VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

CHLOE STUZMAN-CONNOR, L.P.N.

License No.: 0002-079349

<u>ORDER</u>

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 15, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Chloe Stuzman-Connor,

L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia. Ms.

Stuzman-Connor was present and was not represented by counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and

Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Chloe Stuzman-Connor, L.P.N. was issued License No. 0002-079349 to practice practical

nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on Ocotber 28, 2008. Said license expires on March 31, 2016.

Ms. Stuzman-Connor's primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated November 17, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference

("Notice") to Ms. Stuzman-Connor notifying her that an informal conference would be held on December 15,

2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 159 Garber Lane, Winchester, Virginia 22602, the

address of record for the Board.

3. On September 27, 2014, during the course of her employment with Envoy of Winchester,

Winchester, Virginia, after the daughter of Resident A reported to Ms. Stuzman-Connor that she thought that

Resident A had ingested a whole container of Imodium, Ms. Stuzman-Connor, by her own admission, did

not assess Resident A and did not document the daughter's concerns in her records. Further, she failed to notify Resident A's physician of her possible overdose.

- 4. Ms. Stuzman-Connor took responsibility for her inaction with regard to Resident A's daughter's concerns. Ms. Stuzman-Connor stated to the Committee that she was dealing with a situation involving two other residents at the time the resident's daughter approached her and she thought that she had reported the daughter's concerns to the nurse assigned to the resident.
- 5. On October 16, 2014, Ms. Stuzman-Connor's employment with Envoy of Winchester was terminated.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Findings 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)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

## <u>ORDER</u>

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

- 1. Chloe Stuzman-Connor, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Ms. Stuzman-Connor shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed the following NCSBN on line courses: *Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care* and *Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses* within 60 days of the date this Order is entered. These courses shall not be credited toward the continued competency requirements for the next renewal of her license.
- 3. Ms. Stuzman-Connor 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. Stuzman-Connor 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. Stuzman-Connor may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on February 15, 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 COMMITTEE:

Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

This Order shall become final on February 15, 2016, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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