VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: SHEREE S. WENTZ, R.N.
License No.: 0001-077849

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on January 27, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Sheree S. Wentz, R.N., may have violated certain terms and conditions imposed on her, as set forth in the Order of the Board entered on January 31, 2013, and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Wentz may have violated certain laws governing professional nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Tammie D. Jones, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Wentz was not present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sheree S. Wentz, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-077849 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on September 10, 1980. Said license was indefinitely suspended by the Board on January 31, 2013, with said suspension stayed contingent upon Ms. Wentz' compliance with certain terms and conditions. By letter dated October 16, 2013, the stay of suspension was summarily rescinded. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Based upon the representations of Tammie Jones and Commonwealth's Exhibit #1, the Notice of Formal Hearing, Affidavit of Mailing and Allegation Summary Worksheet, the presiding officer ruled that adequate notice was provided to the respondent and the hearing proceeded in her absence.

3. By Order entered January 31, 2013, the Board indefinitely suspended Ms. Wentz' license to practice professional nursing with said suspension stayed contingent upon entry into and compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"). The action was based upon findings that on October 14, 2011, Ms. Wentz was involuntarily committed to Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute and was diagnosed with psychotic disorder and a history of substance abuse.

4. Ms. Wentz participated in a 30-day residential treatment program at Hope Valley, Inc., from November 28, 2012 to December 26, 2012. She entered a Participation Contract with the HPMP on January 24, 2013. On September 20, 2013, Ms. Wentz was dismissed from the HPMP due to noncompliance. Specifically:

a. Ms. Wentz failed to enter and complete substance abuse and psychiatric treatment as recommended.

b. Ms. Wentz failed to comply with the drug screening program in that she failed to call the test line on eleven occasions which resulted in missed screens on two occasions.

c. Ms. Wentz failed to submit her July 2013 monthly progress report in a timely manner.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of Term No. 4 of the Order entered January 31, 2013, and § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Sheree S. Wentz, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.

2. License No. 0001-077849 issued to Sheree S. Wentz, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

3. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Wentz' multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing,

4. The license of Ms. Wentz will be recorded as SUSPENDED and no longer current. Should Ms. Wentz seek reinstatement of her license consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her license prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.

5. At such time as Ms. Wentz shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice of professional nursing.

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying on request.

FOR THE BOARD

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So Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

Feb. 6, 2014
ENTERED

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Virginia Board of Nursing

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.