

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: MARTHA W FORRESTER, L.P.N.
License Number: 0002-013300
Case Number: 170764

RATIFICATION AND ORDER

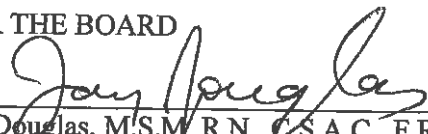
On January 25, 2017, a panel of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Martha W Forrester, L.P.N., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

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 Ms. Forrester failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Forrester 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. Forrester has thirty 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 days are added to that period.

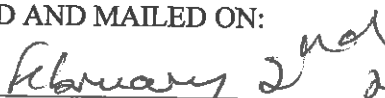
FOR THE BOARD


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February 2nd, 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), Judith Piersall, R.N., B.S.N., serving as Agency Subordinate of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”), held an informal conference on October 18, 2016 in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Martha W Forrester, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Forrester 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 September 21, 2016, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Forrester notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 18, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board. The receipt for the Notice sent via certified mail was signed by a third party and returned to the Board office. The Notice sent via first-class mail was not returned to the Board office. Accordingly, the Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Forrester and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

1. Martha W Forrester, L.P.N., was issued License Number 0002-013300 to practice practical nursing on April 10, 1970, which is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2017. At all times relevant to the findings herein, said license was in full force and effect. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Ms. Forrester violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in that during the course of her employment in a physician office which is associated with Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center, Portsmouth, Virginia, in early 2012, Ms. Forrester failed to identify a dosage error in a prescription for Couamdin for a patient with coagulation issues.

3. The dosage error resulted in the patient receiving less Coumadin than necessary to maintain an INR, a measurement of the patient's blood-clotting time, within a therapeutic range. Despite the patient's INR values dropping to lower than the therapeutic range over the course of three separate visits during January-March 2012, Ms. Forrester failed to report the INR values to the physician and identify the dosage error.

4. The patient experienced a transient ischemic attack which resulted in hospitalization.

5. Ms. Forrester remained employed at the physician office associated with Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center in Portsmouth until July 13, 2015, when her four-year employment was terminated for administering a vaccine without an order, following previous warnings that established a pattern of behavior which violated acceptable performance standards.

6. Ms. Forrester has retired from the practice of nursing and is currently dealing with significant health issues. She does not plan to return to the practice of nursing.

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. The license issued to Martha W Forrester, L.P.N., to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license of Martha W Forrester, L.P.N., will be recorded as SUSPENDED.
3. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice practical nursing.
4. Should Martha W Forrester, L.P.N., seek reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding shall be convened to consider such application. At such time, the burden shall be on Martha W Forrester, L.P.N., to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of practical nursing. Martha W Forrester, L.P.N., shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and/or renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

Reviewed and approved on November 28, 2017
By Judith Piersall, R.N., B.S.N.
Agency Subordinate