

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: MARGARET ROTH PILCHER VALENTINE, R.N.
License Number: 0001-136739
Case Number: 176726

ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), a Special Conference Committee of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) held an informal conference on October 2, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Margaret Valentine, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Margaret Roth Pilcher Valentine, R.N. appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated August 31, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Valentine notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 2, 2017. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the Order contained herein.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Margaret Roth Pilcher Valentine, R.N., was issued License Number 0001-136739 to practice professional nursing on March 18, 1994, which is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2019. At all times relevant to the findings contained herein, said license was current and active. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Ms. Valentine violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (currently found at 18 VAC 90-19-230(A)(2)(f) effective February 24, 2017) in that during the course of her employment in the Intensive Care Unit at Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital, Rocky Mount, Virginia:

a. On September 11 - 12, 2016, during the 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift, Ms. Valentine failed to provide incontinent care to Patient A throughout her shift. The oncoming shift found Patient A completely saturated in urine and liquid stool, with stool in his abdominal incision. His incontinence pad, sheet and gown were also soiled.

b. On August 1, 2016, Ms. Valentine left the unit and the facility during the middle of her shift to seek care in the Emergency Department. She left the ED against medical advice, failing to notify her supervisor or designee prior to leaving and failing to provide report and/or arrange for the care of her patients.

3. Ms. Valentine's employment was terminated on October 10, 2016. She grieved the termination, which was upheld. She is currently employed with Cirrus Medical, a staffing agency.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Nursing hereby ORDERS as follows:


1. Margaret Roth Pilcher Valentine, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.
2. Within 90 days from the date of entry of this Order, Ms. Valentine shall provide written proof satisfactory to the Board of successful completion of the following NCSBN courses:
 - a. *Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care;*
 - b. *Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses;* and
 - c. *Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.*

3. Ms. Valentine shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

4. Any violation of the foregoing terms and conditions of this Order or any statute or regulation governing the practice of nursing shall constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.

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 and copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD



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

ENTERED AND MAILED:

October 25, 2017

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Valentine may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on November 27, 2017, notify Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that she desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated. This Order shall become final on November 27, 2017, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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