

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: DENISE L. RANKIN CORBETT, R.N.
License Number: 0001-154526
Case Number: 171534

ORDER

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 September 18, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Denise L. Rankin Corbett, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Denise L. Rankin Corbett, R.N. appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated September 22, 2016, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Corbett 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.

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. Denise L Rankin Corbett, R.N., was issued License Number 0001-154526 to practice professional nursing on July 10, 1997, which is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2017. At all times

relevant to the findings contained herein, said license was current and active. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Denise L Rankin Corbett, R.N., violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(5) and (6) in that during the course of her employment with Augusta Health, Fishersville, Virginia, on December 16, 2015, she exhibited signs of impairment, including dilated pupils, slurred speech, and making grandiose and bizarre statements. In addition, she tested positive for methadone, for which she did not have a prescription.

3. Ms. Corbett stated to the Committee that she accidentally ingested the methadone thinking that it was Zyrtec OTC.

4. Ms. Corbett's treating psychiatrist provided documentation showing that he diagnosed Ms. Corbett with serotonin syndrome, which was displayed in the form of erratic behavior.

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

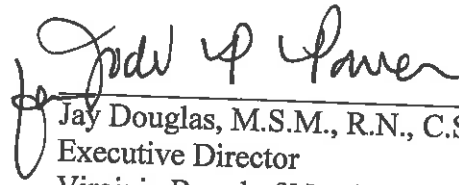
ORDER

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

1. Denise L Rankin Corbett, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Corbett 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, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED AND MAILED: November 10, 2016

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Corbett may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on December 13, 2016, notify Jay Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that she desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated. This Order shall become final on December 13, 2016, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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By S. Fowler
Virginia Board of Nursing