VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

COREY ROYAL, C.N.A. Certificate No.: 1401-097106

ORDER

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on July 1, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia. Mr. Royal was not present nor was he represented by legal counsel. Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On September 16, 2015, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Mr. Royal was not present nor was he represented by legal counsel.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Corey Royal, C.N.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-097106 to practice as a certified nurse aide in Virginia on March 20, 2003. Said certificate expired on March 31, 2015.
- 2. By letter dated May 29, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Mr. Royal notifying him that an informal conference would be held on July 1, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 6222 Heather Glen Drive, Suffolk, Virginia, 23435, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. Neither the Notice sent by certified mail nor the Notice sent by first class mail was returned to the Board office. The United States Postal Service online tracking noted that the certified mail was undeliverable as addressed and that the addressee had moved and had not left a forwarding address. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was

provided to Mr. Royal and the informal conference proceeded in his absence.

- 3. During the course of his employment with Eastern State Hospital, Williamsburg, Virginia, on April 12, 2014, Mr. Royal failed to complete a required 30-minute check on a patient and falsely documented that he had completed the required check on the Patient Monitoring Sheet.
- 4. During the facility investigation Mr. Royal admitted that he had failed to complete the 30-minute check and took responsibility for his actions. He stated that he had gotten sidetracked and was doing other tasks. Mr. Royal's employment with Eastern State Hospital was terminated on May 9, 2014, after over 11 years of employment.
- 5. An investigator for the Virginia Department of Health Professions attempted to contact Mr. Royal by telephone, and the United States Postal Service, but did not receive a reply.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of §54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-25-100(2)(d) of the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

- 1. Corey Royal, C.N.A., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Mr. Royal shall maintain a course of conduct in his capacity as a certified nurse aide commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 et seq. of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

Pursuant to § 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 a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Since Mr. Royal failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final.

Mr. Royal has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Mr. Royal has thirty (30) days from the date of service (the date he actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to him, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three (3) days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD

Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.

Executive Director

Virginia Board of Nursing

Entered: Sept 28, 2015

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