

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: SHIRLEY MELISSA WILLIAMSON, R.N.
License Number: 0001-188108
Case Number: 176209

CONSENT ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Shirley Melissa Williamson, R.N., as evidenced by their signatures hereto, in lieu of proceeding to an informal conference, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Williamson's license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Shirley Melissa Williamson, R.N., was issued License Number 0001-188108 to practice professional nursing on November 13, 2003, which is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2017. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By Order of the Board entered on February 26, 2014 ("Board's Order"), Ms. Williamson was reprimanded and her license was reinstated contingent upon her continued compliance with all terms and conditions of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"). Said action was based on findings that Ms. Williams was diagnosed with bipolar disorder and polysubstance dependence.
3. Ms. Williamson violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) and Term No. 4 of the Board's Order in that on September 16, 2016, she was dismissed from the HPMP due to noncompliance with her program contract.

4. Ms. Williamson has been working as a Peer Recovery Specialist at Pathways to Housing DC in the District of Columbia since February 2016. Pathways is aware of Ms. Williamson's substance abuse history. Ms. Williamson has stated that she is in recovery, attends Narcotics Anonymous, has a sponsor, and is willing to re-enter the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program or a similar program in another state or the District of Columbia

CONSENT

Shirley Melissa Williamson, R.N., by affixing her signature to this Consent Order, agrees to the following:

1. I have been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document and am represented by Nathan Mortier, Esq.;
2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me or my license except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-4000 *et seq.*;
3. I acknowledge that I have the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact-finding conference before the Board; the right to representation by counsel; and the right to cross-examine witnesses against me;
4. I waive my right to an informal conference;
5. I admit to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waive my right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any sanction imposed hereunder in any future judicial or administrative proceeding in which the Board is a party;
6. I consent to the entry of the following Order affecting my licensure to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ORDER

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

1. Shirley Melissa Williamson, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.
2. The license of Shirley Melissa Williamson, R.N., to practice professional nursing is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
3. The license will be recorded as suspended.
4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.
5. The suspension shall be STAYED upon proof of Ms. Williamson's entry into a Contract with the HPMP or entry into an alternative program in another state deemed by the Board to be substantially equivalent to the HPMP. Upon stay of the suspension, Shirley Melissa Williamson, R.N., shall comply with all terms and conditions of the HPMP or the alternative recovery monitoring program, for the period specified by the respective program.
6. Upon receipt of evidence of Ms. Williamson's participation in and successful completion of the terms specified by the HPMP or the alternative recovery monitoring program, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Williamson's appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter, at which time she may be issued an unrestricted license.
7. This Order is applicable to Ms. Williamson's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Williamson shall not work outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where she seeks to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

8. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the stay of suspension shall result in the immediate rescission of the stay of suspension of the license of Shirley Melissa Williamson, R.N., and the license shall be recorded as suspended. After any rescission of the stay of suspension, Ms. Williamson may, within 33 days of the effective date of the rescission, request a formal administrative hearing before the Board.

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
Jay Douglas, M.S.N., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: February 16th, 2017

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Shirley Melissa Williamson
Shirley Melissa Williamson, R.N.

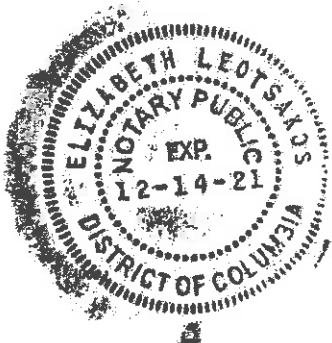
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TO WIT: Shirley Melissa Williamson

District of Columbia

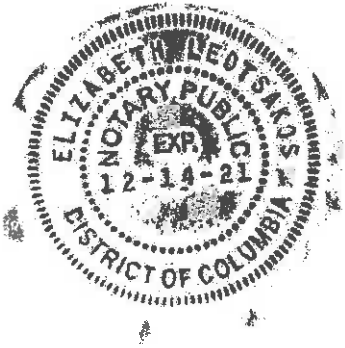
Subscribed and sworn to me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large, on this

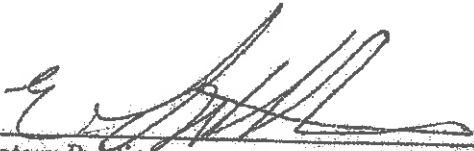
15th day of February, 2017.



Certified True Copy

By [Signature]
Virginia Board Of Nursing





Notary Public

My commission expires: 12-14-21

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