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July 12, 2017

Diane Marie Skwisz, R.N., Reinstatement Applicant 10 June Street Worcester, MA 01602

RE: Case Number 180376

CERTIFIED MAIL

Certified Article Number

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SENDERS RECORD

Dear Ms. Skwisz:

Enclosed is a certified true copy of the Consent Order entered by the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board"), which resolves this matter. The Board will issue you a license marked "VALID IN VIRGINIA ONLY"

This Order will be forwarded to Peggy Wood, HPMP Monitoring Program Manager. Ms. Wood will monitor your compliance with the terms of the Order on behalf of the Board. Please direct all questions related to your compliance with your Order to Ms. Wood at (804) 367-4418 or directly to her by mail at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact our office at (804)367-4614.

Sincerely,

Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S. Deputy Executive Director Virginia Board of Nursing

BK/phr Enclosure

cc:

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## BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

DIANE MARIE SKWISZ, R.N.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT

License Number:

0001-121354

Case Number:

180376

## **CONSENT ORDER**

# JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Diane Marie Skwisz, R.N., as evidenced by their signatures hereto, in lieu of proceeding to an informal conference, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Skwisz's license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Diane Marie Skwisz, R.N., was issued License Number 0001-121354 to practice professional nursing on October 29, 1990, which expired on February 28, 2009. Her primary state of residence is Massachusetts. Ms. Skwisz submitted an application for reinstatement of her license on March 13, 2017.
- 2. Ms. Skwisz violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) and 18 VAC 90-20-300 (A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (currently found at 18 VAC 90-19-230(A)(2)(c), effective February 24, 2017) in that in January 2016, during the course of her employment in Massachusetts, Ms. Skwisz diverted two tablets of Tylenol with codeine (C-III) that were prescribed to a patient.
- 3. On June 17, 2016, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing dismissed the complaint against Ms. Skwisz on the condition that she enter into and comply with the terms of her agreement with the Massachusetts Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program ("SARP").

4. In her reinstatement application submitted to the Board, Ms. Skwisz stated that she is in compliance with the SARP program.

### CONSENT

Diane Marie Skwisz, R.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;
- 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 an informal conference;
- 5. I admit to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and 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 professional 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. Diane Marie Skwisz, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.
- 2. The application of Diane Marie Skwisz, R.N., for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing is APPROVED contingent upon Ms. Skwisz's entry into the Virginia

Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"). Thereafter, Ms. Skwisz shall comply with the terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP.

- Ms. Skwisz shall be issued a license that is valid in Virginia only.
- 4. Upon receipt of evidence of Ms. Skwisz's participation in and successful completion of the terms specified by the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Skwisz's appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter, at which time she may be issued an unrestricted license.
- 5. Diane Marie Skwisz, R.N., shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 6. Any violation of the foregoing terms and conditions of this Order or any statute or regulation governing the practice of professional nursing shall constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.

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.

Diane Marie Skwisz, R.N. CONSENT ORDER Page 4 of 4

FOR THE BOARD Executive Director Virginia Board of Nursing SEEN AND AGREED TO: COMMONWEALTH OF VIRG COUNTY/CITY OF LOCCES Subscribed and sworn to me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large, on this Notary Public **JOHN TANACEA** Notary Public, Commonwealth of Massachusetts My Commission Expires June 29, 2018 My commission expires:

**Certified True Copy** 

Virginia Board Of Nursing

Registration No.: