

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:       TREVIA QUASH, L.P.N.**  
**License No.: 0002-066398**

**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 December 10, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Trevia Quash, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing practical nursing practice in Virginia. Ms. Quash 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. Trevia Quash, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-066398 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on June 10, 2003. Said license expires on November 30, 2015. Ms. Quash also holds practical nursing licenses in Alaska, Florida, and Texas that are expired. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated November 8, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Quash notifying her that an informal conference would be held on December 10, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 2855 Majestic Oak Court, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. On December 6, 2013, an Amended Notice was sent by overnight mail to Ms. Quash.
3. During her employment with Beth Sholom Village, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on July 26, 2013, by her own admission, Ms. Quash diverted 30 dosage units of Ambien (zolpidem, Schedule IV) from a

resident for her own personal and unauthorized use. Ms. Quash also attempted to destroy the resident's narcotic record for the Ambien, which was found half-torn in a shredder, to hide the diversion.

4. On her application for licensure by repeat examination to practice as a professional nurse received by the Board on June 18, 2013, and on June 25, 2013, Ms. Quash answered "No" to the question regarding whether she has a chemical dependency condition which could interfere with her current ability to practice professional nursing, when, in fact, she diverted Ambien, as stated in Finding of Fact No. 3 above.

5. At the informal conference, Ms. Quash stated that she diverted the Ambien because she was afraid she would run out of the medication even though she receives the medication by prescription. On July 31, 2013, Beth Sholom Village terminated Ms. Quash's employment because of the diversion referenced above after she worked at the facility for approximately two months.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

2. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(1) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(1)(b) of the Regulations.

3. There is probable cause to believe that Ms. Quash is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients because of excessive use of drugs or mental illness.

#### **ORDER**

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Trevia Quash, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.

2. Pursuant to § 54.1-2400(15) of the Code, Ms. Quash shall have an evaluation by a mental health/chemical dependency specialist satisfactory to the Board and shall have a written report of the evaluation, including a diagnosis, recommended course of therapy, prognosis, and any recommendations sent to the Board within 60 days after the date that this Order is entered. Upon receipt of the required

information, the Board may request that Ms. Quash reappear before a Special Conference Committee in order to consider the specialist's recommendations and to make a final disposition of the matter.

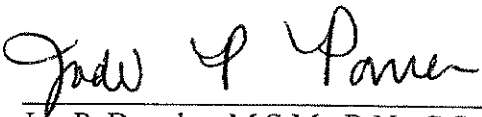
3. Ms. Quash shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a practical nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

4. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or of any law or regulation affecting the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license of Ms. Quash and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

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. Quash may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **January 29, 2014**, notify Jay P. Douglas, 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:

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

ENTERED: December 27, 2013

This Order shall become final on **January 29, 2014**, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.