

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: STEPHANIE MORRIS, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-084263

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 September 16, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Stephanie Morris, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing practical nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by David W. Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Morris 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 Morris, L.P.N., holds License No. 0002-084263 to practice as a practical nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which was issued on February 11, 2011. Said license is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2016. Ms. Morris' primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Based upon the representations of Mr. Kazzie and Commonwealth's Exhibits #1 and #2, the Notice of Formal Hearing and Affidavit of Mailing, the presiding officer ruled that adequate notice was provided to the respondent and the hearing proceeded in her absence.
3. During the course of her employment with Central Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg, Virginia, in August 2014, by her own admission, Ms. Morris diverted multiple medications for her personal and unauthorized use, including clonazepam (C-IV), oxycodone (C-II), alprazolam (C-IV), hydrocodone (C-III), and zolpidem tartrate (C-IV).

4. During the facility investigation, Ms. Morris admitted to her employer that she had a substance abuse problem.

5. Ms. Morris did not respond to any of the attempts by the investigator for the Department of Health Professions to contact her.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that:

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), (6), and (8) of the Code, and 18 VAC 90-25-100(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

2. 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. 0002-084263 issued to Stephanie Morris, L.P.N., to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

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 Morris will be recorded as SUSPENDED and no longer current.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

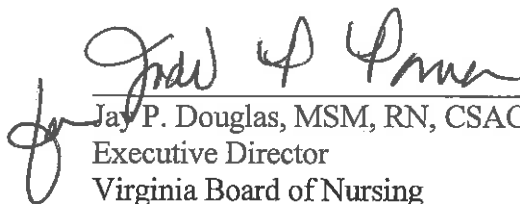
3. At such time as Ms. Morris shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, a hearing will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice of practical nursing.

4. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Morris'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

October 13, 2015
ENTERED

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.

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