

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: THELMA VIVEN ASHLEY-LOMLEY, R.N.
License Number: 0001-172276
Case Number: 172903

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 4, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Thelma Viven Ashley-Lomley, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Thelma Viven Ashley-Lomley, R.N., appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated March 3, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Ashley-Lomley notifying her that an informal conference would be held on April 4, 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 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. Thelma Viven Ashley-Lomley, R.N., was issued License Number 0001-172276 to practice professional nursing on October 31, 2000, which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2018. At all times relevant to the findings contained herein, said license was current and active. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Ms. Ashley-Lomley violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (currently found at 18 VAC 90-19-230(A)(2)(a) effective February 24, 2017) in that during the course of her employment with Mary Washington Healthcare, Fredericksburg, Virginia, on March 6, 2016, she administered hydralazine 20mg IV to a patient whose blood pressure was 192/78, without a physician's order.

3. At the informal conference, Ms. Ashley-Lomley stated that when she arrived for her shift, she saw that there was hydralazine with the patient's name on it in the medication room, so she assumed that he already had an order for it. She said that a nurse aide took the patient's blood pressure but did not tell her that it was high. When she finally saw that the patient's blood pressure was high, she gave the medication to the patient without scanning it because her computer did not "come up." After approximately one-half hour, she scanned the medication. She said that she called the patient's physician to report his high blood pressure but did not get a response. She discovered that the patient did not actually have a current order for hydralazine when she gave report to the oncoming shift. There had only been an order for hydralazine 10mg one time.

4. Ms. Ashley-Lomley maintained that she gave only 10mg of hydralazine, even though the medication scan recorded that she gave 20mg. She acknowledged not following the five rights of medication during this incident, and stated that this was because she panicked because the patient's blood pressure had been so high for so long. She did not clearly articulate Mary Washington Healthcare's medication administration process.

5. There was no harm to the patient noted. Ms. Ashley-Lomley's employment with Mary Washington Healthcare was terminated. She is currently employed with the Sentara system-wide float pool.

ORDER

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


1. Within 90 days from the date of entry of this Order, Thelma Viven Ashley-Lomley, R.N., shall provide written proof satisfactory to the Board of successful completion of the following NCSBN courses: *Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care; Medication Errors: Causes & Prevention; and Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing*. Continuing education obtained through compliance with this term shall not be used toward licensure renewal.

2. Thelma Viven Ashley-Lomley, R.N., 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:

April 19TH, 2017

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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Ashley-Lomley may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on May 22, 2017, notify Jay P. Douglas, 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 Order shall be vacated. This Order shall become final on May 22, 2017, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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