

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: **MARIA ANA CORREA, L.P.N.**
License Number: 0002-085970
Case Number: 178681

RATIFICATION AND ORDER

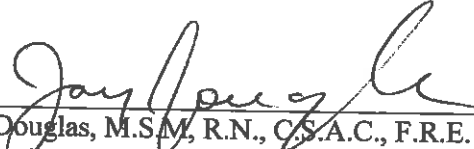
On November 15, 2017, a panel of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Maria Ana Correa, L.P.N., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

In consideration whereof, the Board of Nursing ACCEPTS the attached Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Agency Subordinate and ADOPTS the Recommended Order in its entirety.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 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.

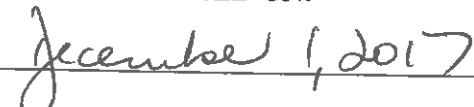
Since Ms. Correa failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Correa has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Correa has thirty days from the date of 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 Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., 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 days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD



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

ENTERED AND MAILED ON:



December 1, 2017

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By _____
Virginia Board of Nursing

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE

Jurisdiction and Procedural History

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”), held an informal conference on September 12, 2017, 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 practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Correa did not appear at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Agency Subordinate makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and recommends that the Board adopt the following Order.

Notice

By letter dated August 11, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Correa notifying her that an informal conference would be held on September 12, 2017. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board. The Notice sent by certified mail and the Notice sent by first class mail were returned to the Board office marked “unable to forward.” The notice was also sent to 126-D Atlantic Avenue, Broadway, Virginia 22815, a secondary address. Accordingly, the Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Correa and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

Recommended 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 expired on October 31, 2016. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By Order of the Board entered August 29, 2016 (“Board’s Order”), Ms. Correa’s license was sanctioned based upon findings that she stole a total of \$600.00 from residents’ rooms during the course of her employment at Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, Virginia, and that she is unsafe to practice practical nursing due to alcohol abuse.

3. Ms. Correa violated Term Number 2 of the Board’s Order, which required her to pay a monetary penalty in the amount of \$300.00 within 90 days from the date the Order was entered or by November 27, 2016, in that she failed to pay the monetary penalty.

4. Ms. Correa violated Term Number 3 of the Board’s Order, which required her to provide written proof within 90 days of the entry of the Order that she completed the following NSCBN courses: *Ethics of Nursing Practice* and *Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing*, in that she failed to provide written evidence of the completion of said courses.

5. Ms. Correa failed to respond to the Board’s compliance manager’s repeated attempts to contact her regarding her noncompliance with the Board’s Order.

Recommended Order

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Agency Subordinate recommends that the Board issue an Order as follows:

1. Maria Ana Correa, L.P.N., is REPRIMANDED.
2. The right of Maria Ana Correa, L.P.N., to renew her license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

3. The license of Ms. Correa will be recorded as **SUSPENDED**.
4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice practical nursing.
5. Should Ms. Correa, seek reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding shall be convened to consider such application. At such time, the burden shall be on Ms. Correa to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of practical nursing. Ms. Correa shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and/or renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

Reviewed and approved on October 5, 2017
By Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D.
Agency Subordinate

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