

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: JOYCE LYNN JONES WRIGHT, C.N.A.

Certificate Number: 1401-147065

Case Number: 169439

RATIFICATION AND ORDER

On May 17, 2017, a panel of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Joyce Lynn Jones Wright, C.N.A., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

In consideration whereof, the Board of Nursing ACCEPTS the attached Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Agency Subordinate and ADOPTS the Recommended Order in its entirety.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 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.

Since Ms. Wright failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Wright has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Wright has thirty days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within 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, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD


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

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE

Jurisdiction and Procedural History

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), Nancy Durrett, R.N., M.S.N., serving as Agency Subordinate of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board"), held an informal conference on March 9, 2017 in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Joyce Lynn Jones Wright, C.N.A., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Wright did not appear at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Agency Subordinate makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and recommends that the Board adopt the following Order.

Notice

By letter dated January 30, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Wright notifying her that an informal conference would be held on March 9, 2017. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board. The certified mail receipt was signed and returned to the Board. The Notice sent by first class mail was not returned to the Board office. Accordingly, the Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Wright and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

1. Joyce Lynn Jones Wright, C.N.A., was issued Certificate Number 1401-147065 to practice as a nurse aide on August 8, 2011, which is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2017. At all times relevant to the findings herein, said certificate was in full force and effect.

2. Ms. Wright violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) and 18 VAC 90-25-100(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides in that on August 13, 2015, during the course of her employment with Central Virginia Training Center, Lynchburg, Virginia, she left the facility without notifying her supervisor or making arrangements to provide care for four residents assigned to her.

3. In her statement to an investigator with the Department of Health Professions (“DHP”), dated November 9, 2015, Ms. Wright denied walking off the job in that she told the LPN on duty that she was leaving. However, the LPN stated to a DHP investigator that Ms. Wright never approached her and did not tell her she was leaving.

4. An investigation into the incident conducted by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services concluded that Ms. Wright was neglectful of her duties in abandoning her residents.

5. No patient harm resulted from Ms. Wright’s conduct.

6. Ms. Wright stated to an investigator that she is currently employed as a nurse aide at UVA Medical Center, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Recommended Order

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Agency Subordinate recommends that the Board issue an Order as follows:

1. Joyce Lynn Jones Wright is REPRIMANDED.

2. Joyce Lynn Jones Wright shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Reviewed and approved on April 4, 2017
By Nancy Durrett, R.N., M.S.N.
Agency Subordinate