

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: JOYCE HELEN WATSON, L.P.N.
License Number: 0002-061126
Case Number: 173793

ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), an Agency Subordinate of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) held an informal conference on February 7, 2017 in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into allegations that Joyce Helen Watson, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of practical nursing in Virginia.

Ms. Watson appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated January 6, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Watson 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. By letter dated February 7, 2017, the Board hand-delivered an Amended Notice to Ms. Watson.

BOARD’S CONSIDERATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE’S RECOMMENDATION

The Board met regarding this matter on March 22, 2017. Ms. Watson was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.. In consideration whereof, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the ORDER contained herein.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Joyce Helen Watson, L.P.N., was issued License Number 0002-061126 to practice Licensed Practical Nurse on September 14, 2000, which expired on April 30, 2016. At all times relevant to the findings herein, said license was in full force and effect. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Ms. Watson 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 Newport News Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Newport News, Virginia, Ms. Watson failed to provide timely emergency care to Resident A, who had an order for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (“CPR”) on file and who had been found unresponsive on her bed. Specifically, on January 2, 2016 at approximately 5:15 a.m., a certified nurse aide found Resident A in her bed cold and unresponsive; she then notified the licensed practical nurse assigned to Resident A. The assigned nurse obtained Ms. Watson for assistance and, after assessing the resident, Ms. Watson failed to issue a code blue or perform CPR.
3. Ms. Watson accepted responsibility for her actions and acknowledged that she should have implemented CPR once she found out the resident was a full code, even though not her assigned resident.
4. Ms. Watson was employed at Newport News Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for six years. She resigned from employment on January 9, 2016, to care for an individual with chronic health problems. Ms. Watson has not been terminated from any nursing position in her 16 years of practice.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board Orders as follows:

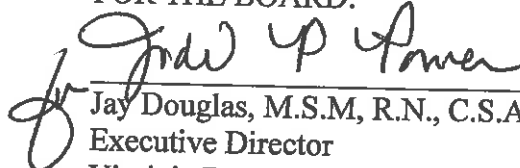
3. Joyce Helen Watson, L.P.N., is REPRIMANDED.

1. Joyce Helen Watson, L.P.N., is REPRIMANDED.
2. Within 90 days from the date of entry of this Order, Joyce Helen Watson, L.P.N., shall provide written proof satisfactory to the Board of successful completion of the following NCSBN courses: *Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses* and *Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing*. Continuing education obtained through compliance with this term shall not be used toward licensure renewal.
3. Joyce Helen Watson, L.P.N., shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
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 § 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.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Watson may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on May 3, 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 Order shall be vacated.

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:

March 31, 2017

This Order shall become final on May 3, 2017, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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