

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: JESSICA RYAN, R.N.
 License No.: 0001-201303**

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on March 24, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Jessica Ryan, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Cynthia E. Gaines, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings. Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Ryan was not present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jessica Ryan, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-201303 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on June 16, 2006. Said license is set to expire on February 28, 2018. Ms. Ryan's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Based upon the representations of Cynthia E. Gaines, Adjudication Specialist, and Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 1, the Notice of Formal Hearing and Affidavit of Mailing, the presiding officer ruled that adequate notice was provided to the respondent and the hearing proceeded in her absence.
3. On multiple occasions between February 2, 2015, and March 4, 2015, during the course of her employment with Gentiva Hospice, Williamsburg, Virginia:

a. While assigned to provide care to Client A, Ms. Ryan falsely documented the client's vital signs on the agency records. She charted different vital signs on the client's home record than what was documented on the agency records.

b. On March 4, 2015, Ms. Ryan documented that she changed Client B's catheter, when she had not done so.

4. Ms. Ryan had to be asked by Client A's caregiver to take the client's vital signs or check her lungs when the client was congested. Further, Ms. Ryan failed to provide wound care and request the necessary medications to treat Client A's extensive wound progression. She also failed to follow Client A's physician's order to administer Cipro (C-VI) to the client for the infected wound.

5. Ms. Ryan failed to follow Client B's physician's orders to change her catheter and provide a urine sample after the catheter change. She provided a urine sample taken from the old catheter.

6. Jennifer Reese, R.N., the director at Gentiva at the time, testified that she saw Client B's catheter after Ms. Ryan documented changing it and it was evident that the catheter had not been changed due to the deterioration of the catheter; the labelling on the catheter was illegible and sediment and mucous had adhered to the inside of the tubing. The evidence before the Board supported that the urine sample Ms. Ryan collected from Client B came from the old catheter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Findings of Fact Nos. 3(a) and 3(b) constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations").

2. Finding of Fact Nos. 4 and 5 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as

follows:

1. License No. 0001-201303 issued to Jessica Ryan, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.


2. The license of Ms. Ryan will be recorded as SUSPENDED. Should Ms. Ryan seek reinstatement of her license consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her license privilege prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.

3. At such time as Ms. Ryan shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice of professional nursing.

4. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Ryan's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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 BOARD


for Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

April 14, 2016
ENTERED

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Virginia Board Of Nursing

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.