

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: SHEILA D. GODDARD, R.N., L.N.P.

ORDER

Pursuant to § 2.2-4019, § 2.2-4021 and § 54.1-3010 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, a Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing met on February 18, 2004, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon evidence that Sheila D. Goddard, R.N., L.N.P., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in Virginia. Ms. Goddard was present and was represented by L. Thompson Hanes, Esquire.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Sheila D. Goddard, R.N., L.N.P., holds License No. 0001-057190 issued by the Board of Nursing, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth. She also holds License No. 0024-057190 to practice as a licensed nurse practitioner in the category of nurse anesthetist, issued by the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine.

2. Ms. Goddard violated § 54.1-3007(2) and (6) of the Code, 18 VAC 90-30-220(4) and (5) of the regulations governing the licensure of nurse practitioners and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Board of Nursing regulations, in that, during the course of her employment with Atlantic Anesthesia, Virginia Beach, Virginia, by her own admission, in January 2000 and from October 2000 until January 26, 2001, she diverted Fentanyl and Versed from wasted medication at Bayside Hospital, for her personal and unauthorized use and self-administered these drugs intravenously while off duty. In November 2001, she relapsed and again diverted and self-administered Fentanyl and Versed. Ms. Goddard informed her employer and her employment was suspended.

3. On or about January 31, 2001, Ms. Goddard entered a Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program ("HPIP"). This was done with the understanding that the program is to assist those persons who have an impairment, defined as "a physical or mental disability, including, but not limited to substance abuse, that substantially alters the ability of a practitioner to practice his profession with safety to his patients and the public." On or about March 7, 2003, Ms. Goddard submitted a letter of resignation which was accepted by the Intervention Program Committee on or about March 27, 2003.

4. From February until March 2001, Ms. Goddard received substance abuse and mental health treatment at the Lewis-Gale Center for Behavioral Health, Salem, Virginia.

5. From on or about March 21, 2002 until May 1, 2002, she received substance abuse and mental health treatment at Ridgeview Institute, Smyrna, Georgia. Upon her release from Ridgeview, she refrained from working and subsequently, relocated to Blacksburg, Virginia.

6. On or about August 22, 2002, Ms. Goddard entered outpatient treatment with New River Community Services, Blacksburg, Virginia. Ms. Goddard receives individual counseling and Relapse Prevention Group counseling weekly and undergoes random drug screening. She is also in therapy with Martha J. Wunsch, M.D., Certified in Addiction Medicine. Dr. Wunsch submitted a letter dated February 16, 2004, which indicates that Ms. Goddard is in compliance with her treatment.

7. Since on or about February 17, 2003, Ms. Goddard has been employed as a professional nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Montgomery Regional Hospital, Blacksburg, Virginia. On or about April 1, 2003, Ms. Goddard entered an agreement for random drug and alcohol testing to be conducted by the hospital, during the course of her employment, at a frequency of no less than six (6) times per year.

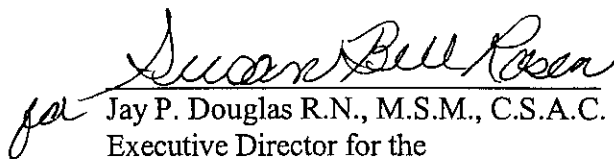
ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS that NO SANCTION BE IMPOSED against Sheila D. Goddard, R.N., L.N.P., who holds License No. 0001-057190 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Board expects Ms. Goddard to maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of Title 54.1, Chapter 30, of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

Pursuant to § 2.2-4023 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, 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.

If Ms. Goddard does not consent to the Committee's decision and desires a hearing before the Board or a panel thereof, she shall notify Jay P. Douglas R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, in writing at 6603 West Broad Street, Fifth Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1717 within thirty-three (33) days from the date of entry of this Order. This Order shall become final upon the expiration of the thirty-three day period unless a request for a formal hearing is received within such time. Upon receiving timely request for a hearing, the Board or a panel thereof shall then proceed with a hearing as provided in § 2.2-4020 and § 2.2-4021 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

FOR THE BOARD

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

ENTERED: March 3, 2004