

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: ANGELA Y. COZART, R.N.
License No.: 0001-145297

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 14, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Angela Y. Cozart, R.N. may have violated certain laws governing professional nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Amy E. Weiss, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Cozart 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. Angela Y. Cozart, R.N. was issued License No. 0001-145297 to practice nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on September 5, 1995. Said license expired on August 31, 2015. Ms. Cozart's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Based upon the representations of Amy Weiss, Adjudication Specialist, and Commonwealth's Exhibit #1, the Notice of Formal Hearing, Statement of Particulars and Affidavit of Mailing, the presiding officer ruled that adequate notice was provided to the respondent and the hearing proceeded in her absence.
3. Ms. Cozart suffers from mental illness, which requires medication and treatment, and for which Ms. Cozart was hospitalized at the Tucker Pavilion, Chippenham Johnston Willis Medical Center, Richmond, Virginia in July 2014. Her discharge diagnoses included schizoaffective disorder.
4. Ms. Cozart has not continued medication or treatment as recommended by her providers upon

discharge from her July 2014 hospitalization.

5. Ms. Cozart told an investigator with the Department of Health Professions that she had not worked as a nurse since 2011 but that she was applying for nursing positions.

6. To date, Ms. Cozart has not enrolled in the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes 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. The right of Angela Y. Cozart, R.N. to renew License No. 0001-145297 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

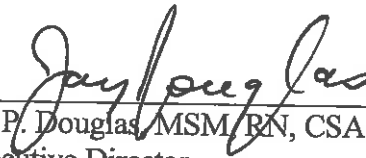
2. The license of Angela Y. Cozart, R.N. will be recorded as SUSPENDED. Should Ms. Cozart seek reinstatement of her license consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her license prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.

3. At such time as Ms. Cozart shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice of professional nursing.

4. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Cozart's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional 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

September 29th, 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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