

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: ANGELL CAROL DUNAWAY, R.N.
License Number: 0001-154838
Case Number: 172815

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 April 11, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Angell C. Dunaway, R.N., may have violated certain laws governing the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Angell Carol Dunaway, R.N. appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated January 18, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Dunaway notifying her that an informal conference would be held on February 7, 2017. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board. On February 2, 2017, Ms. Dunaway requested and was granted a continuance in this matter, and the informal conference was rescheduled for April 11, 2017.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Angell Carol Dunaway, R.N., was issued License Number 0001-154838 to practice professional nursing on July 18, 1997, which is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2019. At all times

relevant to the findings contained herein, said license was current and active. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Ms. Dunaway violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice professional nursing due to substance abuse and/or mental and/or physical illness, as evidenced by the following:

a. On March 11, 2016, Ms. Dunaway was admitted to Roanoke Memorial Hospital under a temporary detention order, for depression with suicidal ideation. Ms. Dunaway was discharged on March 15, 2016, with the following diagnoses: bipolar disorder, manic, severe without psychotic behavior and cannabis disorder.

b. From December 9, 2015 to June 2016, Ms. Dunaway received mental health treatment with the Alleghany-Highlands Community Services Board for bipolar disorder, alcohol use disorder, posttraumatic stress disorder, cannabis use disorder and borderline personality disorder.

c. In the General District Court of Alleghany County, Virginia:

i. On October 20, 2015, Ms. Dunaway was convicted of public intoxication.

ii. On July 22, 2010, Ms. Dunaway was convicted of driving while under the influence.

iii. On September 9, 2008, Ms. Dunaway was convicted of drunk in public.

3. Ms. Dunaway stated to the Committee that she does not agree with any of her mental health and substance abuse diagnoses, but believes that she only has performance anxiety. Further, she stated to the Committee that her current health issues do not impact her nursing practice.

4. Ms. Dunaway stated to the Committee that she has not received any mental health treatment since May 2016. She stated that she pursued disability in 2015, for mental and physical illness, but she was denied disability benefits.

5. Ms. Dunaway stated to the Committee that she is currently prescribed Lisinopril (C-VI), Klonopin (C-IV), atenolol (C-VI) and Aldactone (C-VI).

6. Ms. Dunaway stated to the Committee that she has been employed at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, in the Med-Surg Unit since December 8, 2016. She stated that her employer did not supply her with any substantiating documentation for the purpose of this informal conference.

7. Ms. Dunaway responded to questions from the Committee in an exaggerated fashion. Further, she had difficulty staying on point and had to be redirected several times.

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

ORDER

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

1. Angell Carol Dunaway, R.N., shall undergo a psychiatric evaluation and a chemical dependency evaluation each conducted by a Board-approved specialist who holds an unrestricted license, and have a written report of the evaluation, including a diagnosis, recommended course of therapy, prognosis, and any other recommendations sent to the Board, within 60 days of the entry of this Order. Ms. Dunaway shall provide proof to the Board that she has provided the specialist with a complete copy of this Order. Ms. Dunaway shall execute all releases necessary for unrestricted communication between the specialists and the Board and shall bear all costs associated with the evaluation. Upon receipt of the required report, the Board shall conduct a review of this matter and


may either schedule an additional administrative proceeding to consider the evaluation and make a final disposition of the matter or close the matter without a further proceeding.

2. Ms. Dunaway shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing 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 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, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED AND MAILED:

May 2, 2017

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Dunaway may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on June 4, 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 she desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this

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Order shall be vacated. This Order shall become final on June 4, 2017, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.