

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: PAMELA S. CASELLA, R.N.
License No.: 0001-107369**

CONSENT ORDER

By letter dated December 10, 2015, the Board of Nursing ("Board") noticed Pamela Casella, R.N., for a formal hearing. In lieu of proceeding to a formal hearing, the Board and Ms. Casella, as evidenced by their signatures affixed below, agree to enter into this Consent Order affecting the license of Ms. Casella to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Pamela S. Casella, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-107369 to practice professional nursing by the Board on August 18, 1987. Said license was summarily suspended by Order of the Board entered December 10, 2015. Ms. Casella's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Ms. Casella was hospitalized for inpatient psychiatric treatment from May 11, 2015, through May 20, 2015, at Southside Regional Medical Center, Richmond, Virginia, from June 7, 2015, through July 9, 2015, at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center, Richmond, Virginia, and from September 8, 2015, through September 11, 2015, at Tucker Pavilion, Richmond, Virginia.
3. Ms. Casella stated in a September 2, 2015, letter to the Board that she currently was seeing a psychiatrist for medication management and a licensed clinical social worker for therapy every two to three weeks. She has not worked as a professional nurse in more than six years but expressed interest in possibly returning to the practice of nursing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”).

CONSENT

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document and is represented by Eileen Talamante, Esq., and Michael Goodman, Esq.;
2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her license except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* and § 54.1-2408.1;
3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to a formal fact finding hearing 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 rights to a formal hearing;
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 as a professional nurse 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. License No. 0001-107369 of Pamela S. Casella, R.N., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

3. At such time as Ms. Casella 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. Casella 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

Jay P. Douglas
Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: April 5th, 2016

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Pamela S. Casella, RN
Pamela S. Casella, R.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Christine Michelle Anderson a Notary Public, this 14th day of March, 2016.

My Commission expires 31 May 2016.

Registration Number 7525383.

Christine Michelle Anderson
Notary Public 7525383
Commonwealth of Virginia
My Commission Expires May 31, 2016

Christine Michelle Anderson
NOTARY PUBLIC

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