

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:           STEPHANIE C. VANCE, L.P.N.  
                  License No.: 0002-052427**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on November 18, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Stephanie C. Vance, L.P.N. may have violated certain laws governing nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Amy Weiss, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Vance was not present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Stephanie C. Vance, L.P.N. was issued License No. 0002-052427 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on April 17, 1996. Said license is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2017. Ms. Vance's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Based upon the representations of Amy Weiss, Adjudication Specialist, and Commonwealth's Exhibit #1, the Notice of Formal Hearing, Statement of Particulars and Amended Affidavit of Mailing, the presiding officer ruled that adequate notice was provided to the respondent and the hearing proceeded in her absence.
3. Ms. Vance was hospitalized for psychiatric treatment in January, July, and November 2014 (twice under a Temporary Detention Order) after exhibiting psychotic behavior. On two of these occasions, in January and July, Ms. Vance tested positive for marijuana. Ms. Vance's discharge diagnoses included bipolar

disorder with psychotic features and marijuana dependence.

4. Ms. Vance has a history of noncompliance with outpatient psychiatric treatment, including failing to keep counseling appointments and discontinuing her psychotropic medications.

5. Ms. Vance told an investigator for the Department of Health Professions on January 23, 2015, that she was dissatisfied with her follow-up treatment with the Henrico Mental Health and Developmental Services, Henrico, Virginia. Ms. Vance stated that she disagreed with her mental health diagnoses and said that she had not taken any of her prescribed medications since she was discharged from Richmond Community Hospital, Richmond, Virginia on November 14, 2014.

6. During the course of her employment with Tree of Life Services, Richmond, Virginia, Ms. Vance's hospitalizations and mental illness caused her employer to have concerns for her emotional well-being and stress levels. Ms. Vance told the investigator that some of her prescribed medication made her incoherent and unable to go to work and that Tree of Life Services tried to accommodate her when she was not feeling well enough to work. Ms. Vance had several absences, including no calls, no shows, which eventually resulted in her termination from employment on July 1, 2014.

7. Ms. Vance told the investigator that she was currently employed with Our Lady of Hope Health Center, Henrico, Virginia as of January 23, 2015.

8. To date, Ms. Vance has not enrolled in the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that Findings of Fact Nos. 3 and 4 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

#### ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. License No. 0002-052427 issued to Stephanie C. Vance, L.P.N. to practice practical nursing in

the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

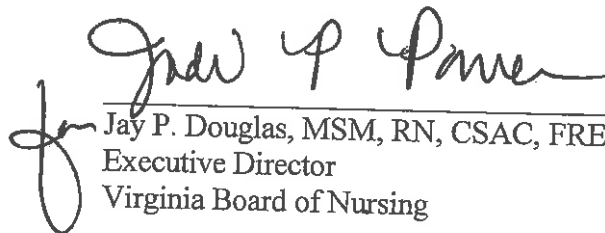
2. The license of Stephanie C. Vance, L.P.N. will be recorded as SUSPENDED and no longer current. Should Ms. Vance seek reinstatement of her license consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement her license prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.

3. At such time as Ms. Vance shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice of practical nursing.

4. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Vance's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice practical 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 on request.

FOR THE BOARD

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

December 8, 2015  
ENTERED

Certified True Copy

By   
Virginia Board Of Nursing

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.