

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:           EVELINE P. KEISLER, R.N.  
                  License No.: 0001-198766**

**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 August 20, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia. Ms. Keisler was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Jodi Power, R.N., J.D., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On November 18, 2015, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Keisler 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. Eveline P. Keisler, R.N. was issued License No. 0001-198766 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on October 21, 2005. The license expired on October 31, 2014. Ms. Keisler's primary state of residence is Michigan. Ms. Keisler holds license no. 4704227630 to practice professional nursing in Michigan, which is set to expire on March 31, 2016.

2. By letter dated January 23, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Keisler notifying her that an informal conference would be held on March 10, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 3595 W. Fisher Road, Ludington, MI 49431, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. By letter dated March 10, 2015, the Board

of Nursing notified Ms. Keisler that the informal conference previously scheduled for March 10, 2015 was being rescheduled. By letter dated July 22, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent an Amended Notice of Informal Conference (“Amended Notice”) to Ms. Keisler notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 20, 2015. The Amended Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 3595 W. Fisher Road, Ludington, MI 49431, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The certified mail card from the Amended Notice was signed and returned to the Board office. The Amended Notice sent by first class mail was not returned to the Board office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Keisler and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. On January 29, 2014, the Kansas State Board of Nursing denied Ms. Keisler’s application to practice as a registered nurse in Kansas because she failed to fully disclose her criminal convictions. Specifically, on her Kansas application, Ms. Keisler falsely stated she was not convicted of misdemeanor counterfeiting identifying marks in Michigan in 1998, failed to disclose her 1997 misdemeanor destruction of property conviction, and answered “no” to a question asking if she had a chemical dependency condition which could interfere with her ability to practice nursing. Further, the denial of Ms. Keisler’s Kansas application was also based on her drug use and treatment history and her failure to enter the Kansas Nurse Assistance Program as required by the Kansas Board of Nursing.

4. On July 28, 2005, Ms. Keisler submitted an application for licensure as a professional nurse by endorsement to the Virginia Board of Nursing in which she failed to disclose all of her criminal convictions. By her own admission, Ms. Keisler did not disclose the 1997 destruction of property conviction on her initial application. Further, Ms. Keisler indicated a charge for counterfeiting identifying marks was *nolle prossed* when, in fact, she pled guilty and was convicted of said misdemeanor in Michigan in 1998. Ms. Keisler had originally been charged with a felony for attempting to alter a

prescription submitted for additional medication, Lorcet (hydrocodone, C-II), when she was in the throes of addiction.

5. Ms. Keisler's Michigan nursing license was summarily suspended on July 6, 2001, and subsequently suspended on October 10, 2002. Ms. Keisler's license was reinstated subject to one year of probation with terms on March 4, 2004. Ms. Keisler began participating in the Michigan Health Professional Recovery Program in October of 2003.

6. On May 27, 2014, Ms. Keisler reported to the investigator for the Department of Health Professions that her date of sobriety was October 2002 and that she had successfully completed five years of monitoring between Michigan and Virginia.

7. In a letter dated August 11, 2014, Ms. Keisler reported working in a non-nursing position in Michigan.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.7-3007(7) of the Code.
2. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.7-3007(1) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(1)(b) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

#### **ORDER**

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

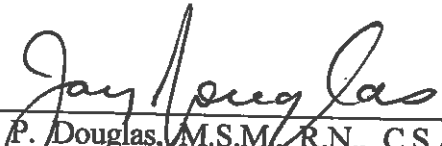
1. Eveline P. Keisler, R.N. is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Keisler shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

Pursuant to § 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 a public record, and shall be made available for public

inspection and copying upon request.


Since Ms. Keisler failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Keisler has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Keisler has thirty (30) days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three (3) days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD

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

Entered: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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By   
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