

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: SARAH BELINDA TAYLOR, C.N.A.
REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
Certificate Number: 1401-056936
Case Number: 179966**

ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), a Special Conference Committee of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) held an informal conference on August 2, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Sarah Belinda Taylor's application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and her petition for removal of a finding of neglect imposed by a prior Order of the Board.

Sarah Belinda Taylor, C.N.A., appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated June 30, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Taylor notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 2, 2017. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board and a secondary address.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the Order contained herein.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Sarah Belinda Taylor, C.N.A., was issued Certificate Number 1401-056936 to practice as a nurse aide on January 20, 1996.

2. Said certificate was indefinitely suspended by Order of the Board of Nursing entered December 2, 2015. The Board's Order was based upon findings that during the course of her employment at Dinwiddie Health and Rehabilitation Center, Petersburg, Virginia, while assigned to the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift on August 29 and 30, 2014, Ms. Taylor left the facility at approximately 1:00 a.m. without advising her supervisor or coworkers that she was leaving and without ensuring the continuation of care for her assigned residents.

3. Ms. Taylor stated at the informal conference that she knew in her heart that it was wrong to walk off the job. She stated that she has learned her lesson and realizes that the care of her patients should come first.

4. Ms. Taylor stated that in the past 18 months she has provided care for her mother and a friend who was recovering from hip surgery.

5. Ms. Taylor stated that she is hoping to have her certificate reinstated so that she can get back on her feet financially. She hopes to obtain a position at the Hiram Davis Medical Center in Petersburg, Virginia.

6. Ms. Taylor has demonstrated that she is able to resume safe and competent practice as a nurse aide and that her employment and personal history do not reflect a pattern of abusive behavior or neglect.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Nursing hereby ORDERS as follows:


1. The petition of Sarah Belinda Taylor, C.N.A., for removal of the finding of neglect based on a single occurrence is APPROVED.

2. The application of Sarah Belinda Taylor, C.N.A., for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide is APPROVED without restriction.

3. Sarah Belinda Taylor, C.N.A., shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of nurse aides in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, 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.

FOR THE BOARD



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

ENTERED AND MAILED:

August 30TH, 2017

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Taylor may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on October 2, 2017, notify Jay 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. This Order shall become final on October 2, 2017, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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