

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: ASHLEY E. BOWERS, L.P.N.
License Number: 0002-074234
Case Number: 169805

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 August 1, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Ashley E. Bowers, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ashley E. Bowers, L.P.N. did not appear at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated July 7, 2016, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Bowers notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 1, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The certified mail receipt was signed and returned to the Board office on July 13, 2016. The Notice sent by first class mail was returned to the Board office on July 19, 2016 marked “return to sender.” Accordingly, the Committee Chair concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Bowers and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

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. Ashley E. Bowers, L.P.N. was issued License Number 0002-074234 to practice practical nursing on August 28, 2006, which is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2017. At all times relevant to the findings contained herein, said license was in full force and effect. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Ms. Bowers 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 in that during the course of her employment with Trustient, on August 6, 2015, Ms. Bowers abandoned Patient A, who has amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and is ventilator dependent, bedridden, and fed through a g-tube, by leaving the patient unattended and failing to return or arrange for continuity of care.

ORDER

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

1. Ashley E. Bowers is REPRIMANDED.
2. Within 60 days from the date of entry of this Order, Ashley E. Bowers shall provide written proof satisfactory to the Board of successful completion of the following NCSBN courses:
 - a. Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses; and
 - b. Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.
3. Ashley E. Bowers 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 §§ 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

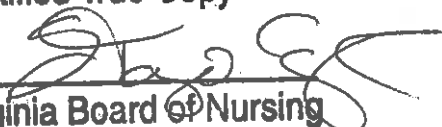
ENTERED AND MAILED:

August 12th, 2016

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Bowers may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on September 14, 2016, notify Jay 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 September 14, 2016, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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By 
Virginia Board of Nursing