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BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

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IN RE: GAIL BRANCH, R.N.
License Number: 0001-215723
Case Number: 174951

CONSENT ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

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

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Gail Branch, R.N., was issued License Number 0001-215723 to practice professional nursing on October 1, 2008, which is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2019. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Ms. Branch violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a) and (c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (currently found at 18 VAC 90-19-230(A)(2)(a) and (c), effective February 24, 2017) in that during the course of her employment at Southside Regional Medical Center, Petersburg, Virginia, between 2012 and 2016, Ms. Branch provided samples of Diovan (valsartan) and Crestor (rosuvastatin) without a physician's order to an individual who was not a patient of the practice.

3. Southside Regional Medical Center suspended Ms. Branch's employment for five days.

CONSENT

Gail Branch, 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; the right to representation by counsel; and the right to cross-examine witnesses against me;

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. Gail Branch, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.

2. Within 90 days of the entry of this Order, Gail Branch, R.N., shall provide evidence to the Board of successful completion the following NCSBN courses:

(a) *Ethics of Nursing Practice,*

(b) *Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses.*

Continuing education obtained through compliance with this term shall not be used towards licensure renewal.

3. Gail Branch, R.N., shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

4. Any violation of the foregoing terms and conditions of this Order or any statute or regulation governing the practice of 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.

FOR THE BOARD

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

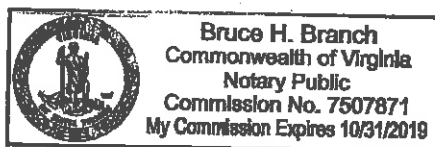
ENTERED: July 7, 2017

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Gail Branch, R.N.
Gail Branch, R.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY/CITY OF Petersburg, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large, on this 14th day of June, 2017.



Bruce H. Branch
Notary Public

My commission expires: October 31, 2019

Registration No.: 7507871

Certified True Copy
By *[Signature]*
Virginia Board of Nursing