

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: CLAYTISHA M. RIDDICK, C.N.A.
Certificate No.: 1401-139220**

ORDER

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on August 19, 2014 in Henrico County, Virginia. Ms. Riddick was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Nancy K. Durrett, serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On November 19, 2014, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Riddick was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Claytisha M. Riddick, C.N.A. was issued Certificate No. 1401-139220 to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia on August 11, 2010. The certificate expired on August 31, 2014.
2. By letter dated August 1, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Riddick notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 19, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 1405 Summit Avenue, Portsmouth, Virginia, 23707, the address on file with the Board of Nursing. The Notice sent by certified mail was returned to the Board office marked "unclaimed." The Notice sent by first class mail was not returned. The Notice was also sent by certified and first class mail to an alternate address at 2905 Lansing Avenue, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704. The Notice sent by certified mail was returned to the Board office marked "addressee unknown." The Notice sent by first class mail was returned "unable to forward". The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Riddick and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. From February 8, 2014 to February 12, 2014, Ms. Riddick was admitted pursuant to a Temporary Detention Order to the Behavioral Management unit at Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center (“Maryview”) due to psychotic decompensation. She also tested positive for opioids, opiates, and cocaine. She voluntarily discharged herself from treatment at Maryview. During her hospitalization, it was determined that she should receive 115mg of methadone daily from a methadone clinic for opiate dependence. No follow up to determine compliance was available at the informal conference.

4. When Ms. Riddick was telephoned by the Department of Health Professions Investigator, she told the investigator that she was not going to participate in an interview, either in person or on the telephone.

5. Ms. Riddick did state that she was not working.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of §54.1-3700(6) of the Code.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

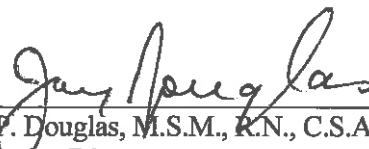
1. Certificate No. 1401-139220 of Claytisha M. Riddick, C.N.A. is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The certificate will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. At such time as Ms. Riddick shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her certificate, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming safe and competent practice as a nurse aide. Ms. Young shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the certificate prior to issuance of the certificate to resume practice.

Pursuant to § 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, 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 Ms. Riddick failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Riddick 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, Ms. Riddick has thirty (30) days from the date of service (the date she

actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. 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 (3) days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD



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

Entered: November 25th, 2014

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Virginia Board Of Nursing