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VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: ASHLEY D. HUFFMAN, R.M.A. APPLICANT

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 April 5, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon the application of Ashley D. Huffman for registration by examination to practice as a medication aide and to inquire into allegations that grounds may exist to deny said application. Ms. Huffman was present and was not represented by legal counsel.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On September 21, 2015, Ashley D. Huffman submitted an application for registration by examination to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. By letter dated March 3, 2016, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Huffman notifying her that an informal conference would be held on April 5, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 1020 Rockway Street, Apt. 6, Staunton, Virginia 24401, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. Ms. Huffman was convicted in the Harrisonburg/Rockingham County, Virginia, General District Court of misdemeanor driving while under the influence on November 8, 2007, and October 7, 2014. On December 9, 2010, she was convicted of public swearing/intoxication.
4. On November 8, 2007, Ms. Huffman was sentenced to 60 days in jail, suspended, ordered to pay fines and court costs and ordered to complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (“VASAP”).

On October 7, 2014, Ms. Huffman was sentenced to 360 days in jail, with 340 days suspended, ordered to pay fines and court costs and ordered to complete VASAP. Ms. Huffman reported that she was not driving in the incident that led to this conviction; however, the driver fled and she could not prove otherwise. Ms. Huffman completed VASAP on January 25, 2015, and she completed the 20 session relapse prevention program on September 25, 2015. Ms. Huffman is on a payment plan with the court and reported that she pays \$50.00 a month and owes approximately \$1,000.00.

5. On December 9, 2010, Ms. Huffman was ordered to pay fines and court costs for the public swearing/intoxication conviction.

6. Ms. Huffman reported a sobriety date of May 4, 2014.

7. Ms. Huffman has been employed as a personal care assistant at Ritenour Rest Home, Staunton, Virginia, since June 2015.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

2. The Committee concludes that Ashley D. Huffman otherwise meets the requirements of § 54.1-3042 of the Code.


ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS that the application of Ashley D. Huffman for registration to practice as a medication aide in Virginia is APPROVED. Upon successful completion of the Medication Aide examination, Ms. Huffman shall be issued an unrestricted registration to practice as a medication aide.

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.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Huffman may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **June 3, 2016**, notify Jay P. 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.


FOR THE COMMITTEE:



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

ENTERED: May 2, 2016

This Order shall become final on **June 3, 2016**, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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