

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: CHRISTOPHER SHELDON GREGORY, R.N.

License Number: 0001-214615

Case Number: 175357

RATIFICATION AND ORDER


On January 25, 2017, a panel of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Christopher Sheldon Gregory, R.N., was not present nor was he 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 Mr. Gregory failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Mr. Gregory 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, Mr. Gregory has thirty days from the date of service (the date he actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to him, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay 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



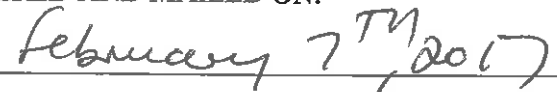
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February 7TH, 2017

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE

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 December 13, 2016 in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Christopher Sheldon Gregory, R.N., may have violated certain terms and conditions of the Board Order entered April 29, 2016 and certain laws governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mr. Gregory 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 November 17, 2016, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Mr. Gregory notifying him that an informal conference would be held on December 13, 2016. 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 Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Mr. Gregory and the informal conference proceeded in his absence.

Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

1. Christopher Sheldon Gregory, R.N., was issued License Number 0001-214615 to practice professional nursing on August 1, 2008, which is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2018. At all times relevant to the findings herein, said license was in full force and effect. His primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By Order of the Board entered on April 29, 2016, Mr. Gregory was ordered to undergo evaluations by a mental health specialist and a chemical dependency specialist as well as a complete physical examination, with written reports of the evaluations submitted to the Board within 90 days from the date of entry of the Order. This Order was based on findings that Mr. Gregory acknowledged a history of substance abuse and was under the care of a pain management specialist.

3. Mr. Gregory violated Term Numbers 2 and 4 of the Board's Order in that he failed to undergo any of the evaluations as required.

4. Mr. Gregory violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that he is unsafe to practice professional nursing due to substance abuse and/or physical illness, as evidenced by a prescription monitoring report for the period April 12, 2016 to August 12, 2016, which revealed that Mr. Gregory obtained multiple prescriptions for fentanyl and oxycodone (both C-II), with a 30-day morphine equivalent to a 180mg daily dosage.

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. Christopher Sheldon Gregory, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.
2. The license issued to Christopher Sheldon Gregory, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED until such time as he

submits evidence of completion of evaluations by a mental health specialist and a chemical dependency specialist as well as a complete physical examination, with written reports of the evaluations submitted to the Board. At such time as the Board receives and considers the required evaluations, the suspension shall be lifted and Mr. Gregory may be noticed to appear before a Special Conference Committee to consider the specialists' recommendations and make a final disposition of this matter.

3. The license of Christopher Sheldon Gregory, R.N., will be recorded as SUSPENDED.
4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.

Reviewed and approved on January 3, 2017
By Nancy K. Durrett, R.N., M.S.
Agency Subordinate