

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND
MEDICINE**

IN RE: KATHLEEN M. TAUER, L.N.P.
License Number's: 0024-071863, 0017-000151
Case Number: 171802

ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), a Special Conference Committee of the Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine ("Committee of the Joint Boards") held an informal conference on June 7, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Kathleen M. Tauer, L.N.P., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of nurse practitioners in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Kathleen M. Tauer, L.N.P. appeared at this proceeding and was represented by Edward McNelis, Esquire.

NOTICE

By letter dated April 12, 2017, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Tauer notifying her that an informal conference would be held on May 10, 2017. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board. On May 10, 2017, the Board continued the informal conference to June 7, 2017.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee of the Joint Boards adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the Order contained herein.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Kathleen M. Tauer, L.N.P., was issued License Number 0024-071863 to practice as a nurse practitioner on November 5, 1992, which is scheduled to expire on February 28, 2019. At all times relevant to the findings contained herein, said license was current and active.

2. Ms. Tauer violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(5) and 18 VAC 90-30-220(4) of the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners in that during the course of her employment with Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Facility, Chesterfield, Virginia, as part of her monitoring and assessment of Patient A, she failed to fully document her examinations of and encounters with the patient. This patient had previously been diagnosed with deep vein thrombosis on September 9, 2015, and he had a known history related to his bicuspid aortic valve.

3. Ms. Tauer remains employed with the Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Facility. She stated at the informal conference that she has learned from the experience and stated that she has become more “inclusive” in her documentation.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine hereby ORDERS as follows:

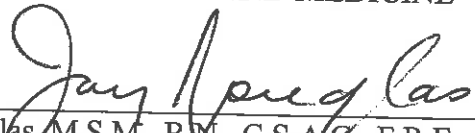
1. Kathleen M. Tauer, L.N.P., shall provide written proof of completion of the following NCSBN online course with 90 days of the entry of this Order: *Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care*.

2. Ms. Tauer shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of nurse practitioners in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

3. Any violation of the foregoing terms and conditions of this Order or any statute or regulation governing the practice of nurse practitioners shall constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.

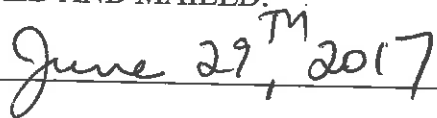
Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT
BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE



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


ENTERED AND MAILED:



June 29TH, 2017

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Tauer may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on August 1, 2017, notify Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that she desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated. This Order shall become final on August 1, 2017, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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