

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: LAUREN JULIAN KEANE, R.N.
License Number: 0001-233676
Case Number: 169722, 169715

RATIFICATION AND ORDER

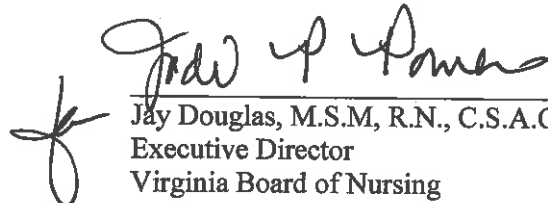
On September 21, 2016, a panel of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Lauren Julian Keane, R.N. was present and was not represented by legal counsel.

In consideration whereof, the Board of Nursing ACCEPTS the attached Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Agency Subordinate and ADOPTS the Recommended Order in its entirety.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 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.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Keane may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on November 5, 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.

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 ON:

October 3, 2016

This Order shall become final on November 5, 2016, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

Certified True Copy
By D. Fowler
Virginia Board of Nursing

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: LAUREN JULIAN KEANE, R.N.
License Number: 0001-233676
Case Number: 169722, 169715

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE

Jurisdiction and Procedural History

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”), held an informal conference on July 7, 2016 in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Lauren Julian Keane, R.N. may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Keane appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Agency Subordinate makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and recommends that the Board adopt the following Order.

Notice

By letter dated June 13, 2016, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Keane notifying her that an informal conference would be held on July 7, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

1. Lauren Julian Keane, R.N. was issued License Number 0001-233676 to practice professional nursing on September 15, 2011, which is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2017. At all

times relevant to the allegations herein, said license was in full force and effect. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Ms. Keane violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5), (6) and (8) 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 with Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington, Virginia, by her own admission, from December 2014 to September 4, 2015, Ms. Keane diverted hydromorphone (C-II) for her personal and unauthorized use. Ms. Keane accomplished the diversion by withdrawing oral and injectable hydromorphone for patients who were not assigned to her, documenting administration and/or wastage, and retaining the medication for herself. Ms. Keane also used a syringe to withdraw portions of the injectable medication for herself and replaced the medication with water prior to wasting with another nurse.

3. Ms. Keane violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5), (6) and (8) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations in that on September 14, 2015, Ms. Keane returned to Virginia Hospital Center and reported to the unit as if she were on duty, after her employment had been terminated on September 3, 2015. Ms. Keane obtained two hydromorphone 2mg vials by asking a nurse to withdraw the medication for her to administer to a patient. Ms. Keane subsequently admitted to self-administering the hydromorphone.

4. Ms. Keane violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice professional nursing due to her admitted opioid abuse. Further, Ms. Keane reported using heroin from February 8 to March 11, 2016.

5. On November 10, 2015, Ms. Keane entered the Health Practitioners’ Monitoring Program (“HPMP”). On March 23, 2016, she was placed on warning status due to her relapse on heroin. On June 16, 2016, Ms. Keane successfully completed the intensive outpatient treatment

program at INOVA Comprehensive Addiction Treatment Services. Ms. Keane reported a sobriety date of March 12, 2016, and stated that she attends Alcoholics Anonymous meetings daily and a women's support group once a week. She is currently unemployed.

6. On December 21, 2015, in the Circuit Court of Arlington County, Virginia, Ms. Keane pled guilty to obtaining a prescription by fraud, a felony, as a result of the above-referenced incident that occurred at Virginia Hospital Center. She was placed on deferred disposition and is scheduled to return to court on April 6, 2018.

Recommended Order

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Agency Subordinate recommends that the Board issue an Order as follows:

1. The Board shall TAKE NO ACTION at this time, contingent upon Lauren Julian Keane's continued compliance with all terms and conditions of her Contract with the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") for the period specified in the Contract.
2. Lauren Julian Keane shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
3. This Order is applicable to Lauren Julian Keane's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the duration of this Order, Lauren Julian Keane 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.
4. Upon receipt of evidence of Lauren Julian Keane's participation in and successful completion of the terms specified by the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Lauren Julian

Keane's appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter, at which time she may be issued an unrestricted license.

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

Reviewed and approved on July 26, 2016
By Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D.
Agency Subordinate

Certified True Copy

By J. Bowler
Virginia Board of Nursing