

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: PHILISSA TAYLOR-PLUNKETT, R.N.
License No.: 0001-188804

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 14, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia. Philissa Taylor-Plunkett, R.N., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. 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. Taylor-Plunkett was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

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. Philissa Taylor-Plunkett, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-188804 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on February 3, 2004. Said license is set to expire on June 30, 2016. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated December 17, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Taylor-Plunkett notifying her that an informal conference would be held on January 14, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 1805 Rainbow Forest Drive, Troutville, Virginia 24175, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The certified mail was returned to the Board marked "unclaimed." The first class mail was not returned to the Board office. On January 7, 2016, Ms. Taylor-Plunkett sent an email message to the Board office verifying receipt of the Notice. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Taylor-Plunkett and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. During the course of her employment with Lewis Gale Medical Center, Salem, Virginia:

- a. On February 28, 2015, at 9:53 a.m., Ms. Taylor-Plunkett withdrew two units of oxycodone 10 mg for a patient who was not assigned to her and failed to administer said medication.
 - b. On February 26, 2015, Ms. Taylor-Plunkett was counseled for failing to document in the nursing notes, shift assessments and shift sign-offs for three patients on February 19 and 20, 2015.
 - c. Ms. Taylor-Plunkett's employment was terminated on April 1, 2015.
4. On May 14, 2015, at the request of the Department of Health Professions investigator, Ms. Taylor-Plunkett submitted to a urine drug screen which was positive for amphetamines; however, a prescription monitoring report for the period September 10, 2013 to September 10, 2015, indicated that Ms. Taylor-Plunkett did not have any prescriptions.
 5. By letter dated May 14, 2015, Ms. Taylor-Plunkett voluntarily surrendered her license to practice professional nursing and submitted her original license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 3(a) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), (6) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.
2. Finding of Fact No. 3(b) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) of the Code.
3. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

ORDER


WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. The Board accepts the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of License No. 0001-188804 issued to Philissa Taylor-Plunkett, R.N., for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. At such time as Ms. Taylor-Plunkett 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. Taylor-Plunkett 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.

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.

Since Ms. Taylor-Plunkett failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Taylor-Plunkett has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Taylor-Plunkett has thirty (30) days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three (3) days are added to that period.

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: March 29th 2016

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