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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

VA BD OF NURSING

**IN RE: STEPHANIE CRESSELL, R.N.
 License No.: 0001-224551**

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Stephanie Cressell, R.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Cressell's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Stephanie Cressell, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-224551 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on June 7, 2010. Said license is set to expire on June 30, 2017. Ms. Cressell's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. On December 31, 2013, the Board entered a Consent Order affecting Ms. Cressell's license to practice professional nursing ("Board's Order"). Specifically, Term No. 2 of the Board's Order took no further action against her license contingent upon her continued compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"). Ms. Cressell signed a Recovery Monitoring Contract with HPMP on August 12, 2013. The Board based its action on findings that during the course of her employment with Lewis Gale Hospital, Pulaski, Virginia, Ms. Cressell diverted fentanyl (C-II) and promethazine from hospital supplies for her personal and unauthorized use and injected herself with fentanyl while on duty.
3. Ms. Cressell was dismissed from the HPMP on June 25, 2015, for noncompliance following her submission of a forged physician's report relating to an office visit and prescription. Specifically, on May 30, 2015, she submitted a report indicating she had an appointment with her physician on May 27, 2015, and

had been prescribed tramadol (C-IV). However, the physician's office reported that the particular physician had left the practice in April 2015. Further, she recorded six positive urine drug screens, a missed urine drug screen, and three dilute urine drug screens.

4. Ms. Cressell signed a new Participation Contract with HPMP on November 16, 2015, in which she acknowledged her opioid abuse history. On November 23, 2015, Ms. Cressell entered a new Participation Contract with the HPMP. On November 19, 2015, Ms. Cressell tested positive for tramadol, for which she did not have a valid prescription. On February 17, 2016, Ms. Cressell missed a urine drug screen and on February 18, 2016, she stopped calling the drug screen test line. On March 18, 2016, Ms. Cressell was dismissed from the HPMP for noncompliance.

5. On January 20, 2016, in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Virginia, Ms. Cressell was convicted of misdemeanor obtaining drugs by fraud, a crime involving moral turpitude that occurred on or about May 31, 2013. She was sentenced to 12 months incarceration, suspended, and ordered to pay court costs of \$525.00, which have been paid in full.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Findings of Fact Nos. 3 and 4 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), and Term No. 2 of the Board's Order.
2. Finding of Fact No. 5 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code.

CONSENT

Stephanie Cressell, R.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;

3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;
4. She waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. She admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. License No. 0001-224551 of Stephanie Cressell, R.N., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. At such time as Ms. Cressell shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of professional nursing. Ms. Cressell shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.
4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.
5. This suspension shall be STAYED contingent upon the following terms and conditions:
 - a. Ms. Cressell shall comply with all terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP.

b. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for summarily rescinding the stay of indefinite suspension of the license of Stephanie Cressell, R.N., and an administrative proceeding shall be held to determine whether her license shall be revoked. The stay of indefinite suspension may be summarily rescinded at such time the Board is notified that:

- i. Ms. Cressell is not in compliance with the terms and conditions specified by the HPMP;
- ii. Ms. Cressell's participation in the HPMP has been terminated;
- iii. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against Ms. Cressell involving a violation of law, regulation, or any term or condition of this order.

6. Upon receipt of evidence of Ms. Cressell's participation in and compliance with the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Cressell's appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter.

7. This Order is applicable to Ms. Cressell's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Cressell shall not work outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Ms. Cressell wishes to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

8. Ms. Cressell is hereby REPRIMANDED.

9. Ms. Cressell shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional 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 upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

Joyce A. Hahn

Joyce A. Hahn, PhD, APRN-CNS, NEA-BC, FNAP
President, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: 5/17/16

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Stephanie Cressell RN
Stephanie Cressell, R.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Stephanie Cressell, a Notary Public, this 20th day of April, 2016

My commission expires 01.30.2018

Registration Number 7559037

Jessica Marina Finner Hillings
NOTARY PUBLIC

Certified True Copy

By *[Signature]*
Virginia Board of Nursing

