BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

JEFFREY PATRICK ROBERTSON, R.N.

License Number:

0001-260363

Case Number:

173272

**ORDER** 

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), a Special Conference Committee of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") held an informal conference on February 21, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Jeffrey P. Robertson, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Jeffrey Patrick Robertson, R.N., appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

**NOTICE** 

By letter dated September 22, 2016, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Mr. Robertson notifying him that an informal conference would be held on October 18, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board. On October 18, 2016, Mr. Robertson requested and received a continuance. By letter dated October 20, 2016, Mr. Robertson was notified that the informal conference would be held on February 21, 2017.

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

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## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Jeffrey Patrick Robertson, R.N., was issued License Number 0001-260363 to practice professional nursing on July 27, 2015, which is scheduled to expire on February 28, 2019. At all times relevant to the findings contained herein, said license was current and active. His primary state of residence is Virginia.
- 2. Mr. Robertson violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(1) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(1)(b) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations") (currently found at 18 VAC 90-19-230(A)(1)(b) effective February 24, 2017) in that on his application for licensure to practice professional nursing in Virginia, dated March 31, 2015:
- a. He answered "no" to the question asking if he had a mental, physical, or chemical dependency condition that could interfere with his current ability to practice nursing; however, he had received inpatient treatment and was receiving outpatient treatment for his admitted addiction to opiates. At the informal conference, Mr. Robertson stated that he misunderstood the question.
- b. He answered "no" to the question asking if he had ever been convicted, pled guilty to, or pled nolo contendere to the violation of any federal, state, or other statute or ordinance constituting a felony or misdemeanor, when, in fact, he had been convicted of trespassing to fish or hunt in the Virginia Beach, Virginia General District Court in 2012. At the informal conference, Mr. Robertson stated that he was not aware that it was a criminal offense.
- 3. Mr. Robertson violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations (currently found at 18 VAC 90-19-230(A)(2)(e) effective February 24, 2017) in that on an application for employment with Newport News Behavioral Health Center dated May 24, 2016:

- a. He stated that his reason for leaving the Barry Robinson Center was "family matter and personal," when, in fact, his employment with the Barry Robinson Center had been terminated on April 19, 2016, for violating policy related to the administration of controlled medications.
- b. He denied ever being convicted of a criminal offense when, in fact, he had been convicted of trespassing.

## **ORDER**

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

- 1. Jeffrey Patrick Robertson, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Within 90 days from the date of entry of this Order, Jeffrey Patrick Robertson, R.N., shall provide written proof satisfactory to the Board of successful completion of the following NCSBN courses: Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know; Medication Errors: Causes & Prevention; and Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses.
- 3. Continuing education obtained through compliance with this term shall not be used toward licensure renewal.
- 4. Jeffrey Patrick Robertson, R.N., shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 5. 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.

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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:

March 3, 2017

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Mr. Robertson may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on April 5,

2017, notify 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, in writing that he 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 April 5, 2017, unless a request for a formal

administrative hearing is received as described above.

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