

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: WANDA JEAN STROTHER, R.N.
 License Number: 0001-109474
 Case Number: 173000**

RATIFICATION AND ORDER

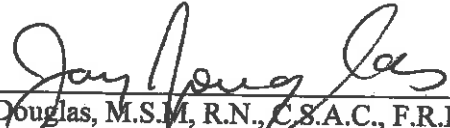
On January 25, 2017, a panel of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Wanda Jean Strother, R.N., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

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. Strother failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Strother 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. Strother 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, R.N., M.S.M., 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



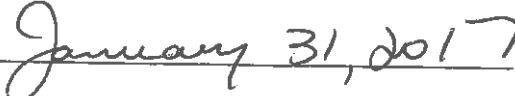
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Executive Director
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January 31, 2017

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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), Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”), held an informal conference on October 27, 2016 in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Wanda Jean Strother, R.N., may have violated certain terms and conditions of an Order of the Board.

Ms. Strother 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 14, 2016, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Strother notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 27, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board. The United States Postal Service website indicated that the Notice sent by certified mail was delivered on September 16, 2016. 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 Ms. Strother and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

1. Wanda Jean Strother, R.N., was issued License Number 0001-109474 to practice professional nursing on March 24, 1988, which expired on July 31, 2016. At all times relevant to the findings herein, said license was in full force and effect. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By Order of the Board entered November 10, 2015 ("Board's Order"), the Board issued a reprimand and took no further action against Ms. Strother's license contingent upon her entry into and compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"). This Order was based on Ms. Strother's mental illness and alcohol abuse.

3. Ms. Strother violated Term Numbers 2(b) and 3(b) of the Board's Order, which required her to comply with the terms and conditions of the HPMP, in that, on March 24, 2016, she was dismissed from the HPMP for noncompliance with her Participation Contract signed on December 10, 2015. Specifically, Ms. Strother failed to begin approved treatment and failed to respond to repeated communications from the HPMP.

4. On July 1, 2016, Ms. Strother was convicted of one misdemeanor count of public swearing and intoxication in the General District Court of the City of Staunton, Virginia.

5. Ms. Strother reported to an investigator with the Department of Health Professions that she has no plans to renew her nursing license because she plans to retire.

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. Wanda Jean Strother, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.
2. The right of Wanda Jean Strother, R.N., to renew her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
3. The license of Wanda Jean Strother, R.N., will be recorded as SUSPENDED.

4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.
5. Should Wanda Jean Strother, R.N., seek reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding shall be convened to consider such application. At such time, the burden shall be on Wanda Jean Strother, R.N., to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of professional nursing. Wanda Jean Strother, R.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 7, 2016
By Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D.
Agency Subordinate

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