

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: KRISTIN AMBER LAWSON SETTLE, C.N.A. APPLICANT
Certificate Number:
Case Number: 173261

1401-183232

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 8, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Kristen Amber Lawson Settle’s application for certification by examination to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to inquire into evidence that grounds may exist to deny said application.

Kristin Amber Lawson Settle appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated July 8, 2016, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Settle notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 8, 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. Kristen Amber Lawson Settle submitted an application for certification by examination to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia on March 7, 2016.

2. Ms. Settle violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(4) in that on October 12, 2007, in the Circuit Court of Winchester, Virginia, she was convicted of felony conspiracy to distribute cocaine. She served 90 days in a local detention center, where she completed a therapeutic community program. She was released from probation in 2009 and has paid all costs associated with her conviction.

3. There was no evidence that Ms. Settle abused drugs or alcohol. She stated at the informal conference that her conviction came about because she was in an abusive relationship.

4. Ms. Settle has worked as a direct care aide since she was a teenager. She is currently employed with 5-Star Home Health, Winchester, Virginia, as a home health aide. She intends to continue working there as a certified nurse aide. There have been no concerns with her practice.

5. Ms. Settle otherwise meets the requirements of Virginia Code § 54.1-3023.

ORDER

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

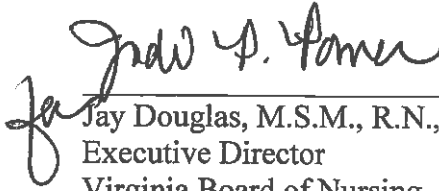
1. The application of Kristin Amber Lawson Settle for certification to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia is APPROVED.

2. Upon successful completion of the NNAAP examination, Kristin Amber Lawson Settle shall be issued an unrestricted certificate.

3. Kristin Amber Lawson Settle shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of nurse aides 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


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, 2016

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Settle may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on September 30, 2016, notify Jay P. Douglas, 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 September 30, 2016, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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