

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: JODI FAYE PARRISH, R.N.
License Number: 0001-164602
Case Number: 169707

ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), a Special Conference Committee of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) held an informal conference on June 6, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Jodi Faye Parrish, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Jodi Faye Parrish, R.N. appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated May 13, 2016, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Parrish notifying her that an informal conference would be held on June 6, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the Order contained herein.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Jodi Faye Parrish, R.N. was issued License Number 0001-164602 to practice professional nursing on June 15, 1999, which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2017. At the informal conference, Ms. Parrish stated that she had recently renewed her license to practice

professional nursing in West Virginia. At all times relevant to the allegations contained herein, said license was in full force and effect. Her primary state of residence is West Virginia.

2. By Order entered March 25, 2009, the Board took no action against Ms. Parrish's license contingent upon her entry into and compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program based on findings of impairment. By Order entered August 20, 2014, the Board terminated the terms against Ms. Parrish's license.

3. Jodi Faye Parrish, R.N. violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(5) and (6) in that during the course of her employment with Lewis Gale Hospital-Alleghany, Low Moor, Virginia, on July 4, 2015:

a. During her shift, multiple coworkers observed Ms. Parrish having a "flat" affect, being easily distracted during conversations, slurring her words, staring at the wall, making strange statements including some about children and animals eating through cardboard, and being unable to perform basic functions of her job including using the computer, the glucometer, and the copier. Further, Ms. Parrish told a coworker that she was looking for Pitocin (oxytocin) and potassium for her patients, when neither of the patients assigned to Ms. Parrish was prescribed either medication.

b. By her own admission, Ms. Parrish was impaired at work after ingesting prescribed Restoril (temazepam, C-IV) and Cymbalta (duloxetine) in error.

4. Ms. Parrish violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Code in that during the course of her employment with Lewis Gale Hospital-Alleghany, on July 4, 2015, from the start of her shift at approximately 7:00 p.m. until sometime after 10:00 p.m. when she was asked to leave, Ms. Parrish failed to administer scheduled medications, take vitals, or document any care for her two assigned patients.

5. Ms. Parrish consistently explained that she had mistakenly taken her nighttime sleep medications before leaving for work. Ms. Parrish was working night shift on the date in question, and

she normally worked day shift. At the informal conference Ms. Parrish stated that since this incident she has added safeguards to how she takes her prescribed medications to ensure that this does not happen again.

6. There was no patient harm as a result of these incidents.
7. As a result of these incidents, Ms. Parrish's employment with Lewis Gale Hospital-Alleghany was suspended on July 4, 2015 and subsequently terminated in September 2015.
8. At the informal conference, Ms. Parrish stated that she is not currently employed and that she is waiting to seek nursing employment pending the outcome of this matter.


ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Nursing hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Jodi Faye Parrish is REPRIMANDED.
2. Jodi Faye Parrish shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 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.

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: July 8th, 2016

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Parrish may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on August 10, 2016, notify Jay 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. This Order shall become final on August 10, 2016, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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By J. Fowler
Virginia Board of Nursing