

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: MARY EDMONDS, R.N.
License No.: 0001-197782**

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) met on October 5, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Mary Edmonds, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia. Ms. Edmonds was present and was not represented by counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Mary Edmonds, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-197782 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 12, 2005. Said license expires on March 31, 2017. Ms. Edmonds’ primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated September 14, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Edmonds notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 5, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 1423 Sugarhill Tunnel Road, Amherst, Virginia 24521, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

3. On September 25, 2014, during the course of her employment with Central Virginia Training Center, Lynchburg, Virginia, Ms. Edmonds failed to follow the physician’s protocol for Resident A, when his temperature fell below 95 degrees. Further, she failed to document Resident A’s vital signs accurately

and what method was used to obtain his temperature. Finally, Ms. Edmonds failed to alert the oncoming nurse that Resident A's temperature had dropped below 95 degrees during her shift.

4. On November 14, 2014, Ms. Edmonds' employment was terminated, and the termination was upheld through the grievance process.

5. Ms. Edmonds provided two letters of support noting her professionalism and clinical skills.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

ORDER


On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Mary Edmonds, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Edmonds shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed the following NCSBN courses: *Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care* and *Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses* within 60 days of the date this Order is entered. These courses shall not be credited toward the continued competency requirements for the next renewal of her license.
3. Ms. Edmonds 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.
4. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or of any law or regulation affecting the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license of Ms. Edmonds and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

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.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Edmonds may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on November 30, 2015, notify Jay P. 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.

FOR THE COMMITTEE:


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

ENTERED: October 26, 2015

This Order shall become final on November 30, 2015; unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

Certified True Copy

By D. Sawyer
Virginia Board of Nursing