## BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: LORI HODGES, L.P.N.

License Number: 0002-085610

Case Number: 173127

## RATIFICATION AND ORDER

On March 22, 2017, a panel of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Lori Hodges, L.P.N., 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.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Hodges 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:

Much 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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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE

Jurisdiction and Procedural History

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), Louise Hershkowitz, C.R.N.A.,

M.S.H.A., serving as Agency Subordinate of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board"), held an

informal conference on February 7, 2017 in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that

Lori Hodges, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of

practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Hodges appeared 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 6, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to

Ms. Hodges 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. Hodges.

Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

Lori Hodges, L.P.N., was issued License Number 0002-085610 to practice practical 1.

nursing on August 31, 2011, which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2017. At all times relevant to

the findings herein, said license was in full force and effect. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

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- 2. Ms. Hodges violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (currently found at 18 VAC 90-19-230(A)(2)(e), effective February 24, 2017) in that on the sworn disclosure statement in connection with her application for employment with Bay Lake Retirement and Assisted Living Community dated March 3, 2016, she falsely answered "no" to the question, "are you the subject of any pending criminal charges," when, in fact, she had criminal charges pending in the Virginia Beach General District Court. Further, Ms. Hodges submitted a fraudulent letter dated March 21, 2016, to the court containing a forged signature purporting to be from the director of nursing at Bay Lake Retirement indicating that she had performed 24 hours of community service at the facility.
  - 3. Ms. Hodges' employment with Bay Lake Retirement was terminated on April 1, 2016.
- 4. Ms. Hodges has been employed at Westminster Canterbury of Chesapeake Bay since March 27, 2015, and the director of nursing provided a positive statement regarding her nursing practice. Ms. Hodges has had four nursing employments in the past five years, none of which ended in termination except Bay Lake Retirement and Assisted Living Community.

## 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. Lori Hodges, L.P.N., is REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Lori Hodges, L.P.N., shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Reviewed and approved on March 1, 2017 By Louise Hershkowitz, C.R.N.A., M.S.H.A. Agency Subordinate

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