

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: ANGELA KING SWIFT, R.N.
License Number: 0001-086101
Case Number: 169521

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. Angela King Swift, R.N. was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

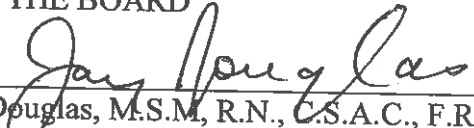
In consideration whereof, the Board of Nursing ACCEPTS the attached Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Agency Subordinate and ADOPTS the Recommended Order in its entirety.

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.

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

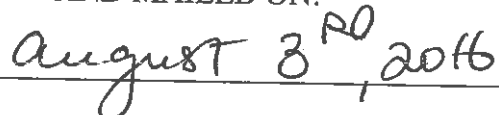
Since Ms. Swift failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Swift has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Swift has thirty days from the date of service (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

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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), Allison Gregory, M.S., R.N., F.N.P.-B.C., serving as Agency Subordinate of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”), held an informal conference on May 26, 2016 in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Angela King Swift, R.N. may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Swift 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 May 5, 2016, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Swift notifying her that an informal conference would be held on May 26, 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 accepted by Ms. Swift on May 9, 2016. As of May 26, 2016, 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. Swift and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

1. Angela King Swift, R.N. was issued License Number 0001-086101 to practice professional nursing on September 15, 1982, which is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2018. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Ms. Swift violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice professional nursing due to mental illness, as evidenced by the following:
 - a. On October 16, 2005, Ms. Swift was admitted to Chippenham Johnston Willis Hospital, Tucker Pavilion and diagnosed with bipolar I disorder. On March 19, 2007, Ms. Swift was admitted to Tucker Pavilion and diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder. On August 31, 2015, Ms. Swift was admitted to Tucker Pavilion and diagnosed with bipolar I disorder. She was discharged on or about September 4, 2015, and re-admitted on September 8, 2015, for homicidal ideations toward a family member.
 - b. On October 9, 2015, Ms. Swift requested that her case be closed at Crossroads Community Services Board, Amelia, Virginia, where she had received mental health services since 2007. At the time her case was closed, her therapist documented that Ms. Swift was disabled and was unable to work. Her current treating psychiatrist was unable to provide an opinion about her fitness to practice because he only started treating her recently.
3. Ms. Swift stated to the investigator for the Department of Health Professions that she is not able to practice nursing and she has no plans to return to work. Ms. Swift has not practiced professional nursing since 2003.

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 Angela King Swift to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license of Angela King Swift will be recorded as SUSPENDED.
3. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.
4. Should Angela King Swift seek reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding shall be convened to consider such application. At such time, the burden shall be on Angela King Swift to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of professional nursing. Angela King Swift 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 28, 2016
By Allison Gregory, M.S., R.N., F.N.P.-B.C.
Agency Subordinate

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