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David E. Brown, D.C.
Director

November 1, 2017

Tara Nicole Ainsworth Anderson, R.N.
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DUPLICATE COPY
VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

DATE 11/1/17

RE: License Number: 0001-222084
Case Number: 183232

Dear Ms. Anderson:

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 October 31, 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 P. 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]

Anne Joseph, Deputy Director
Administrative Proceedings Division

cc: Jay P. 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: TARA NICOLE AINSWORTH ANDERSON, R.N.
License Number: 0001-222084
Case Number: 183232

ORDER OF MANDATORY SUSPENSION


In accordance with Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, I, David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, received and acted upon evidence that the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses suspended the license of Tara Nicole Ainsworth Anderson, R.N., to practice registered professional nursing in the State of West Virginia. A certified copy of the Order of Summary Suspension 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 Tara Nicole Ainsworth Anderson, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby SUSPENDED.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of Tara Nicole Ainsworth Anderson, R.N., will be recorded as suspended and no longer current and valid. Should Ms. Anderson 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. Anderson'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.



David E. Brown, D.C., Director
Virginia Department of Health Professions

ENTERED:

10/31/17

CERTIFICATION OF DUPLICATE RECORDS

I, David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Department of Health Professions, hereby certify that the attached Order of Summary Suspension entered September 22, 2017, regarding Tara Nicole Ainsworth Anderson, R.N., is a true copy of the records received from the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses.



David E. Brown, D.C.

10/31/17

Date

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SENDERS RECORD

BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD
OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS
FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES



v.

License Number 68750

TARA NICOLE ANDERSON

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses (hereinafter the "Board") is the duly constituted body responsible for licensure and professional discipline of all registered professional nurses in West Virginia. W. Va. Code § 30-7-1, et. seq. In circumstances where the Board determines that a nurse's continuation in practice constitutes "an immediate danger to the public", the Board is empowered to temporarily summarily suspend the nurse's license, prior to a disciplinary hearing, pending the prompt institution of proceedings to determine further disciplinary action.

Specifically, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 30-1-8(e)(1), the Board is "authorized to suspend or revoke a certificate, license, registration or authority prior to a hearing if the person's continuation in practice constitutes an immediate danger to the public." The Board's legislative rules further provide:

If the board finds that public health, safety and welfare requires emergency action and incorporates a finding to that effect into its order, the board shall order summary suspension of a license pending proceedings for revocation of the license or other action. The board shall promptly institute and determine further disciplinary action.

W. Va. Code § 19-3-14.4

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth below, the Board hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license of respondent, **TARA NICOLE ANDERSON**, License Number 68750, to practice registered professional nursing in the State of West Virginia, effective September 22, 2017.

FACTS IN SUPPORT OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION ACTION

On or about January 23, 2017 the Board received a complaint from Berkeley Medical Center, Martinsburg, West Virginia. The complaint stated in pertinent part, Anderson was terminated from Berkeley Medical Center effective January 12, 2017 due to evidence of narcotic diversion. Eight (8) patient records were audited and were found to have multiple instances where Anderson removed higher quantities of narcotics from the Omnicell than ordered for her patients.

Anderson did not follow proper procedure for narcotic waste. Anderson removed narcotics for patients who were not assigned to her, and in some cases, she removed narcotics for a patient after the patient was transferred to another nursing unit or discharged from the Emergency Department.

The Board sent Anderson an official Notice of Complaint against her license incorporating the allegation(s) from Berkeley Medical Center that included referring Anderson to WV Restore (the Board's recovery and monitoring program).

Anderson signed a WV Restore contract admitting to the opioid use disorder, agreeing to abide by all terms and conditions of the WV Restore contract and requirements mandated by WV Restore.

On August 14, 2017 WV Restore notified the Board Anderson's case was closed due to Anderson refusing to engage with WV Restore's treatment plan, failure to notify her employer of her participation in WV Restore and, a positive urine drug screen for alcohol.

Based upon the above information, the Board finds that the health, safety and welfare of the public is at risk as long as Anderson continues to possess a license allowing her to practice as a registered professional nurse in the state of West Virginia and emergency action is necessary.

WHEREFORE, the Board herein **ORDERS** that license number 68750 issued to TARA NICOLE ANDERSON is **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED** effective September 22, 2017.

Simultaneous with the entry of this Order, the Board has promptly instituted disciplinary proceedings and scheduled a hearing on the underlying charges on **October 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.**, as set forth in the enclosed Complaint and Notice of Hearing.

Entered this September 22, 2017.

At the Direction of the West Virginia Board of
Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses

(Board Seal)



Sue Painter, DNP, RN
Executive Director

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October 3, 2017

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
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I, DR. SUE PAINTER, DNP, RN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

of the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses do hereby certify that the attached documents, all in the matter of Tara Anderson, Registered Professional Nurse, License Number 68750 are true and correct copies of said documents as they appear among the files and records of this office.

Witness my hand and seal of the Board of Nursing this 3rd day of October, 2017.

BOARD OF NURSING

By: _____

Sue Painter

Dr. Sue Painter, DNP, RN
Executive Director