BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

KATHERINE WHITE STOTT, R.N.

**License Number: 0001-076757** 

Case Number: 175838

RATIFICATION AND ORDER

On July 19, 2017, a panel of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the

Agency Subordinate. Katherine White Stott, R.N., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

In consideration whereof, the Board of Nursing ACCEPTS the attached Recommended Findings of Fact

and Conclusions of Law of the Agency Subordinate and ADOPTS the Recommended Order in its entirety.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 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.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2(K), the Board considered whether to disclose or not disclose

Ms. Stott's health records or health services.

Since Ms. Stott failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms.

Stott has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule

2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Stott has thirty days from the date of service (the date she actually

received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this

decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of

Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this

decision is served by mail, three days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD

Jay Douglas, M.S.M, R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.

**Executive Director** 

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE

**Jurisdiction and Procedural History** 

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), Judith E. Piersall, R.N., B.S.N.,

serving as Agency Subordinate of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board"), held an informal

conference on May 2, 2017 in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Katherine White

Stott, R.N., may have violated terms and conditions of an Order of the Board entered June 1, 2016.

Ms. Stott did not appear at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Agency Subordinate makes the following Findings of

Fact and Conclusions of Law and recommends that the Board adopt the following Order.

Notice

By letter dated April 5, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms.

Stott notifying her that an informal conference would be held on May 2, 2017. The Notice was sent by

certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board. The certified mail

receipt for the Notice sent by certified mail was signed and returned to the Board office. The Notice

sent by first class mail was not returned to the Board office. Accordingly, the Agency Subordinate

concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Stott and the informal conference proceeded in her

absence.

Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

Katherine White Stott, R.N., was issued License Number 0001-076757 to practice 1.

professional nursing on April 2, 1980, which expired on December 31, 2016. Her primary state of

residence is Virginia.

- 2. By Order of the Board entered June 1, 2016 ("Board's Order"), the Board placed Katherine White Stott, R.N., on probation for a period of two years based on findings that Ms. Stott was unsafe to practice professional nursing due to mental illness and substance abuse following her hospitalization at CJW Medical Center, Richmond, Virginia, in March 2015, for depression and opioid abuse and her conviction in the Circuit Court for the City of Richmond, Virginia, in September 2001, for obtaining drugs by fraud.
- 3. Ms. Stott violated Term Number 2 of the Board's Order, which required her to complete intensive outpatient treatment at Richmond IOP within 90 days of the entry of the Order, in that to date, she has not provided evidence of her completion of the program.
- 4. Ms. Stott violated Term Number 3 of the Board's Order, which required her to provide a written report within ten days from which a Schedule II-IV controlled medication is prescribed for her by the prescribing practitioner, in that between June 28, 2016 and August 24, 2016, Ms. Stott filled eight prescriptions for Schedule II and IV medications, but failed to provide practitioner prescription reports for those prescriptions.
- 5. Ms. Stott violated Term Number 4 of the Board's Order, which required her to have four supervised, unannounced random drug screens per month, in that, to date, she has not submitted any drug screen reports.
- 6. Ms. Stott violated Term Number 5 of the Board's Order, which required her to attend recovery support groups two times per week, and provide written evidence within ten days of her participation in these groups, in that she did not provide written evidence of her attendance in recovery support groups.
- 6. Ms. Stott violated Term Number 8 of the Board's Order, which required her to return her license to practice professional nursing to the Board and pay a duplicate license fee, in that she has

not returned her license to practice professional nursing to the Board, and has not paid the duplicate license fee.

- 7. Ms. Stott violated Term Number 12 of the Board's Order, which required her to submit Authorization for Disclosure of Information forms for all current and future treating practitioners, in that she did not submit Authorization for Disclosure of Information forms for the three practitioners who prescribed her Schedule II and IV medications between June 28, 2016 and August 24, 2016.
- 8. Ms. Stott violated Term Numbers 9 and 13 of the Board's Order, which required her to submit quarterly "Self-Reports" to include a current address, telephone number, and verification of practice employment or changes in practice employment, in that she submitted her July 31, 2016 quarterly Self-Report on August 31, 2016, and has not submitted the Self-Report due on September 30, 2016.
- 9. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2(K), the Board considered whether to disclose or not disclose Ms. Stott's health records or health services.

## Recommended Order

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Agency Subordinate recommends that the Board issue an Order as follows:

- 1. Katherine White Stott, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.
- 2. The right of Katherine White Stott, R.N., to renew her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
  - 3. The license of Katherine White Stott, R.N., will be recorded as SUSPENDED.
  - 4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.
- 5. Should Katherine White Stott, R.N., seek reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding shall be convened to consider such application. At such time, the burden shall be on Ms. Stott to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of professional nursing. Ms.

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Stott shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and/or renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

Reviewed and approved on May 10, 2017 By Judith Piersall, R.N., B.S.N. Agency Subordinate

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