

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:           MICHELLE LOUISE STEVANS, L.P.N.**  
**License Number:   0002-036767**  
**Case Number:       172436**

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**CONSENT ORDER**

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**JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Michelle Louise Stevans, L.P.N., as evidenced by their signatures hereto, in lieu of proceeding to a formal administrative proceeding, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Stevans' license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Michelle Louise Stevans, L.P.N., was issued License Number 0002-036767 to practice practical nursing on November 22, 1985, which is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2017. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Ms. Stevans violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice practical nursing due to mental illness, as evidenced by the following:
  - a. On February 20, 2016, Ms. Stevens was admitted to the Southern Regional Medical Center, Emporia, Virginia under a temporary detention order with a diagnosis of schizophrenia. Ms. Stevans was discharged on February 29, 2016 with a recommendation to obtain outpatient psychiatric care.
  - b. On March 23, 2016, Ms. Stevans presented to the emergency department at the Fairfax INOVA Hospital, Fairfax, Virginia ("INOVA"), complaining of exposure to military-grade radiation. Ms. Stevans was admitted to the inpatient psychiatric unit with a diagnosis of unspecified schizophrenia and other psychotic disorder.

c. On March 25, 2016, Ms. Stevans was placed under a temporary detention order after she demanded to be released from INOVA. Ms. Stevans was discharged from INOVA to Northern Virginia Mental Health treatment for further inpatient treatment on March 31, 2016.

3. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2(K), the Board considered whether to disclose or not disclose Ms. Stevans' health records or health services.

### CONSENT

Michelle Louise Stevans, L.P.N., by affixing her signature to this Consent Order, agrees to the following:

1. I have been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document and am represented by Eileen M. Talamante, Esq.;
2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me or my license except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-4000 *et seq.*;
3. I acknowledge that I have the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact-finding conference before the Board; and the right to representation by counsel;
4. I waive my right to a formal hearing;
5. I neither admit nor deny the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein but waive my right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any sanction imposed hereunder in any future judicial or administrative proceeding in which the Board is a party;
6. I consent to the entry of the following Order affecting my licensure to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### ORDER

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

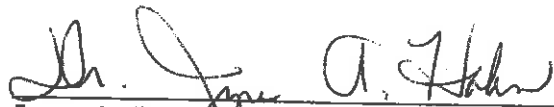
1. The Board accepts the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of Michelle Louise Stevans' license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. The license of Ms. Stevans will be recorded as SUSPENDED.
3. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice practical nursing.
4. Should Ms. Stevans seek reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding shall be convened to consider such application. At such time, the burden shall be on Ms. Stevans to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of practical nursing. Ms. Stevans 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.
5. The suspension shall be STAYED upon proof of Ms. Stevans' entry into a Contract with the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP").
6. Upon stay of the suspension, Ms. Stevans shall comply with all terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP.
7. Upon receipt of evidence of Ms. Stevans' participation in and successful completion of the terms specified by the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Stevans' appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter, at which time she may be issued an unrestricted license to practice practical nursing.
8. This Order is applicable to Ms. Stevans' multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice practical nursing. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Stevans shall not work outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where she seeks to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

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

10. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the stay of suspension shall result in the immediate rescission of the stay of suspension of the license of Ms. Stevans and the license shall be recorded as suspended. After any rescission of the stay of suspension, Ms. Stevans may, within 33 days of the effective date of the rescission, request a formal administrative hearing before the Board.

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

  
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Joyce A. Hahn, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP  
President  
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: 7/18/17

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Michelle Louise Stevans, L.P.N.  
Michelle Louise Stevans, L.P.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
COUNTY/CITY OF Fairfax County, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large, on this  
2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2017.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

My commission expires: January 31<sup>st</sup> 2020

Registration No.: 7207519

ROBERT STERLING CONARD  
Notary Public, Commonwealth of Virginia  
Commission Expires January 31, 2020  
ID - 7207519

Certified True Copy  
By [Signature]  
Virginia Board Of Nursing