

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: DEBORAH TUDOR WILLIAMS, R.N.
License Number: 0001-130196
Case Number: 169579

RATIFICATION AND ORDER

On July 20, 2016, a panel of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Deborah Tudor Williams, R.N. was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

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

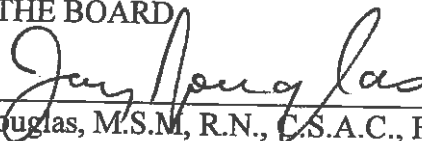
Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(K), the Board considered whether to disclose or not disclose Ms. Williams' health records or health services.

Since Ms. Williams failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Williams 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. Williams 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 P. 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

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AMENDED 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 June 1, 2016 in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Deborah Tudor Williams, R.N. may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Williams 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 April 26, 2016, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Williams notifying her that an informal conference would be held on June 1, 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 sent by certified mail was returned to the Board office marked “unclaimed.” The Notice sent by first class mail was not returned to the Board office. Accordingly, the Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Williams and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

1. Deborah Tudor Williams, R.N. was issued License Number 0001-130196 to practice professional nursing on August 28, 1992, which expired on June 30, 2016. At all times relevant to the allegations herein, said license was in full force and effect. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Deborah Tudor Williams, R.N. violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice professional nursing due to mental and/or physical illness, as evidenced by the following:

a. From September 2, 2015 to September 9, 2015, Ms. Williams was hospitalized at Southside Regional Medical Center, Petersburg, Virginia, for major depression, recurrent, with overdose with pills.

b. During the above-referenced hospitalization, Ms. Williams was treated for bradycardia and hypotension. Further, Ms. Williams' psychiatrist reported that she had a heart attack on December 5, 2015.

3. On November 3, 2015, during an interview with a Department of Health Professions investigator, Ms. Williams stated that from a mental health perspective, she does not know if she is safe to practice. She would not go back to a hospital setting because she is older and her eyesight is not good. She was referred to a therapist, but failed to follow through with the recommendation due to a lack of health insurance. Ms. Williams also reported that she has a poor job history due to impulsivity and isolation.


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. The right of Deborah Tudor Williams to renew her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

2. The license of Deborah Tudor Williams will be recorded as **SUSPENDED**.
3. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.
4. Should Deborah Tudor Williams seek reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding shall be convened to consider such application. At such time, the burden shall be on Deborah Tudor Williams to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of professional nursing. Deborah Tudor Williams 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 June 13, 2016
By Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D.
Agency Subordinate

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