

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: JULIE KEARCHNER CARR, R.N.
License Number: 0001-207498
Case Number: 169669

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. Julie Kearchner Carr, 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 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 § 2400(K), the Board considered whether to disclose or not disclose Ms. Carr's health records or health services.

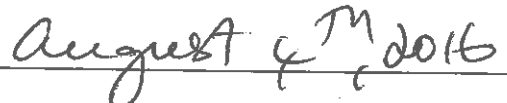
Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Carr may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on September 6, 2016, notify Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that she desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

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:



August 4th, 2016

This Order shall become final on September 6, 2016, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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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 Julie Kearchner Carr, R.N. may have violated certain laws governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Carr appeared 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. Carr notifying her that an informal conference would be held on June 1, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

1. Julie Kearchner Carr, R.N. was issued License Number 0001-207498 to practice professional nursing on June 26, 2007, which is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2017. At all times relevant to the allegations herein, said license was in full force and effect. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

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

a. On September 12, 2015, Ms. Carr was hospitalized at C.J.W. Medical Center, Richmond, Virginia, for depressive disorder but left against medical advice.

b. On February 12, 2016 and December 18, 2015, during interviews with a Department of Health Professions investigator, Ms. Carr's psychiatrist and therapist reported that Ms. Carr was unable to return to practice.

c. Ms. Carr reported sustaining a back injury in 2010 and that she is prescribed oxycodone 20mg (C-II) for back pain. Ms. Carr stated that she takes a minimum of two tablets a day.

3. Ms. Carr was also diagnosed with bipolar disorder in 2012.

4. Ms. Carr reported having some improvement with her mental health; however, she feels that she is currently unable to work because she has social anxiety and has difficulty going out in public and talking to strangers. Ms. Carr exhibited a flat affect during the informal conference. She is on long-term disability and out of work until September 2016.

5. Ms. Carr reported that she has changed her mental health practitioners and has an appointment with her new therapist on June 2, 2016.

6. Ms. Carr had a transient ischemic attack in 1999. She was recently referred for a neurological evaluation, but has failed to follow through on this recommendation.

7. Ms. Carr has held two nursing positions since being licensed in 2007. She last practiced at Patient First, Colonial Heights, Virginia, from February 2012 to December 2015.

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 license issued to Julie Kearchner Carr to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license of Julie Kearchner Carr will be recorded as SUSPENDED.
3. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.
4. Should Julie Kearchner Carr seek reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding shall be convened to consider such application. At such time, the burden shall be on Julie Kearchner Carr to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of professional nursing. Julie Kearchner Carr 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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