

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:           AUDRETTA MARIE BROMLEY, L.P.N.**  
**License Number:   0002-064286**  
**Case Number:       172211**

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**AMENDED ORDER**

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**JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), a Special Conference Committee of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) held an informal conference on October 11, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Audretta Marie Bromley, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws governing the practice of practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Audretta Marie Bromley, L.P.N. appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

**NOTICE**

By letter dated September 9, 2016, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Bromley notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 11, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the Order contained herein.

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1.       Audretta Marie Bromley, L.P.N., was issued License Number 0002-064286 to practice practical nursing on June 24, 2002, which is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2017. At all times relevant to the findings contained herein, said license was current and active. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. On February 8, 2016, Ms. Bromley presented at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital emergency department with a complaint of fatigue, shortness of breath, and urinary frequency. Before her discharge that same day, Ms. Bromley's daughter reported to hospital staff concerns with Ms. Bromley's mental health, including reports that Ms. Bromley had become increasingly paranoid and had been having hallucinations. Ms. Bromley received a diagnosis of psychosis and was recommended for admission. However, she did not meet the criteria for a temporary detention order, and Ms. Bromley refused inpatient treatment. Ms. Bromley was given outpatient psychiatric referrals but was not willing to follow up.

3. Ms. Bromley violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice practical nursing due to mental illness, as evidenced by the following: on February 10, 2016, Ms. Bromley was brought to Henrico Doctors' Hospital ("HDH"), Behavioral Health Unit, Richmond, Virginia, by police following a report by her family that she had become agitated and delusional. She was admitted for inpatient treatment pursuant to a temporary detention order and given a preliminary diagnosis of acute psychosis with paranoid ideation. She was discharged on March 4, 2016, with a diagnosis of psychotic disorder, not otherwise specified.

4. Upon her discharge from HDH, Ms. Bromley's physician prescribed her two psychiatric medications and recommended that she seek follow-up treatment with Henrico County's Community Services Board. Ms. Bromley went to her initial session at the Community Services Board on March 8, 2016, but did not seek additional treatment with them and advised them that she did not intend to continue taking the prescribed medication.

5. Ms. Bromley stated at the informal conference that her inpatient hospitalization provided no therapeutic benefit to her and that she was only discharged after contacting the White House.

6. Ms. Bromley stated at the informal conference that she believed the symptoms she experienced in February 2016 stemmed from her being drugged or poisoned by her ex-husband.

7. Ms. Bromley stated at the informal conference that since her discharge, she had filed numerous police reports against family members and complaints against hospitals for poor treatment without satisfactory resolution.

8. Ms. Bromley stated at the informal conference that she does not suffer from any mental or physical illness. She stated that she has no current relationship with any health care providers. She stated that if she needed health care she would go to the emergency room; however, when questioned by the Committee, Ms. Bromley would not disclose information about any emergency room visits she has made since April 2016.

9. Ms. Bromley stated that she has been employed at Nurse Advantage since April 2016 and has worked there without any incident. Before her February 2016 hospitalization, she had recently been employed at Fluvanna Correctional Center, but she stopped going to work due to her health issues. She admitted she did not notify Fluvanna that she was not going to work and does not know if her employment was terminated.

10. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2(K), the Board considered whether to disclose or not disclose Ms. Bromley's health records or health services.

### ORDER

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

1. Audretta Marie Bromley, L.P.N., shall have an evaluation by a mental health specialist satisfactory to the Board and shall have a written report of the evaluation, including a diagnosis, a recommended course of therapy, and a prognosis sent to the Board within 90 days from the date this

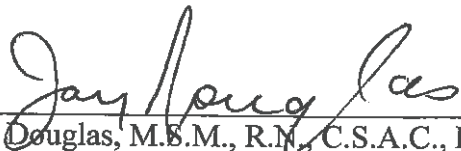
Order is entered. Ms. Bromley shall provide proof to the Board that she has provided the specialist with a complete copy of this Order. Ms. Bromley shall comply with any recommendation of the specialist. If therapy is recommended, written quarterly progress reports by the therapist shall be sent to the Board by the last day of the months of March, June, September, and December until Ms. Bromley is discharged from therapy. Ms. Bromley shall direct the therapist to notify the Board if she withdraws from the treatment program before being officially discharged by the therapist. Upon receipt of the required report, the Board shall conduct a review of this matter and may schedule an additional administrative proceeding to consider the evaluation and make a final disposition of the matter.

2. Ms. Bromley shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

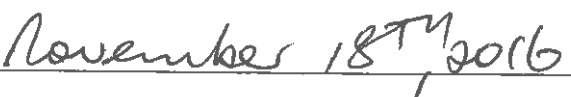
3. Any violation of the foregoing terms and conditions of this Order or any statute or regulation governing the practice of practical nursing shall constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.

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

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

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November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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