

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: SARAH BOWMAN GOINS, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-071830

ORDER

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on September 19, 2012, in Henrico County, Virginia. Sarah B. Goins, L.P.N. was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Janet Younger, R.N., Ph.D., P.N.P., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On November 14, 2012, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Goins was not present nor was he/she represented by legal counsel.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sarah Bowman Goins, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-071830 to practice practical nursing in Virginia on August 8, 2005. The license is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2013. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated July 26, 2012, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Goins notifying her that an informal conference would be held on September 19, 2012. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to P.O. Box 504, Patrick Springs, Virginia 24133, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. Both the certified mail and the first class mail were returned to the Board office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to

Ms. Goins and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. During the course of her employment with the family health services clinic of Pioneer Community Hospital of Patrick County, Virginia:

a. By her own admission, Ms. Goins obtained prescription blanks from her employer and, on four occasions in February 2012, wrote and obtained fraudulent prescriptions for oxycodone, oxymorphone, and OxyContin, all Schedule II controlled substances, for herself using the name of a physician in the clinic, without the physician's permission.

b. Also by her own admission, on four occasions between December 2011 and February 2012, Ms. Goins called in to a pharmacy fraudulent prescriptions for Norco (hydrocodone bitartrate, Schedule III), for another individual using the name of the physician referenced above, without the physician's permission.

4. Ms. Goins' employment with Pioneer Community Hospital was terminated on March 1, 2012.

5. Ms. Goins was indicted on four counts of felony prescription fraud on June 4, 2012. In the Circuit Court of Patrick County, Virginia, upon a plea of guilty, disposition of the criminal matter was deferred until July 2013.

6. Ms. Goins did not respond to the Department of Health Professions investigator's request for an interview, although she did sign two receipts for certified letters that the investigator sent to her.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact #3(a) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) and (e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations").

2. Finding of Fact #3(b) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18

VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. License No. 0002-071830 of Sarah Bowman Goins, L.P.N., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED for not less than two years.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
4. At such time as Ms. Goins 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 practical nursing. Ms. Goins 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.

Pursuant to § 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 a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Since Ms. Goins failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Goins 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. Goins has thirty (30) 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, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., 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 (3) days are added to

that period.

FOR THE BOARD



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

Entered: December 18, 2012