

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: KATELYN HAYNES WASHINGTON, R.N.
License Number: 0001-236934
Case Number: 172183

ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4024(F), and 54.1-2400(11), a panel of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) held a formal administrative hearing on March 23, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Katelyn Hanes Washington, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Katelyn Haynes Washington, R.N., did not appear at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated March 7, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Formal Hearing (“Notice”) to Ms. Washington notifying her that a formal administrative hearing would be held on March 23, 2017. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board. The Notice sent by certified mail was not returned to the Board office. The Notice sent by first class mail was not returned to the Board office. Accordingly, the panel Chair concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Washington and the formal hearing proceeded in her absence.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Katelyn Haynes Washington, R.N. was issued License No. 0001-236934 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on April 20, 2012. Ms. Washington's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. During the course of her employment with Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, between December 2015 and February 2016, by her own admission, Katelyn Washington diverted narcotic medication tablets for her own personal, unauthorized use from the supplies of multiple patients. Ms. Washington accomplished this diversion by withdrawing the patient's medication, documenting administration, and then taking the tablets home for her consumption.
3. Ms. Washington's employment with Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital was terminated on February 23, 2016.
4. On March 1, 2016, Ms. Washington signed a Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") in which she acknowledged that her opioid abuse may impair her ability to practice professional nursing.
5. Beginning in March 2016, Ms. Washington received treatment at Village Family Psychiatry, Richmond, Virginia, for diagnoses including opioid use disorder.
6. On May 2, 2016, as part of the HPMP toxicology screening program, Ms. Washington submitted a urine drug sample that was positive for alcohol.
7. On June 22, 2016, Ms. Washington submitted a letter of resignation to the HPMP. Her resignation was accepted by the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program Committee on July 1, 2016.
8. Ms. Washington signed a new Participation Contract with the HPMP on September 12, 2016, and a Recovery Monitoring Contract on October 10, 2016.

9. On January 30, 2017, Ms. Washington was dismissed from the HPMP for noncompliance. Her dismissal was based upon her testing positive for benzoylecgonine, a metabolite of cocaine, and propoxyphene, failure to comply with toxicology screening program, failure to enter and complete treatment as recommended, failure to communicate with HPMP, and her verbal resignation from the program.

10. In her interview with the DHP investigator, Ms. Washington said that she diverted medication from wastage and never denied a patient his medication.

11. The director of pharmacy at St. Mary's Hospital testified at the hearing and confirmed an internal review that found Ms. Washington had diverted medication from the hospital's stock. He confirmed that Ms. Washington had pulled medication for patients who were not assigned to her and that multiple times she documented administration prior to pulling the medication.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (6) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) and (e) (currently found at 18 VAC 90-19-230(A)(2)(c) and (e) effective February 24, 2017) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

2. Findings of Fact Nos. 4 through 6 constitute a violation of Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6).

ORDER

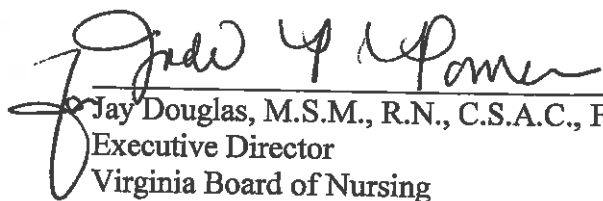
Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Nursing hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The license issued to Katelyn Haynes Washington, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

2. The license of Katelyn Haynes Washington, R.N., will be recorded as SUSPENDED.
3. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.
4. Should Katelyn Haynes Washington, R.N., seek reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding shall be convened to consider such application. At such time, the burden shall be on Ms. Washington to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of professional nursing. Ms. Washington shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and/or renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

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 ON:

April 6, 2017

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this

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decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.