

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: DIANAH ROCHELLE TURNER FARRAR, C.N.A.
CertificateNumber: 1401-031409
Case Number: 178730

ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4024(F), and 54.1-2400(11), a panel of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") held a formal administrative hearing on May 17, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Dianah Rochelle Turner Farrar's application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Dianah Rochelle Turner Farrar, C.N.A., appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated May 2, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Formal Hearing ("Notice") to Ms. Farrar notifying her that a formal administrative hearing would be held on May 17, 2017. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On June 13, 1992, the Board issued Certificate Number 1401-031409 to Dianah Rochelle Turner Farrar, C.N.A. to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Said certificate expired on June 30, 2002.

2. Ms. Farrar's certificate to practice as a nurse aide was mandatorily suspended pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409 by Order of the Department of Health Professions, entered January 12, 2004. On April 15, 2009, Ms. Farrar submitted an application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide. Ms. Farrar's application for reinstatement was denied and her right to renew her certificate was revoked by Order of the Board entered July 28, 2009.

3. Ms. Farrar submitted an application for reinstatement which was received by the Board on December 8, 2016.

4. Ms. Farrar has been diagnosed with and is currently receiving treatment for bipolar disorder and polysubstance abuse.

5. Ms. Farrar testified that her sobriety date is October 13, 2011, that she attends Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings four to five times per week with her sponsor, and that she has had the same sponsor for three years. Ms. Farrar told the Board that she sees her psychiatrist and her case manager at the Community Services Board once every two months. She further stated that she has a case manager with the Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services. In both evidence provided to the Board and in her testimony, Ms. Farrar admitted she has a substance abuse problem. In the evidence, she stated that she had previously been in denial but she is no longer.

6 Ms. Farrar stated to the Board that she is adherent to her medication and treatment regimens.

7. Ms. Farrar told the Board that she has not worked as a certified nurse aide since 2002.

8. At the formal hearing, Ms. Farrar said that she has several people who will hire her if she receives her certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6).

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

ORDER

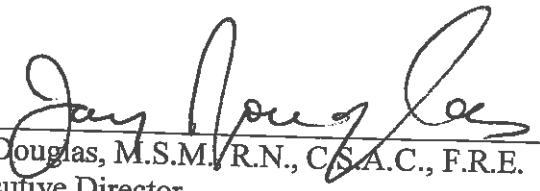
WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, by affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the Board at the proceeding, effective upon entry of this Order, ORDERS as follows:

1. The certificate issued to Dianah Rochelle Turner Farrar, C.N.A., to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia is REINSTATED contingent completion of a certified nurse aide program and upon successful completion of the NNAAP examination. Upon reinstatement, Ms. Farrar shall be issued an unrestricted certificate to practice as a nurse aide.

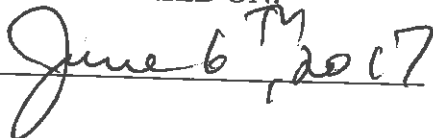
2. Ms. Farrar shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of certified nurse aides in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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

ENTERED AND MAILED ON:


June 6TH 2017

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By 
Virginia Board Of Nursing

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay 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. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.