

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: Kelly Ames Peren, R.N.
License Number: 0001-144472
Case Number: 170350

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. Kelly Ames Peren, R.N. was not present nor was she 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.


Since Ms. Peren failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Peren has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Peren has thirty days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD



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

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Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED AND MAILED ON:

September 28, 2016

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE

Jurisdiction and Procedural History

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), E. Jane Elliot, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”), held an informal conference on June 23, 2016 in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Kelly Ames Peren, R.N. may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Peren did not appear 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 May 24, 2016, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Peren notifying her that an informal conference would be held on June 23, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The certified mail receipt was signed and returned to the Board on June 1, 2016. The Notice sent by first class mail was not returned to the Board office. Accordingly, the Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Peren and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

1. Kelly Ames Peren, R.N. was issued License Number 0001-144472 to practice professional nursing on July 18, 1995, which expired on May 31, 2016. 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. Peren's license was suspended by an Order of the Board entered July 30, 2002, due to inappropriate administrations of medications to her patients without a physician's order and drug diversion. By Order of the Board entered August 20, 2009, Ms. Peren's license was reinstated and she was placed on probation subject to certain terms and conditions.
3. Kelly Ames Peren, R.N. violated Term Number 7 of the Board's Order, which required her to submit quarterly self-reports, in that those reports were either submitted late or not submitted at all. The reports due June 30, 2012, September 30, 2012, and December 31, 2012, were not received until April 22, 2013. The reports due June 30, 2011, September 30, 2011, December 31, 2011, and March 31, 2015, were not received.
4. Ms. Peren has not worked in the profession of nursing since July, 2002.
5. Ms. Peren did not respond to contact attempts by the Compliance Case Manager in October, 2015.

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 license issued to Kelly Ames Peren to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license of Kelly Ames Peren will be recorded as SUSPENDED.

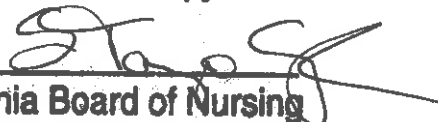
3. The right of Kelly Ames Peren, R.N. to renew her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

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

5. Should Kelly Ames Peren seek reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding shall be convened to consider such application. At such time, the burden shall be on Kelly Ames Peren to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of professional nursing. Kelly Ames Peren 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.

Reviewed and approved on July 11, 2016
By Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D.
Agency Subordinate

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