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VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: **KAREN E. HARVEY, R.N.**
License No.: 0001-194535

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Karen E. Harvey, R.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Harvey's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Karen E. Harvey, R.N. was issued License No. 0001-194535 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on February 3, 2005. Said license expired on December 31, 2014. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Ms. Harvey has a history of opiate abuse/dependence and anxiety. On March 4, 2013, during the course of an investigation into her possible diversion of narcotics at INOVA Fairfax Hospital, Ms. Harvey signed a Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP").
3. On September 16, 2013, Ms. Harvey was granted a stay of disciplinary action with the understanding that she would comply with all terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP.
4. The stay of disciplinary action against Ms. Harvey was vacated on November 4, 2014, due to her noncompliance with her program contract, including continued use of alcohol. Ms. Harvey then failed to enter residential treatment as instructed by HPMP and in December of 2014 she submitted a letter of resignation to HPMP. Ms. Harvey was subsequently dismissed from the HPMP on January 26, 2015.

5. In a letter to a Department of Health Professions investigator dated February 25, 2015, Ms. Harvey stated that she had decided not to practice nursing at this time.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Findings of Fact Nos. 2 and 4 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”).

CONSENT

Karen E. Harvey, R.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document and is represented by Eileen Talamante, Esquire, and Michael Goodman, Esquire;
2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;
4. She waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. She neither admits nor denies the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein but waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

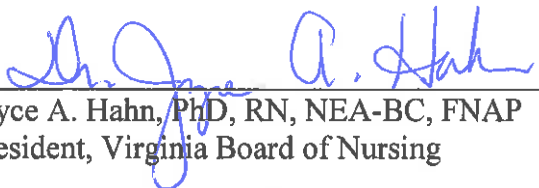
ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The Board ACCEPTS the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of Karen E. Harvey's right to renew her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. At such time as Ms. Harvey 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. Harvey 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 §§ 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 upon request.

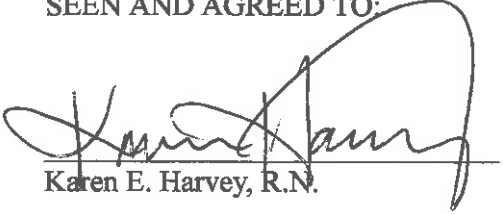
FOR THE BOARD



Joyce A. Hahn, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP
President, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: 1/27/16

SEEN AND AGREED TO:


Karen E. Harvey, R.N.

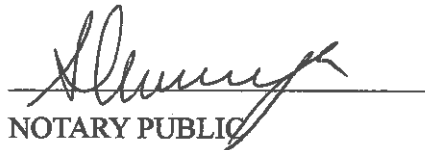
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Fairfax, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Stephanie Alvarenga, a Notary Public, this 22 day of December, 2015.

My commission expires March 31, 2019.

Registration Number 7624469

STEPHANIE ELISABETH ALVARENGA
NOTARY PUBLIC
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAR. 31, 2019
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