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VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: PAUL M. COLTON, R.N.
License No.: 0001-233424

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Paul M. Colton, R.N., as evidenced by his signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Mr. Colton's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Paul M. Colton, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-233424 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on August 31, 2011. He was issued License No. 0024-170972 to practice as a nurse practitioner in the area of psychiatry on July 2, 2013. He was issued Authorization to Prescribe No. 0017-141527 on March 20, 2014. Said licenses and authorization are scheduled to expire on June 30, 2015. His primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. During the course of his employment as a nurse practitioner 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 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code of Virginia (1950),

as amended (“Code”), and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a) and (b) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

CONSENT

Paul M. Colton, R.N., 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 Board, 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 Board;
6. He consents to the entry of the following Order affecting his right to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

ORDER

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

1. Paul M. Colton, R.N. is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Mr. Colton shall maintain a course of conduct in his capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Regulations of the Board of Nursing.

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 BOARD

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

ENTERED: *January 13TH, 2015*

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Paul M. Colton *notarizing only*
Paul M. Colton, R.N. *Paul M. Colton, R.N.*

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, *Beverly Bush*, a Notary Public, this *30* day of *Dec*, 2014.

My commission expires *6/30/2015*.

Registration Number *283 760*

Beverly Bush
NOTARY PUBLIC



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By *U. Robinson-Howes*
Virginia Board of Nursing