

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: LAURIE A. CALHOUN, R.N.  
License No.: 0001-219408**

**ORDER**

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on January 12, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia. Laurie A. Calhoun, R.N., was present and was represented by Eileen Talamante, Esquire. Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On March 23, 2016, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Calhoun was not present and legal counsel appeared on her behalf. Ms. Calhoun submitted written comments/objections.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Laurie A. Calhoun, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-219408 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on June 30, 2009. The license is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2017. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated September 21, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent an Amended Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Calhoun notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 7, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 4423 South Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23707, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. Ms. Calhoun requested a continuance and by letter dated November 6, 2015, she was notified that the informal

conference would be held on January 12, 2016.

3. Ms. Calhoun was voluntarily admitted to Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center, Portsmouth, Virginia ("Maryview Medical Center"), where she received inpatient treatment from September 27 to September 30, 2014, for severe depression and homicidal and suicidal ideations. Ms. Calhoun was discharged with diagnoses including bipolar I disorder, anxiety use disorder, opioid use disorder, and stimulant use disorder.

4. Ms. Calhoun was admitted to the Maryview Medical Center again on January 17, 2015, for an overdose of Seroquel (quetiapine) and hydrocodone (C-II), and she received inpatient treatment there until January 18, 2015. Ms. Calhoun's urine drug screen tested positive for benzodiazepines, cocaine, and amphetamines. The results were not confirmed and Ms. Calhoun denied cocaine use.

5. Ms. Calhoun has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder, adjustment disorder, depression, anxiety and ADHD. At the informal conference, Ms. Calhoun stated that she has had suicidal ideations since 1989.

6. Ms. Calhoun has had seven employment terminations since 2010. Ms. Calhoun told the investigator for the Department of Health Professions that she believed her inability to keep a job may be related to her history of mental illness.

7. On March 5, 2015, Ms. Calhoun signed a Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") stating that she may suffer from mental illness and/or physical illness that impairs her ability to practice nursing safely as evidenced by her psychiatric hospitalizations. Ms. Calhoun was dismissed from the HPMP on July 17, 2015, for failing to complete an assessment as recommended by the HPMP and failing to respond to the HPMP.

8. On December 16 and 29, 2015, Ms. Calhoun underwent a broad-spectrum psychological evaluation at Integrated Behavioral Health Care. Her diagnoses were major depressive disorder, recurrent,

severe, without psychotic features; generalized anxiety disorder; post-traumatic stress disorder, rule out; bipolar I disorder, unspecified, by history; ADHD, combined type, by history; and schizoid personality disorder, with depressive personality traits, antisocial personality traits. Her current medications are Adderall (amphetamine and dextroamphetamine, C-II), alprazolam (C-IV), temazepam (C-IV), quetiapine and venlafaxine (both C-VI).

9. During the course of her employment with Continuum Pediatric Nursing Services, Chesapeake, Virginia:

a. On December 1, 2014, Ms. Calhoun failed to properly watch and care for a minor patient, allowing the patient to sustain an injury under her care.

b. December 22, 2014, Ms. Calhoun yelled and cursed at her supervisor during a meeting.

10. Ms. Calhoun's employment with Continuum Pediatric Nursing Services was terminated on December 22, 2015.

11. Ms. Calhoun falsified information in employment applications, as evidenced by the following:

a. On her application for employment with Continuum Pediatric Nursing Services, dated May 29, 2013:

i. Ms. Calhoun failed to list her previous employment with Chesapeake Regional Medical Center, Chesapeake, Virginia, from June 29, 2009, until her employment was terminated on November 11, 2009.

ii. Ms. Calhoun failed to list her previous employment with Bon Secours DePaul Medical Center, Norfolk, Virginia, from January 11, 2010, until her employment was terminated on November 18, 2010.

b. On her application for employment with Atlantic Homecare Services dated February 7, 2013, Ms. Calhoun failed to list her previous employment with Chesapeake Regional Medical Center.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Findings of Fact Nos. 3 - 7 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.
2. Finding of Fact No. 9(a) constitutes 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 Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations").
3. Finding of Fact No. 9(b) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) of the Code.
4. Finding of Fact No. 11 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations.

### ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Laurie A. Calhoun, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. License No. 0001-219408 of Laurie A. Calhoun, R.N., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
3. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
4. At such time as Ms. Calhoun 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. Calhoun 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.
5. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.
6. This suspension shall be STAYED upon proof of entry into the HPMP pursuant to

Chapter 25.1 of Title 54.1 of the Code and 18 VAC 76-10-10 *et seq.* of the Regulations Governing the HPMP. At such time, the indefinite suspension shall be STAYED and the following terms and conditions shall apply:

a. Ms. Calhoun shall comply with all terms and conditions 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 Laurie A. Calhoun, 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. Calhoun is not in compliance with the terms and conditions specified by the HPMP;

ii. Ms. Calhoun's participation in the HPMP has been terminated;

iii. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against Ms. Calhoun involving a violation of law, regulation, or any term or condition of this order.

7. Upon receipt of evidence of Ms. Calhoun's participation and successful completion of the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Calhoun's appearance before a Committee and conduct an administrative review of this matter, at which time she may be issued an unrestricted license.

8. This Order is applicable to Ms. Calhoun's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Calhoun 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 she wishes to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of

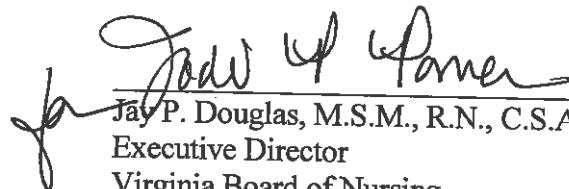
the Board.

9. Ms. Calhoun 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 § 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 a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Calhoun may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on May 4, 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 he/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 BOARD:

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

ENTERED: April 1, 2016

This Order shall become final on May 4, 2016, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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By   
**Virginia Board of Nursing**