

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: MANDY ALISHA LONAS, R.N.
License Number: 0001-197540
Case Number: 173028

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 February 9, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Mandy Alisha Lonas, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mandy Alisha Lonas, R.N., did not appear at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated January 5, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Lonas notifying her that an informal conference would be held on February 9, 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. Accordingly, the Committee Chair concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Lonas 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. Mandy Alisha Lonas, R.N., was issued License Number 0001-197540 to practice professional nursing on August 3, 2005, which is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2018. At all

times relevant to the findings contained herein, said license was current and active. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Mandy Alisha Lonas, R.N., violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in that on November 3, 2015, she phoned in a fraudulent prescription for Phentermine under another nurse's name for her own personal and unauthorized use.

3. Ms. Lonas was charged with one felony count of obtaining prescription by fraud in the Circuit Court for the County of Shenandoah, Woodstock, Virginia. Ms. Lonas pled guilty to the charge pursuant to a deferred disposition on February 10, 2016, and the case is set for a return date on February 15, 2017.

4. Ms. Lonas' employment with Valley Health Shenandoah Memorial Hospital, Winchester, Virginia, was terminated effective March 30, 2016 for her failure to timely report her criminal charge.

ORDER

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

1. Mandy Alisha Lonas, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.


2. Ms. Lonas is assessed a MONETARY PENALTY of \$250.00. This penalty shall be paid to the Board by certified check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of Virginia within 90 days from the date of entry of this Order. Failure to pay the full monetary penalty by the due date may cause the matter to be sent for collection and constitutes grounds for an administrative proceeding and further discipline.

3. Ms. Lonas shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of professional 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 professional 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:

February 23rd, 2017

Certified True Copy

By 

Virginia Board of Nursing

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Lonas may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on March 28, 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. This Order shall become final on March 28, 2017, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.