

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: VALERIE JEANNE CONNER, R.N.
a/k/a Valerie Jeanne Dilley
a/k/a Valerie Jeanne Brown
License Number: 0001-144266
Case Number: 172669

CONSENT ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) and Valerie Jeanne Conner, R.N., as evidenced by their signatures hereto, in lieu of proceeding to an informal conference, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Conner’s license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

NOTICE

By letter dated October 4, 2016, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Conner notifying her that an informal conference would be held on November 1, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board at the time of the mailing.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Valerie Jeanne Conner, R.N. was issued License Number 0001-144266 to practice professional nursing on July 13, 1995, which is scheduled to expire on February 28, 2017. For any additional licenses. Her primary state of residence is Virginia
2. Ms. Conner violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice professional nursing due to mental illness, as evidenced by the following:

a. From on or about February 26, 2016 to March 2, 2016, Ms. Conner was admitted to Roanoke Memorial Hospital's Carilion Clinic's Department of Psychiatry ("Carilion Clinic"), Roanoke, Virginia, following a visit to the emergency room with suicidal ideation. She was discharged with a diagnosis of bipolar disorder, current episode depressed, severe, without psychotic features.

b. Ms. Conner has received diagnoses of depression and bipolar disorder from other mental health providers.

c. Ms. Conner's counselor stated, during her interview with an investigator for the Department of Health Professions on July 20, 2016, that she has provided counseling services to Ms. Conner for two years, that Ms. Conner is not safe to practice due to physical and mental issues, and that the situation is considered permanent.

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

CONSENT

Valerie Jeanne Conner, 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 licensure 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. The Board accepts the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of Valerie Jeanne Conner, R.N.'s license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. The license of Valerie Jeanne Conner, R.N., will be recorded as SUSPENDED.

3. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.

4. Should Valerie Jeanne Conner, 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 Valerie Jeanne Conner, R.N., to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of professional nursing. Valerie Jeanne Conner, 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.

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

Joyce A. Hahn
Joyce A. Hahn, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP
President
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: 11/15/16

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Valerie Jeanne Conner, R.N.
Valerie Jeanne Conner, R.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large, on this
17 day of October, 2016.

Tammy J. Amos
Notary Public

My commission expires: 9/30/2019

Registration No.: 228651



Certified True Copy
By [Signature]
Virginia Board Of Nursing