VIRGINIA:

## BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

SHANTEEQUA JONES, R.M.A. Registration No.: 0031-008337

#### **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 October 22, 2015 in Henrico County, Virginia. Ms. Jones was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On January 27, 2016, 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. Shanteequa Jones, R.M.A., was issued Registration No. 0031-008337 to practice as a registered medication aide in Virginia on January 9, 2015. Said registration is set to expire on February 29, 2016.
- 2. By letter dated September 23, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Jones notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 22, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 2510 Blueberry Bank, Chesapeake, Virginia, 23325, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
- 3. On March 20, 2015, during the course of her employment with Dominion Village at Chesapeake, Chesapeake, Virginia, by her own admission, Ms. Jones applied another resident's

Ativan/Benedryl/Haldol gel (lorazepam, diphenhydramine, and haloperidol transdermal gel, C-IV) to Resident A, without a physician's order.

- 4. During an interview with an investigator for the Virginia Department of Health Professions, Ms. Jones stated that she had tried to calm the resident but that she could not get her to relax and she kept screaming. At that time she decided to give the resident something to help calm her but she did not want to give her an oral medication. Ms. Jones admitted that she took the gel from another resident's supply and applied the medication to the resident's back. Ms. Jones documented the application of the gel to the resident on the resident's 24-hour log. At the informal conference, Ms. Jones stated that she was very remorseful for her actions. There was no patient harm.
- 5. Ms. Jones began employment with Dominion Village at Chesapeake on April 1, 2014, and was terminated on March 23, 2015.
  - 6. Ms. Jones is currently employed part-time at Sister's Choice, a group home.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of §54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code, and 18 VAC 90-60-110(A)(2) and 18 VAC 90-60-120(2)(a), (f), (l) and (m) of the Regulations Governing the Registration of Medication Aides.

### **ORDER**

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

- 1. Shanteequa Jones, R.M.A., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Ms. Jones shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a registered medication aide 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

hearing is received as described above.

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 7, 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 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:

**Executive Director** 

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This Order shall become final on March 7, 2016; unless a request for a formal administrative

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