

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

ALTANICE CASIMIRO, C.N.A. APPLICANT

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 1, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Altanice Casimiro’s application for certification by examination to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia and to inquire into allegations that grounds may exist to deny said application. Ms. Casimiro 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. Altanice Casimiro submitted an application for registration by examination to practice as a nurse aide, which was received by the Board on April 21, 2015.
2. By letter dated October 27, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Casimiro notifying her that an informal conference would be held on December 1, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 13204 Wilderness Park Drive, Spotsylvania, Virginia, 22551, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. On May 17, 2013, Altanice Casimiro was convicted of one count of felony conspiracy of possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, heroin, in the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, Maryland. Ms. Casimiro was sentenced to incarceration for ten years, with all but 5 days suspended, and four years of supervised probation, with the first year supervised by private home detention. She was further ordered to complete a substance abuse assessment.

4. The substance abuse assessment performed by Prince William County Health Department Division of Addictions and Mental Health on June 24, 2013, indicated no addictions or referrals.

5. At the informal conference, Ms. Casimiro indicated that she completed her year of home detention, and she is currently on supervised probation until May 2017. She further indicated that she is a currently employed in a non-nursing related capacity.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code.
2. Ms. Casimiro otherwise meets the requirements of § 54.1-3023 of the Code.

ORDER

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

1. The application of Altanice Casimiro for certification by examination to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby APPROVED. Upon successful completion of the NNAAP examination, Ms. Casimiro shall be issued an unrestricted certificate to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth.
2. Altanice Casimiro is hereby REPRIMANDED.
3. Ms. Casimiro shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a nurse aide commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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. Casimiro 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 R. Douglas

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

ENTERED: December 22, 2016

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

Certified True Copy

By *[Signature]*

Virginia Board of Nursing