
VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: KATHY R. COLLINS, L.P.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) met on January 26, 2009, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Ms. Collins’ application for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in Virginia, which was suspended by an Order of the Board entered August 14, 2008. Ms. Collins was present and was not represented by counsel.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Kathy R. Collins, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-069123 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on June 29, 2004. Said license was suspended by Order of the Board entered on August 14, 2008, due to Ms. Collins’ diversion of opiate medication from her place of employment for her personal and unauthorized use.

2. Ms. Collins submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing, which was received by the Board on November 5, 2008.

3. The Committee found that Ms. Collins accepted responsibility for her actions. Further, Ms. Collins provided positive letters of reference from her parole office and personal physician.

4. Ms. Collins will remain on court ordered probation until January 2011, which includes random drug screens.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board concludes that Ms. Collins otherwise meets the requirements of § 54.1-3020 of the Code.
2. The Board concludes that Ms. Collins has demonstrated satisfactory evidence that she is prepared to resume practice in a safe and competent manner.


ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The license of Kathy R. Collins to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby REINSTATED without restriction.
2. Ms. Collins shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a practical nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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.

FOR THE COMMITTEE



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

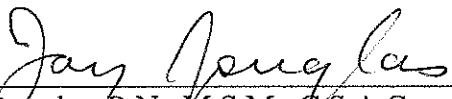
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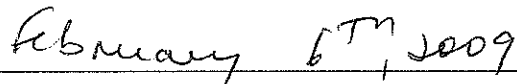
If you do not consent to the Committee's decision and desire a hearing before the Board or a panel thereof, you shall notify, in writing, the Executive Director of the Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233, within 33 days of the date of entry of this Order. This Order shall become final upon expiration of the 33-day period unless a request for a formal hearing is received within such time. Upon receiving a timely request for a hearing, this Order shall be vacated and the Board or a panel thereof shall proceed with a hearing as provided in § 2.2-4020 *et seq.* of the Code.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Order was mailed, by certified and regular mail, this day to Kathy R. Collins, L.P.N., at 122 Williams Road, Marion, Virginia 24354.



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



Date