

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: MARIA ANA CORREA, L.P.N.**  
**License Number: 0002-085970**  
**Case Number: 171081**

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**ORDER**

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**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 9, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Maria Ana Correa, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Maria Ana Correa, L.P.N. did not appear at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

**NOTICE**

By letter dated July 14, 2016, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Correa notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 9, 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 Notice was also sent by certified and first class mail to a secondary address. The Notices sent by certified and first class mail to the address of record was returned to the Board office marked “Time to Forward expired.” The Notice sent by certified mail to the secondary address was also returned to the Board office marked “Time to Forward Expired.” As of August 9, 2016, the Notice sent by first class mail to the secondary address was not returned to the Board office. Accordingly, the Committee Chair concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Correa and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

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. Maria Ana Correa, L.P.N. was issued License Number 0002-085970 to practice practical nursing on October 25, 2011, which is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2016. At all times relevant to the findings contained herein, said license was in full force and effect. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Maria Ana Correa, L.P.N. violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(k) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in that over several months during the course of her employment with Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, Virginia, by her own admission, Ms. Correa stole a total of \$600.00 from three residents' rooms.
3. Ms. Correa violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice practical nursing due to alcohol abuse, as evidenced by her alcohol-related convictions. On February 29, 2012, Ms. Correa was convicted of driving while intoxicated, and on October 3, 2012, she was convicted of public swearing/intoxication, both misdemeanors, in the Harrisonburg/Rockingham, Virginia, General District Court.

### ORDER

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

1. Maria Ana Correa, L.P.N. is REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Correa is assessed a MONETARY PENALTY of \$300.00. This penalty shall be paid to the Board by certified check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of Virginia within

90 days from the date of entry of this Order. Failure to pay the full monetary penalty by the due date may cause the matter to be sent for collection and constitutes grounds for an administrative proceeding and further discipline.

3. Within 90 days from the date of entry of this Order, Ms. Correa shall provide written proof satisfactory to the Board of successful completion of the following NCSBN course(s): *Ethics of Nursing Practice* and *Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing*. Continuing education obtained through compliance with this term shall not be used toward licensure renewal.

4. Ms. Correa shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

5. Any violation of the foregoing terms and conditions of this Order or any statute or regulation governing the practice of practical nursing shall constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.

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.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2(K), the Board considered whether to disclose or not disclose Ms. Correa's health records or health services.

FOR THE BOARD

*Gloria Mitchell Sively*  
for Jay Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED AND MAILED: August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Correa may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on October 1, 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 1, 2016, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

**Certified True Copy**

By *D. Fowler*  
**Virginia Board of Nursing**