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BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: VELISA J PANNELL, R.N.
License Number: 0001-192499
Case Number: 172481

VA BD OF NURSING

CONSENT ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Velisa J. Pannell, R.N., as evidenced by their signatures hereto, in lieu of proceeding to an informal conference, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Pannell's license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Velisa J. Pannell, R.N. was issued License Number 0001-192499 to practice professional nursing on September 1, 2004, which is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2017. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Ms. Pannell violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in that on February 5, 2016, during the course of her employment with Centra Lynchburg General Hospital, Lynchburg, Virginia, Ms. Pannell tested positive for cannabinoid.
3. Ms. Pannell admitted that she had consumed a brownie that had marijuana baked inside at a gathering. Ms. Pannell stated that she has never presented to work in an impaired condition.
4. Ms. Pannell's supervisor stated to the investigator for the Department of Health Professions, that she did not have any concerns that Ms. Pannell has reported to work in an impaired condition.

5. On February 6, 2016, prior to the drug test results being returned, Ms. Pannell's employment with Centra Lynchburg General Hospital was terminated for performance issues and safety concerns.

CONSENT

Velisa J. Pannell, R.N., by affixing her signature to this Consent Order, agrees to the following:

1. I have been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me or my license except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-4000 *et seq.*;
3. I acknowledge that I have the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact-finding conference before the Board; and the right to representation by counsel;
4. I waive my right to an informal conference;
5. I admit to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waive my right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any sanction imposed hereunder in any future judicial or administrative proceeding in which the Board is a party;
6. I consent to the entry of the following Order affecting my license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ORDER

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

1. Velisa J. Pannell, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Pannell 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
Jay Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: January 24th, 2017

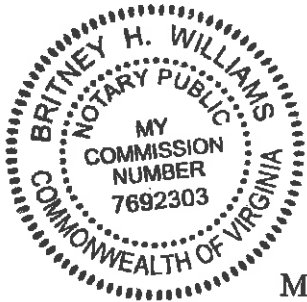
SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Velisa J. Pannell RN
Velisa J. Pannell, R.N.

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By Jalika B...
Virginia Board of Nursing

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY/CITY OF Lynchburg, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large, on this 10th day of January, 2017.



Britney H Williams
Notary Public

My commission expires: 5/31/2020

Registration No.: 7692303