

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:       KATRINA JONES, L.P.N.**  
**License No.: 0002-086989**

**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 November 4, 2014 in Henrico County, Virginia. Ms. Jones was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Judith Piersall, serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On January 28, 2015, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Jones 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. Katrina Jones, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-086989 to practice as a practical nurse in Virginia on May 7, 2012. The license is set to expire on July 31, 2015. Ms. Jones' primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated October 14, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Jones notifying her that an informal conference would be held on November 4, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 753 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. A, Newport News, Virginia, 23607, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. During the course of her employment with Heart Song Care, Newport News, Virginia,

between March 19, 2014 and March 21, 2014:

a. Ms. Jones inserted a Shiley 3.5 Neonatal tracheostomy tube into an eight-month old patient. The patient was ordered to receive a Shiley 4.0 Neonatal tracheostomy tube. When a co-worker informed Ms. Jones that she had used the wrong tube size she refused to change the tube to the correct size. During the informal conference Ms. Jones admitted she inserted the 3.5 tracheostomy tube and did not change the tube back to a 4.0 before leaving her shift. Ms. Jones stated that the 3.5 tracheostomy tube was available to use if the 4.0 tube was difficult to insert and that was why she chose to use the 3.5 tube.

b. Ms. Jones was observed sleeping during her shift.

4. Following Ms. Jones' departure, co-workers were unable to find documentation regarding the patient's care provided by Ms. Jones.

5. Ms. Jones' employment with Heart Song Care was terminated on March 23, 2014, after approximately three days of employment. Ms. Jones denied that she was terminated and she indicated she resigned.

6. At the informal conference, Ms. Jones stated that she never read the letter she received via certified mail from the Department of Health Professions investigator and she did not read the investigative packet mailed to her in preparation for the informal conference.

7. Ms. Jones is currently employed with Continuum Pediatrics and Atlantic. She was recently employed by Maxim Healthcare from which she was terminated for sleeping during her shift.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 3(a) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations").

2. Finding of Fact No. 3(b) 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.

**ORDER**

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Katrina Jones, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Jones shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed the following NCSBN Courses within 90 days of the entry of this Order: *Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care* and *Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know*.
3. Ms. Jones 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. Jones and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

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. Jones may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **March 17, 2015**, 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 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:

*per* *Melissa Mitchell-Lively*  
Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: *February 12, 2015*

This Order shall become final on **March 17, 2015**, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

Certified True Copy

By *L. Robinson-Howes*  
Virginia Board of Nursing