

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE

IN RE: PAUL M. COLTON, L.N.P.
License No.: 0024-170972
Authorization to Prescribe No.: 0017-141527

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine ("Committee of the Joint Boards") and Paul M. Colton, L.N.P., as evidenced by his signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Mr. Colton's license to practice as a nurse practitioner in Virginia.

The Committee of the Joint Boards adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Paul M. Colton, L.N.P. was issued License No. 0024-170972 to practice as a nurse practitioner in the area of psychiatry on July 2, 2013. Said license is set to expire on June 30, 2015. He was issued Authorization to Prescribe No. 0017-141527 on March 20, 2014. Said authorization is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2015.
2. During the course of his employment with Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, Richmond, Virginia ("VCUHS"), between October 18, 2013 and March 20, 2014, Mr. Colton prescribed approximately 33 controlled medications without holding an authorization to prescribe in Virginia.
3. Mr. Colton prescribed the medications under the supervision of two psychiatrists. There was no patient harm noted. He remains employed with VCUHS.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of §§ 54.1-2957.01 and 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), 18 VAC 90-30-220(3), (4), and (6) of the Regulations Governing

the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners, and 18 VAC 90-40-130(A)(1) of the Regulations for Prescriptive Authority for Nurse Practitioners.

CONSENT

Paul M. Colton, L.N.P., by affixing his signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. He has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. He acknowledges that without his consent, no legal action can be taken against him except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. He acknowledges that he has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Committee of the Joint Boards, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against him;
4. He waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. He admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives his right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Committee of the Joint Boards;
6. He consents to the entry of the following Order affecting his right to practice as a nurse practitioner in Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Paul M. Colton, L.N.P. is hereby REPRIMANDED.

2 Mr. Colton shall maintain a course of conduct in his capacity as a nurse practitioner commensurate with the requirements of §§ 54.1-2900 *et seq.* and 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Regulations of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine.

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

FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS

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

ENTERED: January 26th, 2015

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

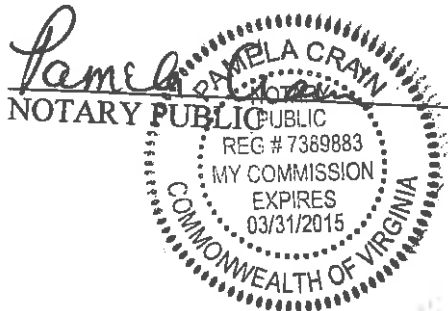
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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Richmond, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Pamela Crain, a Notary Public, this 15th day of January, 2015

My commission expires March 31, 2015.

Registration Number 7389883.



Certified True Copy

By [Signature]
Virginia Board of Nursing