

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: REBECCA JEAN GROCE MONK, R.N.

License Number: 0001-168053

Case Number: 176180

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. Rebecca Jean Groce Monk, R.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.

Since Ms. Monk failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Monk has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Monk has thirty days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three days are added to that period.

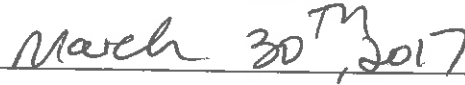
FOR THE BOARD

  
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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE**

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**Jurisdiction and Procedural History**

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), Nancy K. Durrett, R.N., M.S., serving as Agency Subordinate of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”), held an informal conference on January 10, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Rebecca Jean Groce Monk, R.N., may have violated certain terms and conditions of the Order of the Board entered on February 18, 2016.

Ms. Monk did not appear 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 December 7, 2016, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Monk notifying her that an informal conference would be held on January 10, 2017. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board. The certified mail receipt was signed and returned to the Board office. The Notice sent by first class mail was not returned to the Board office. Further, Ms. Monk called the Board office and stated that she would not be attending the proceeding. Accordingly, the Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Monk and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

### **Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law**

1. Rebecca Jean Groce Monk, R.N., was issued License Number 0001-168053 to practice professional nursing on May 24, 2000, which is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2018. At all times relevant to the findings herein, said license was in full force and effect. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Following its mandatory suspension by the Department of Health Professions based on a felony conviction, by Order of the Board entered on February 18, 2016 (“Board’s Order”), Ms. Monk’s license to practice professional nursing was reinstated on probation, with terms and conditions, for not less than one year of actual nursing employment, due to findings of substandard nursing care.

3. Ms. Monk violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) and Term No. 2 of the Board’s Order, which required her to continue in therapy until discharged, in that by letter received on August 9, 2016, Ms. Monk reported that she had discontinued therapy.

4. Ms. Monk violated Term Nos. 3 and 6 of the Board’s Order, which required her to submit quarterly reports from her court-appointed probation officer, in that she failed to submit reports due April 18 and June 30, 2016.

5. Ms. Monk violated Term Nos. 6 and 10 of the Board’s Order, which required her to submit quarterly self-reports, in that the self-report due June 30, 2016 was not received until July 22, 2016.

6. Ms. Monk Spoke with Board of Nursing staff and stated she had moved back to Texas.

### **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. Rebecca Jean Groce Monk, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.

2. The license issued to Rebecca Jean Groce Monk, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
3. The license of Rebecca Jean Groce Monk, R.N., will be recorded as SUSPENDED.
4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.
5. Should Rebecca Jean Groce Monk, 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. Monk to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of professional nursing. Ms. Monk 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.

Reviewed and approved on February 8, 2017  
By Nancy K. Durrett, R.N., M.S.  
Agency Subordinate