

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: DEANNA JENEL GRIGGS
R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
License Number: 0001-164618
Case Number: 172137**

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 August 17, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Deanna Jenel Griggs’ application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Deanna Jenel Griggs appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated July 25, 2016, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Griggs notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 17, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

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. Deanna Jenel Griggs was issued License Number 0001-164618 to practice professional nursing on November 16, 2001, which expired on January 31, 2004. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Ms. Griggs submitted an application for reinstatement of her professional nursing license to the Board of Nursing on January 8, 2016.
3. Ms. Griggs violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(4), as evidenced by the following:
 - a. On December 1, 2011, in the Circuit Court for the County of Orange, Virginia, Ms. Griggs was convicted and sentenced on two counts of prescription fraud, both felonies.
 - b. On December 3, 2004, in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Ms. Griggs was convicted and sentenced on one count of attempted criminal possession of a weapon, 3rd degree, a felony.
4. Ms. Griggs violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice nursing due to substance abuse, as evidenced by Ms. Griggs' admission that between 2001/2002 and 2010, she abused cocaine, marijuana, alcohol, Vicodin (hydrocodone/acetaminophen, C-III), and Percocet (oxycodone/acetaminophen, C-II).
5. During the informal conference, Ms. Griggs revealed that she has been living and working in Virginia on her Maryland nursing license for five years.
6. Ms. Griggs stated that she has been sober since February of 2011. She reported that she had no positive drug screens during her period of probation following her 2011 prescription fraud convictions. Ms. Griggs stated that her support system consists of her church and family. She and her daughter now live with her mother permanently. Ms. Griggs said that she has safely practiced as a nurse without discipline since her convictions.
7. Deanna Griggs has demonstrated satisfactory evidence that she is prepared to resume practice in a safe and competent manner.

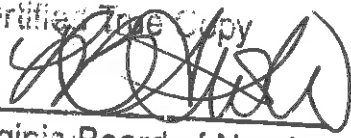
ORDER


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

1. Deanna Jenel Griggs is REPRIMANDED.
2. The application of Deanna Jenel Griggs for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing is APPROVED without restriction.
3. Deanna Jenel Griggs 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

Certified True Copy
By 
Virginia Board of Nursing


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

ENTERED AND MAILED: August 31ST, 2016

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Griggs may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on October Day, 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 October 3, 2016, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.