

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: BONNIE R. GARDNER, R.N.
License No.: 0001-131776

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Bonnie R. Gardner, R.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Gardner's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Bonnie R. Gardner, R.N. was issued License No. 0001-131776 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on March 18, 1993. Said license is set to expire on December 31, 2016. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. During the course of her employment on the behavioral unit of Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and Henry County, Martinsville, Virginia, on January 23, 2015, Ms. Gardner restrained a patient in her wheelchair by tying the neck straps of the patient's gown to the chair. Ms. Gardner then pushed the patient into her room and asked another nurse, who was distributing medications, to watch the patient while she left the unit to tend to a personal matter.
3. There was no harm noted to the patient. Ms. Gardner's employment with Memorial Hospital was terminated as a result of this incident.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

CONSENT

Bonnie R. Gardner, R.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference 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 right to an informal conference;
5. She admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and 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 professional nursing 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. Bonnie R. Gardner, R.N. is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Gardner 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.

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

ENTERED: December 4, 2015

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Bonnie R. Gardner
Bonnie R. Gardner, R.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Brandy Dawn Decker, a Notary Public, this 13th day of November, 2015.

My commission expires 11/30/2018

Registration Number 7617742

Brandy Dawn Decker
Notary Public
Commonwealth of Virginia
Reg # 7617742
My Commission Expires 11/30/18

Brandy Dawn Decker
NOTARY PUBLIC

Certified True Copy

By: *[Signature]*
Virginia Board of Nursing