

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: KARRAH PRITCHETT, R.N.
 License No.: 0001-232653**

ORDER

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 2, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Karrah Pritchett, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia. Ms. Pritchett 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. Karrah Pritchett, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-232653 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on July 25, 2011. Said license expires on July 31, 2017. Ms. Pritchett’s primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated November 6, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Pritchett notifying her that an informal conference would be held on December 2, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 260 Garfield Street, Apt. A, Danville, Virginia 24541, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. On February 7, 2015, during the course of her employment with Danville Regional Medical Center, Danville, Virginia, in the labor and delivery department, by her own admission, Ms. Pritchett

discharged Patient A, who was in her third trimester and had been hemorrhaging, without an order from Patient A's attending physician. Patient A was not harmed as a result of Ms. Pritchett's actions.

4. On February 12, 2015, Ms. Pritchett's employment with Danville Regional Medical Center was terminated.

5. Ms. Pritchett stated to the Committee that she understands that she should have called the attending physician and obtained discharge orders at the time the patient requested to go home at 3:30 a.m.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54-.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

ORDER


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

1. Karrah Pritchett, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Pritchett shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed NCSBN online course: *Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses* within 60 days of the date this Order is entered. This course shall not be credited toward the continued competency requirements for the next renewal of her license.
3. Ms. Pritchett shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional 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. Pritchett 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. Pritchett may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on January 25, 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:


Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: December 23, 2015

This Order shall become final on January 25, 2016; unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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By D. Suler
Virginia Board of Nursing