

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: CHRISTINA CRANFORD-SWAIM, R.N. APPLICANT**

**CONSENT ORDER**

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Christina Cranford-Swaim, as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Cranford-Swaim's application for licensure by endorsement to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Christina Cranford-Swaim, R.N., was issued License No. RN9279654 to practice professional nursing by the State of Florida Board of Nursing ("Florida Board") on July 14, 2008. Said license is set to expire on April 30, 2012.
2. Ms. Cranford-Swaim submitted an application for licensure by endorsement to practice professional nursing in Virginia which was received by the Board on July 10, 2011. Ms. Cranford-Swaim declared Florida as her primary state of residence.
3. On June 8, 2010, Ms. Cranford-Swaim's license to practice professional nursing in Florida was the subject of an emergency suspension. This action was a result of Ms. Cranford-Swaim testing positive for morphine (Scheduled II), for which she did not have a prescription, while on duty at Baptist Hospital, Pensacola, Florida. On November 23, 2010, Ms. Cranford-Swaim's license was suspended with the suspension stayed contingent upon her participation in and compliance with the Intervention Project for Nurses ("IPN"). Ms. Cranford-Swaim was placed on probation for a period of two years, and ordered to pay a fine in the amount of \$5,160.51.

4. On September 20, 2010, Ms. Cranford-Swaim entered intensive outpatient treatment with Lakeview Center Baptist Health Care, Pensacola, Florida, with a diagnosis of chemical dependency. Ms. Cranford-Swaim's last day of treatment was November 24, 2010. Ms. Cranford-Swaim was unable to attend sessions after November 24, 2010, due to a physical illness. Ms. Cranford-Swaim was discharged from the program on January 19, 2011, and was deemed to have successfully completed a significant portion of her treatment plan.

5. On January 27, 2011, Ms. Cranford-Swaim entered into the IPN, and her Florida license was reinstated on February 15, 2011. Ms. Cranford-Swaim is scheduled to complete the IPN program on January 27, 2016.

6. In a letter dated September 23, 2011, Ms. Cranford-Swaim's IPN case manager provided a summary of Ms. Cranford-Swaim's compliance with the IPN. Ms. Cranford-Swaim was randomly selected for urine drug screens once per month, with all screens being negative. Ms. Cranford-Swaim submitted all of her quarterly paperwork in a timely fashion.

7. Ms. Cranford-Swaim reports that her "clean date" is May 2011. She stated that she attends Narcotics Anonymous meetings regularly.

8. On September 29, 2011, Ms. Cranford-Swaim entered into the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program, and signed a Participation Contract.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) and (7) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.
2. Based on the above Findings of Fact, Ms. Cranford-Swaim is properly enrolled in the HPMP.
3. Otherwise, Ms. Cranford-Swaim meets the requirements of § 54.1-3018 of the Code.

**CONSENT**

Christina Cranford-Swaim, R.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;
4. She waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. She admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her application for licensure by endorsement to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

**ORDER**

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that the application of Christina Cranford-Swaim for licensure by endorsement as a professional nurse is APPROVED. Ms. Cranford-Swaim shall be issued a license to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth under the following terms and conditions:

1. Ms. Cranford-Swaim shall continue comply with all terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP.
2. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for revoking the license of Ms. Cranford-Swaim, and an administrative proceeding shall be held to decide whether her license

should be revoked. Ms. Cranford-Swaim shall be noticed to appear before the Board at such time as the Board is notified that:

- a. Ms. Cranford-Swaim is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the HPMP, or has been terminated from participation in the HPMP;
- b. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against Ms. Cranford-Swaim involving a violation of law or regulation or any term or condition of this Order; or
- c. Ms. Cranford-Swaim has successfully completed the above-referenced period of participation in the HPMP. However, upon receipt of Ms. Cranford-Swaim's participation in and compliance with the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Cranford-Swaim's appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter.

3. This Order is applicable to Ms. Cranford-Swaim's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Cranford-Swaim shall not work outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Ms. Cranford-Swaim wishes to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

4. Ms. Cranford-Swaim shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4023 and 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 public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

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

ENTERED: January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Christina Cranford-Swaim RN  
Christina Cranford-Swaim, R.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY/CITY OF Virginia Beach, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Purnima Patel, a Notary Public, this 22 day of Dec, 2011.

My commission expires 12-31-11.

Registration Number 331022.

Purnima Patel  
NOTARY PUBLIC

