

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: CONNIE DIANE ROBBINS, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
License Number: 0001-125413
Case Number: 176766

ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4024(F), and 54.1-2400(11), a panel of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) held a formal administrative hearing on January 26, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Connie Robbins’ application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Connie Diane Robbins, R.N., appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated December 30, 2016, the Board sent a Notice of Formal Hearing (“Notice”) to Ms. Robbins notifying her that a formal administrative hearing would be held on January 26, 2017. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the Order contained herein.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Connie D. Robbins, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-125413 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on September 23, 1991. Said license was mandatorily

suspended pursuant to § 54.1-2409 of the Code of Virginia by Order of the Department of Health Professions entered on October 13, 2015. Ms. Robbins' primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Ms. Robbins submitted an application for reinstatement of said license to the Board on October 6, 2016.

3. On September 14, 2015, in the United States District Court, Western District of Virginia, Ms. Robbins pled guilty and was convicted of one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, a felony. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, this conviction formed the basis for the mandatory suspension of her license.

4. The underlying conduct that led to Ms. Robbins' conviction occurred because of her billing practices while running her consumer direct business. During the time she was running her business that was the subject of her conviction she continued to work full-time for a local hospital as an R.N. case manager.

5. The Court ordered Ms. Robbins to pay \$ 137,106.13 in restitution. She testified that she pays \$100 a month in restitution and owes \$78,544.80. She further testified that she is currently on probation and compliant with the terms of probation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(4).

ORDER

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

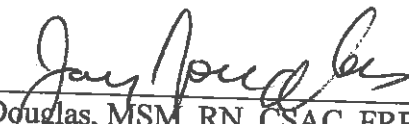
1. Connie Diane Robbins, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.
2. By affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the Board at the proceeding, the license issued to Connie Diane Robbins, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the

Commonwealth of Virginia shall be REINSTATED contingent upon receiving proof of successful completion of the following NCSBN courses: *Ethics of Nursing Practice* and *Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses*. Continuing education obtained through compliance with this term shall not be used toward licensure renewal.

3. Connie Diane Robbins, R.N., shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED AND MAILED ON:

February 9th 2017

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.

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