

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: BLANCHIE DIANE SCHWAB, L.P.N.
License Number: 0002-086205
Case Number: 175887

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 June 15, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Blanchie Diane Schwab, L.P.N. may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Blanchie Diane Schwab, L.P.N. appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated May 10, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Schwab notifying her that an informal conference would be held on June 15, 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. Blanchie Diane Schwab, L.P.N., was issued License Number 0002-086205 to practice practical nursing on December 2, 2011, which is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2018. At all times

relevant to the findings contained herein, said license was current and active. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Blanchie Diane Schwab, L.P.N., 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 (“Regulations”) (currently found at 18 VAC 90-19-230(A)(2)(f) effective February 24, 2017), in that during the course of her employment with The Chesapeake, Newport News, Virginia, on August 23, 2016, at 2100, she incorrectly administered 100 units of Humalog subcutaneous solution (insulin lispro) to Patient A, when, in fact, the order called for the use of a sliding scale. Based upon the results of Patient A’s blood glucose tests, 168 and 170, the order called for the administration of only 3 units.

3. Ms. Schwab’s employment with The Chesapeake was terminated in August 2016.

4. During the informal conference, Ms. Schwab took responsibility for the medication error and acknowledged that she should have read the order and verified Patient A’s blood sugar. She explained that Patient A’s nurse asked her if the order read 100 units per ml of Humalog, and she agreed that it did. She then left, and when she returned approximately 20 to 30 minutes later, that nurse asked her to administer the insulin, which she acknowledged doing. She indicated that she incorrectly thought the other nurse was experienced, but regardless, it was her mistake not to read the order in full prior to administration. She stated that given her limited knowledge of Patient A’s recent medical history and blood sugar readings, that administering 100 units did not seem out of proportion.

5. Ms. Schwab is currently working with Acuity doing home visits/case management under her L.P.N. license. She said she is not doing any “hands on” nursing.

6. Ms. Schwab is a licensed chiropractor. She is currently working in that capacity as well.

7. Ms. Schwab has been a nurse for 20 years. She indicated that this incident was the only time that she has been counseled by an employer.


ORDER

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

1. Blanchie Diane Schwab, L.P.N., is REPRIMANDED.
2. Blanchie Diane Schwab, L.P.N., shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of practical 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 and copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD



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

ENTERED AND MAILED: August 4TH, 2017

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Schwab may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on September 6, 2017, notify Jay Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, 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 September 6, 2017, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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