

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: AMY KATHRYN MOCK, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
License Number: 0001-174833
Case Number: 173693

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 October 26, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Amy Kathryn Mock’s application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to inquire into evidence that grounds may exist to deny said application.

Amy Kathryn Mock, R.N. appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated September 2, 2016, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Mock notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 26, 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. Amy Kathryn Mock, R.N., was issued License Number 0001-174833 to practice professional nursing on July 31, 2001, which was suspended by Order of the Board entered July 28, 2010. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By Order entered March 12, 2009, the Board took no action against Ms. Mock contingent on her compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") based on findings of diversion and chemical dependency.

3. By Order entered July 28, 2010, the Board indefinitely suspended Ms. Mock's license for a period of not less than two years based on findings of diversion and impairment due to her dismissal from the HPMP for noncompliance.

4. By Order entered June 24, 2013, the Board denied Ms. Mock's application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing based on findings of convictions for crimes of moral turpitude and that Ms. Mock had lied on her reinstatement application regarding her criminal convictions and her history of chemical dependency and substance abuse.

5. Ms. Mock submitted an application for reinstatement of her professional nursing license to the Board on May 3, 2016.

6. Ms. Mock violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that:

a. Ms. Mock received counseling and medication management services from a psychiatrist from December 2015 through February 2016, when she stopped attending due to financial reasons. Her diagnoses included depression, anxiety, and ADHD.

b. On July 20, 2016, Ms. Mock's psychiatrist told an investigator for the Department of Health Professions that he believed Ms. Mock should seek further counseling prior to returning to nursing practice.

c. Despite her admitted history of substance abuse, Ms. Mock obtained prescriptions for Vicodin (hydrocodone, C-II) in July 2015 and February 2016.

7. At the informal conference, Ms. Mock stated that she was confused by her psychiatrist's statement and that it was not what she understood to be his position when they last spoke.

8. Ms. Mock stated that she had made an appointment to see a new therapist. She attends AA meetings twice a month, she has a sponsor, and she is not currently working the 12 Steps. Her sobriety date is February 26, 2016.

9. Ms. Mock stated that she is willing to re-enroll in the HPMP.

10. Ms. Mock has demonstrated that she is prepared to resume safe and competent nursing practice.

ORDER

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


1. The application of Amy Kathryn Mock, R.N. for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing is APPROVED contingent upon Ms. Mock's entry into the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"). Thereafter, Ms. Mock shall comply with the terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP.

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

3. Ms. Mock 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.

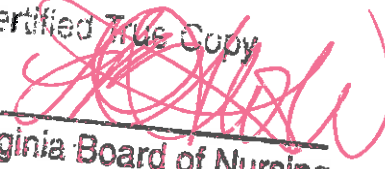
FOR THE BOARD


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

ENTERED AND MAILED: November 9th, 2016

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Mock may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on December 12, 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 12, 2016, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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