

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: AMY D. COOKE, L.P.N.
 License No.: 0002-086927**

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to § 54.1-110 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), a quorum of the Board of Nursing (“Board”) met by telephone conference call on February 4, 2016, after a good faith effort to convene a regular meeting of the Board had failed. The purpose of the meeting was to receive and act upon certain information indicating that Amy D. Cooke, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations relating to the practice of practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as more fully set forth in the attached “NOTICE OF HEARING and STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS,” which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

WHEREUPON, pursuant to its authority under § 54.1-2408.1(A) of the Code, the Board concludes that a substantial danger to public health or safety warrants this action and ORDERS that the license of Amy D. Cooke, L.P.N., License No. 0002-086927, to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby SUSPENDED. It is further ORDERED that a hearing be convened forthwith to receive and act upon evidence in this case and that the Executive Director of the Board shall be authorized to execute this Order and all other documents, notices and orders on behalf of the Board necessary to bring this matter to a hearing.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of Amy D. Cooke, L.P.N., will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Cooke’s multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice practical 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 or copying on request.

FOR THE BOARD

Jay Douglas

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

Entered: February 10th, 2016

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4024(F), and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), Amy D. Cooke, L.P.N., who, prior to its summary suspension by the Board of Nursing on February 10, 2016, held License No. 0002-086927 to practice practical nursing in Virginia, is hereby given notice that a formal administrative hearing will be held in the presence of a panel of the Board of Nursing. The hearing will be held on March 24, 2016, at 1:30 p.m., at the offices of the Department of Health Professions, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia 23233, at which time Ms. Cooke will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Cooke has the following rights, among others: the right to representation by counsel; the right to have witnesses subpoenaed and to present witnesses on her behalf; the right to present documentary evidence; and the right to cross-examine adverse witnesses. If Ms. Cooke desires any witnesses to appear on her behalf, she must notify the Director of Administrative Proceedings, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in accordance with the Instructions for Requesting Subpoenas.

The purpose of the hearing is to inquire into evidence that Amy D. Cooke, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing practical nursing practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that:

1. During the course of her employment at Continuum Pediatric Nursing Services, Chesapeake, Virginia:
 - a. Amy D. Cooke, L.P.N., may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (5), (6) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (“Regulations”) in that on or about October 8, 2015, while assigned to provide care to a minor patient diagnosed with cytomegalovirus and cerebral palsy and who has a tracheostomy and gastrostomy tube, Ms. Cooke was observed to have slurred speech and repeatedly nodded off. Further, when attempting to perform her normal nursing duties, Ms. Cooke had difficulty with her coordination and failed to flush the patient’s feeding pump with the appropriate amount of water.
 - b. Ms. Cooke may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (5), (6) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations in that by her own admission, in September 2015, Ms. Cooke stole hydrocodone (C-II) tablets from a client’s home for her personal and unauthorized use.
2. Ms. Cooke may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that she may be unsafe to practice practical nursing due to substance abuse, as evidenced by the following:
 - a. Ms. Cooke admits to abusing opiates since March 2015.
 - b. By her own admission, on or about October 8, 2015, Ms. Cooke consumed two Ultram (tramadol, C-IV) and three hydrocodone tablets prior to her shift.
 - c. A urine drug screen conducted on November 3, 2015, was positive for hydrocodone and hydromorphone, for which Ms. Cooke did not have valid prescriptions.

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ENTERED: February 10th, 2016