrative Proceedings Division

cc: Jay Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing
Enclosures

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

IN RE: RHONDA BURKS RAGANS, R.N.
License Number: 0001-190884
Case Number: 184537

ORDER OF MANDATORY SUSPENSION

In accordance with Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, I, Lisa R. Hahn, Chief Operating Officer, on behalf of David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, received and acted upon evidence that the North Carolina Board of Nursing suspended the multistate licensure privilege of Rhonda Burks Ragans, R.N., to practice as a registered nurse in the State of North Carolina. A certified copy of the Settlement/Published Consent Order is attached hereto as Commonwealth's Exhibit 1.

WHEREUPON, by the authority vested in the Director of the Department of Health Professions pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of Rhonda Burks Ragans, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby SUSPENDED.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of Rhonda Burks Ragans, R.N., will be recorded as suspended and no longer current and valid. Should Ms. Ragans seek reinstatement of her license pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Ragans's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-4023 and § 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying on request.




Lisa R. Hahn, COO
Virginia Department of Health Professions

ENTERED:


December 19, 2017

CERTIFICATION OF DUPLICATE RECORDS

I, Lisa R. Hahn, Chief Operating Officer, on behalf of David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Department of Health Professions, hereby certify that the attached Settlement/Published Consent Order entered July 19, 2017, regarding Rhonda Burks Ragans, R.N., is a true copy of the records received from the North Carolina Board of Nursing.



Lisa R. Hahn, COO



Date

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING
OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA



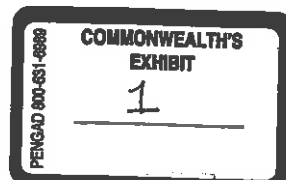
In the matter of:)
Rhonda Ragans, RN)
Virginia License Number 0001190884)

SETTLEMENT
PUBLISHED GENERAL ORDER
I certify that this is a true and accurate copy of its original and has been kept in the ordinary course of business at the office of the North Carolina Board of Nursing.
Executive Director of the Board

This matter is before the North Carolina Board of Nursing ("Board") through the Settlement Committee by request of Rhonda Ragans, RN ("Licensee"). Licensee knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to a formal hearing under Art. 3A of N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B before the Board and the right to present evidence in her defense and in mitigation of any sanction that could be imposed for a violation, to confront and cross-examine witnesses and to challenge evidence presented by the Board against them, to present legal arguments in a brief, and to appeal from any final decision adverse to her license to practice nursing. Both parties stipulate and agree to the findings of fact and conclusions of law recited herein and to the Order imposed. By her consent, Licensee also stipulates that she knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to appeal this Order or challenge in any way the sufficiency of the findings of this Order. Licensee admits and the Board finds that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The North Carolina Board of Nursing is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper body for this proceeding under the authority granted it in Article 9A, Chapter 90 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder.
2. Licensee is the holder of Virginia Multistate Registered Nurse License Number 0001190884, which expires on November 30, 2017.
3. On November 28, 2016, the Board received a complaint regarding Licensee's nursing practice and began its investigation.
4. On November 4, 2016, while employed with Person Memorial Hospital in Roxboro, North Carolina, Licensee was reported to have slurred speech and improper interaction with patients and their family members. Licensee also exhibited erratic behavior when speaking with nursing staff.
5. Licensee was asked to submit to a for-cause drug screen, but was unable to void for the urine drug screen. Licensee then attempted to self-insert a catheter, but was subsequently taken to the Emergency Department and catheterized by staff.
6. Licensee's drug screen returned positive for benzodiazepines, for which she did not have a valid prescription.
7. On February 16, 2017 during an interview with Board staff, Licensee acknowledged taking Ativan and Valium on November 3, 2016 that belonged to her friend.



BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING
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In the matter of:

Rhonda Ragans, RN

Virginia License Number 0001190884

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3. In accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §90-171.27(d) and Board of Nursing policy derived therefrom, a fee of \$300.00 will be assessed. The fee will be due prior to scheduling an appearance before the Licensure Review Panel ("LRP").

4. The Board will not recommend to the Division of Health Services Regulation that Licensee be eligible to request listing as a Nurse Aide I or Medication Aide.

5. Licensee may not be listed on the Nurse Aide II Registry.

6. At such time as Licensee is permitted to petition for reinstatement of the privilege to practice, Licensee may request an appearance before the LRP and shall comply with all decisions of the LRP.

7. This Order is a public record, as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. §132, and will be placed in Licensee's file. All disciplinary actions taken by the Board will be reported to the appropriate entities as outlined in Board policy and as required by state and/or federal guidelines. Those entities include, but may not be limited to, NURSUS, National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and any other jurisdiction in which Licensee is or has been licensed.

8. This Order shall take effect immediately upon proper execution by both Licensee and the Board.

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING
OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

In the matter of:

Rhonda Ragans, RN

Virginia License Number 0001190884

SETTLEMENT
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By order of the North Carolina Board of Nursing this the 19th day of July, 2017.

Sharon Moore

Sharon Moore, RN
Presiding Officer of the Settlement Committee

Meredith K. Parris

Meredith K. Parris
Staff Attorney

Consented to this the 14 day of November, 2017

Bob Crawford, III

Bob Crawford, III, Attorney Signature

Rhonda Ragans

Rhonda Ragans, Licensee's Signature

State of Virginia

County of Pittsylvania

I, Edward Harrison, a Notary Public for the above-named County and State,

do hereby certify that Rhonda Ragans personally appeared before me

this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal:

This the 14 day of November, 2017

Edward Harrison
Notary Public

My commission expires: 11-30-2018



AKP