

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

**SHEREE WENTZ, R.N.
License No.: 0001-077849**

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was held before a Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on October 1, 2012, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Sheree Wentz, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in Virginia. Ms. Wentz was present and was not represented by counsel.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sheree Wentz, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-077849 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on September 10, 1980. Said license is set to expire on December 31, 2013. Ms. Wentz's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated May 21, 2012, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Wentz notifying her that an informal conference would be held on June 19, 2012. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 131 London Bridge Drive, Danville, Virginia, 23833, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. Ms. Wentz requested a continuance, which was granted. By letter dated June 20, 2012, the Board notified Ms. Wentz that the informal conference had been rescheduled for October 1, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. By letter dated August 1, 2012, the Board notified Ms. Wentz that the informal conference had been rescheduled for October 1, 2012, at 10:30 a.m.

3. On October 14, 2011, Ms. Wentz was involuntarily committed to Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute (“SVMHI”) after becoming belligerent and aggressive with police officers she had summoned to address her belief that someone was burglarizing her home and living in the crawl space and her claim that bugs were crawling on her skin.

4. During her admission to Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Ms. Wentz was diagnosed with psychotic disorder NOS, possible drug-induced psychosis and mood disorder, depressive disorder and personality disorder, as well as a history of abuse of cocaine, alcohol, cannabis, and phencyclidine.

5. Ms. Wentz used cocaine and klonopin, and her urine drug screen upon admission to SVMHI was positive for cocaine, PCP, and benzodiazepenes.

6. Upon her discharge from SVMHI, Ms. Wentz’s psychiatrist stated that he could not recommend that she practice nursing until she received a follow-up psychiatric evaluation. As of the date of the informal conference, Ms. Wentz had not obtained that psychiatric evaluation.

7. Ms. Wentz stated that she currently attends Narcotics Anonymous three times a week and stated that she has a sponsor. She stated that she was an alcoholic, and reported that her date of alcohol sobriety was early 2010. She reported that her date of sobriety for drugs was October 2011.

8. Ms. Wentz has not been seen by any substance abuse or mental health professional.

9. A friend of Ms. Wentz stated that he observed damage to Ms. Wentz’s home.

10. Ms. Wentz is not currently employed.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Findings of Fact Nos. 3, 4, and 5 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

CONSENT

Sheree Wentz, R.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;

2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to a formal fact finding hearing before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against him;
4. She waives all such right to a formal hearing;
5. She admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law contained herein and waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. License No. 0001-077849 of Sheree Wentz, R.N., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. 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 capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of professional nursing. Ms. Wentz shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.
4. This suspension shall be STAYED upon proof of Ms. Wentz's entry into the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") pursuant to Chapter 25.1 of Title 54.1 of the Code and 18

VAC 76-10-10 *et seq.* of the Regulations Governing the HPMP. At such time, the indefinite suspension shall be STAYED and the following terms and conditions shall apply:

a. Ms. Wentz shall comply with all terms and conditions for the period specified by the HPMP.

b. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for summarily rescinding the stay of indefinite suspension of the license of Ms. Wentz, and an administrative proceeding shall be held to determine whether her license shall be revoked. The stay of indefinite suspension may be summarily rescinded at such time the Board is notified that:

i. Ms. Wentz is not in compliance with the terms and conditions specified by the HPMP;

ii. Ms. Wentz's participation in the HPMP has been terminated;

iii. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against Ms. Wentz involving a violation of law, regulation, or any term or condition of this order.

5. This Order is applicable to Ms. Wentz's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Wentz 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 Ms. Wentz wishes to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

6. Ms. Wentz shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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 upon request.

FOR THE BOARD:

Jane R. Ingalls
Patricia M. Selig, R.N., F.N.P., Ph.D. Jane R. Ingalls RN, PhD
President, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: 1-31-13

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

* Sheree S. Wentz RN
Sheree Wentz, R.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Henrico, TO WIT:

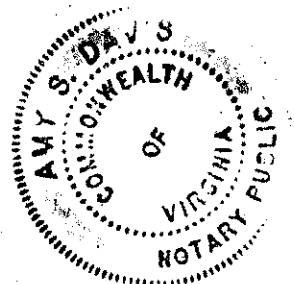
Subscribed and sworn to before me, Amy S. Davis, a Notary Public, this 31st day of January, 2013.

My commission expires April 30, 2015.

Registration Number 279669.

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