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IN RE: TARA J. HARKINS, L.P.N.
License Number: 0002-070528
Case Number: 178851

VA BD OF NURSING

CONSENT ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Tara J. Harkins, L.P.N., as evidenced by their signatures hereto, in lieu of proceeding to an informal conference, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Harkins' license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Tara J. Harkins, L.P.N., was issued License Number 0002-070528 to practice practical nursing on January 4, 2005. This license was indefinitely suspended by Order of the Board on May 26, 2017, with the suspension stayed on May 31, 2017, based upon evidence of her entry into the Virginia Health Practitioner's Monitoring Program and contingent upon her remaining in compliance with the Program thereafter. This license is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2018. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Ms. Harkins violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (currently found at 18 VAC 90-19-230(A)(2)(f), effective February 24, 2017) in that during the course of her employment at the Colonnades, Charlottesville, Virginia, on January 28, 2017, Ms. Harkins threw a towel at a resident and used a curse word.
3. The Colonnades terminated Ms. Harkins' employment.

CONSENT

Tara J. Harkins, L.P.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 practical 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. Tara J. Harkins, L.P.N., is REPRIMANDED.
2. Within 60 days from the date of entry of this Order, Tara J. Harkins, L.P.N., shall provide written proof satisfactory to the Board of successful completion of the following NCSBN course: *Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing*. Continuing education obtained through compliance with this term shall not be used toward licensure renewal.
3. Tara J. Harkins, L.P.N., shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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4. Any violation of the foregoing terms and conditions of this Order or any statute or regulation governing the practice of practical 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: August 28, 2017

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Tara J. Harkins
Tara J. Harkins, L.P.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large, on this 21 day of August, 2017.

SHAWN ROBERT HARPER
NOTARY PUBLIC 7599816
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 09-30-2018
My commission expires:

Shawn Robert Harper
Notary Public

09/30/2018

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By *[Signature]*
Virginia Board of Nursing