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BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: BLOSSOM ALYSSA IGNACIO, R.N.
License Number: 0001-231769
Case Numbers: 170641, 174137

AMENDED CONSENT ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

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

NOTICE

By letter dated October 7, 2016, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Ignacio notifying her that an informal conference would be held on November 7, 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. Blossom Alyssa Ignacio, R.N. was issued License Number 0001-231769 to practice professional nursing on July 5, 2011, which is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2017. Her primary state of residence is Virginia

2. Ms. Ignacio violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5), (6) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) and (e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations") in that during the course of her employment at Sentara Princess Anne Hospital, Virginia Beach, Virginia, Ms. Ignacio failed to administer narcotic medications as ordered, diverted

the medications for her personal and unauthorized use, and falsely documented administration of the medications, as evidenced by the following:

- a. On October 12, 2015, Ms. Ignacio documented administering Dilaudid (hydromorphone, C-II) at 1553 and 1900 hours, to Patient A, who was ordered to receive Dilaudid 0.5mg every four hours PRN. Further, she withdrew Dilaudid 1mg and failed to document administering or wasting the remaining 0.5mg for the 1900 hour dose.
 - b. On October 16, 2015, Ms. Ignacio documented administering Dilaudid at 0738, 1003 and 1228 hours, to Patient B, who was ordered to receive Dilaudid 1.5mg every three hours PRN.
 - c. On October 18, 2015, Ms. Ignacio documented administering Dilaudid at 1327, 1554 and 1820 hours to Patient C, who was ordered to receive Dilaudid 1.0mg every three hours PRN.
 - d. On October 26, 2015, Ms. Ignacio documented administering Dilaudid at 1137, 1358, 1629 and 1857 hours to Patient D, who was ordered to receive Dilaudid 1.0mg every three hours PRN.
 - e. On October 26, 2015, Ms. Ignacio documented administering Dilaudid at 1206, 1433, 1728 and 1944 hours to Patient E, who was ordered to receive Dilaudid 1.0mg every three hours PRN.
 - f. On October 26, 2015, Ms. Ignacio documented administering Dilaudid at 1358 hours to Patient D; however, the patient reported that she failed to actually do so at that time.
 - g. On or about October 26, 2015, Ms. Ignacio documented administering Dilaudid at 1728 and 1944 hours to Patient E; however, the patient reported that she failed to actually do so at those times.
3. Ms. Ignacio violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice professional nursing due to substance abuse and physical and/or mental illness which requires

medication and treatment and as evidenced by the following: From April 30, 2015 to October 28, 2015, Ms. Ignacio received thirteen prescriptions for hydromorphone and/or oxycodone (C-II) from seven different prescribers at three different practices. On June 8, 2015, while on family medical leave, she obtained two prescriptions for oxycodone (C-II) from prescribers at two different practices and had them filled at two different pharmacies. On October 30, 2015, her primary care provider ceased prescribing hydromorphone due to concerns of abuse.

4. Ms. Ignacio violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations in that on the practice history form for Chesapeake Regional Medical Center, Chesapeake, Virginia, dated November 4, 2015, she falsely answered "no" to the question regarding involuntary termination from any employer, when, in fact, her employment at Sentara Princess Anne Hospital was terminated on November 2, 2015.

5. Ms. Ignacio violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5), (6) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) and (e) of the Regulations in that during the course of her employment at Chesapeake Regional Medical Center, Chesapeake, Virginia, between November 9, 2015 and May 27, 2016, Ms. Ignacio diverted narcotics for her personal and unauthorized use. She accomplished the diversion by using patient names to withdraw medication, documenting administration and retaining the medication for herself. Further, she removed Dilaudid from syringes, replacing it with saline and having someone witness her wasting the medication. Her employment was terminated on June 1, 2016.

6. On June 20, 2016, Ms. Ignacio entered a Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"), wherein she acknowledged opioid abuse. On August 1, 2016, she entered a Recovery Monitoring Contract. On July 21, 2016, Ms. Ignacio entered an intensive

outpatient treatment program. In a report dated October 21, 2016, the HPMP case manager reported that Ms. Ignacio was in compliance with her contract.

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

CONSENT

Blossom Alyssa Ignacio, 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 and am represented by Eileen Talamante, Esq.;
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 neither admit nor deny the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein but 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. Blossom Alyssa Ignacio, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.

2. The Board shall TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION at this time, contingent upon Blossom Alyssa Ignacio, R.N.,'s compliance with the following terms and conditions:

a. Blossom Alyssa Ignacio, R.N., shall continue to comply with all terms and conditions of her Contract with the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") for the period specified in the Contract.

b. Upon receipt of evidence of Blossom Alyssa Ignacio, R.N.,'s participation in and successful completion of the terms specified by the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Blossom Alyssa Ignacio, R.N.'s appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter, at which time she may be issued an unrestricted license.

c. This Order is applicable to Blossom Alyssa Ignacio, R.N.,'s multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the duration of this Order, Blossom Alyssa Ignacio, R.N., shall not work outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where she seeks to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

d. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Order shall constitute grounds for an administrative proceeding before the Board.

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: November 10th, 2016

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Blossom
Blossom Alyssa Ignacio, R.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY/CITY OF Norfolk

TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large, on this
3rd day of November, 2016

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Notary Public

My commission expires:

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