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BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE

IN RE: **LAURA A. LARRICK, L.N.P.**
 License No.: 0024-164750
 Prescriptive Authority No.: 0017-137594

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine (“Committee of the Joint Boards”) and Laura A. Larrick, L.N.P., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Larrick’s license to practice as a nurse practitioner in Virginia.

The Committee of the Joint Boards adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Laura A. Larrick, L.N.P., was issued License No. 0024-164750 to practice as a nurse practitioner in the adult category, by the Committee of the Joint Boards on February 8, 2001. She was issued Authorization to Prescribe No. 0017-137594 on June 13, 2002. Said license and authorization expired on June 30, 2015.

2. Ms. Larrick was hospitalized at CJW Medical Center, Richmond, Virginia, on June 9, 2014, for depression and alcohol dependence. At the time of her admission, Ms. Larrick reported drinking liquor on most days and that she had increased her drinking to almost two bottles of wine daily. She was discharged on June 12, 2014, and advised to continue seeing her psychiatrist at Tucker Psychiatric Clinic for medication management. She was also referred to the Family Counseling Center for Recovery (“FCCR”) for outpatient substance abuse services. Ms. Larrick had a substance abuse evaluation at the FCCR on June 16, 2014. The evaluator recommended that Ms. Larrick enter an intensive outpatient treatment program; however, she failed to do so.

3. During interviews with an investigator from the Department of Health Professions, Ms. Larrick reported that she was diagnosed with breast cancer in November 2013 and had multiple postoperative complications following surgery. In the spring of 2014, Ms. Larrick briefly returned to work at the McGuire Veterans Administration Medical Center, where she was employed for 31 years. Ms. Larrick reported that she was too weak physically and mentally to perform up to her standards and she retired effective August 1, 2014. Ms. Larrick reported a sobriety date of June 16, 2014. She also reported that she was not receiving substance abuse treatment or attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

4. By letter dated October 21, 2014, Ms. Larrick voluntarily surrendered her license to practice as a nurse practitioner and her prescriptive authority.

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”) and 18 VAC 90-30-220(5) of the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners.

CONSENT

Laura A. Larrick, L.N.P., 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 Committee of the Joint Boards, 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 Committee of the Joint Boards;

6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice as a nurse practitioner in Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The Committee of the Joint Boards ACCEPTS the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of Ms. Larrick's right to renew her license to practice as a nurse practitioner and her prescriptive authority in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. The license and prescriptive authority will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

3. At such time as Ms. Larrick shall petition the Committee of the Joint Boards for reinstatement of her license and prescriptive authority, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming safe and competent practice as a nurse practitioner. Ms. Larrick shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license and prescriptive authority prior to issuance of the license and prescriptive authority to resume practice.

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 COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS

Louise Hershkowitz

Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, Chair
Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards of
Nursing and Medicine

ENTERED: 11/18/15

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Laura A. Larrick L.N.P.

Laura A. Larrick, L.N.P.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Laura A. Larrick, L.N.P., a Notary Public, this 28th day of July, 2015.

My commission expires ~~7630584~~ 06-30-2019.

Registration Number 7630584

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By M. Baulch
Virginia Board of Nursing