VIRGINIA:

#### BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

PARIS SIRE, C.N.A.

#### a/k/a PARIS PUGH

## **ORDER**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on March 17, 2010, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Paris Sire, C.N.A., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nurse aide practice in Virginia. The case was presented by James E. Rutkowski, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Howard M. Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Paris Sire, C.N.A., was not present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Paris Sire, C.N.A., was issued certificate No. 1401-120075 to practice as a nurse aide by the Virginia Board of Nursing on July 14, 2007. Said certificate is set to expire on July 31, 2011.
- 2. Based upon the representations of James E. Rutkowski, Adjudication Specialist, Commonwealth's Exhibit #1, the notice of formal hearing, Commonwealth's Exhibit #2, affidavit of mailing, and Exhibit #4, certified mail receipt, the presiding officer ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Sire and the hearing proceeded in the absence of Ms. Sire.
- 3. Ms. Sire is unable to safely practice as a nurse aide due to substance abuse. In 2006, Ms Sire began taking Ambien (zolpidem tartrate, schedule IV). Ms. Sire later began taking Xanax (alprazolam, schedule IV) because she "liked taking it." From that time until August, 2009, Ms. Sire went to several doctors in order to obtain prescriptions for these medications.

- 4. Ms. Sire relapsed on cocaine and was hospitalized as a result on August 7, 2009. Ms. Sire was again hospitalized on August 23, 2009, due to substance abuse.
- 5. Ms. Sire stated during an assessment on August 23, 2009, that her longest period of sobriety since 2001 is one year.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Board concludes that Findings of Fact Nos. 3 and 4 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

### ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

- 1. Certificate No. 1401-120075 issued to Paris Sire, C.N.A., to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED for a period of not less than two years.
- 2. The certificate of Paris Sire will be recorded as SUSPENDED and no longer current. Should Ms. Sire seek reinstatement of her certificate consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her certificate prior to issuance of her certificate to resume practice.
- 3. At such time as Ms. Sire shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her certificate, a hearing will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to safe and competent nurse aide practice.

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 on request.

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FOR THE BOARD

Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.

**Executive Director** 

Virginia Board of Nursing

April 1, 2011

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# **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.