

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: ANGELA MEADWELL, R.N.
 License No.: 0001-120178**

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 August 17, 2015 in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Angela Meadwell, R.N. may have violated certain laws governing nursing practice in Virginia. Ms. Meadwell 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. Angela Meadwell, R.N. was issued License No. 0001-120178 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 29, 1990. Said license expires on December 31, 2015. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated July 9, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Meadwell notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 17, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 4861 Nelms Lane, Roanoke, Virginia 24019, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. By Order entered February 5, 2010, the Board took no action against Ms. Meadwell contingent on her continued compliance with the Health Practitioners’ Monitoring Program (“HPMP”), which she had entered in September 2009. Ms. Meadwell successfully completed her contract with the

HPMP and, by Order entered January 27, 2015, the Board terminated the terms and conditions imposed on her by the February 2010 Order.

4. Ms. Meadwell relapsed on alcohol in September 2014. Between September 2014 and January 2015, she was hospitalized three times for treatment of depression, suicidal ideation, and alcohol abuse. On each occasion, her blood alcohol content was over 0.2% at the time of admission.

5. Ms. Meadwell voluntarily re-entered the HPMP by signing a Participation Contract on March 2, 2015, and a Recovery Monitoring Contract on April 2, 2015. As of August 13, 2015, her HPMP case manager reported that Ms. Meadwell was fully compliant with the HPMP and had been approved to return to nursing practice. Her employer at Fresenius Medical Care has asked her to return to her former position.

6. Ms. Meadwell stated at the informal conference that her sobriety date was January 7, 2015. She attends counseling and group therapy at Blue Ridge Behavioral Health Care. She attends AA meetings three times per week and Caduceus meetings two times per month. She sees a psychiatrist every three months and is stable on her medications, Zoloft, Abilify, and Neurontin.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.
2. Based on the above Findings of Fact, the Committee concludes that Ms. Meadwell is properly enrolled in the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP").

ORDER

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

1. The Committee shall TAKE NO ACTION at this time, contingent upon Ms. Meadwell's continued compliance with all terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP.
2. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for revoking the license of Ms. Meadwell, and an administrative proceeding shall be held to decide whether her license

should be revoked. Ms. Meadwell shall be noticed to appear before the Board at such time as the Board is notified that:

- a. She is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the HPMP, or has been terminated from participation in the HPMP;
- b. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against her involving a violation of law or regulation or any term or condition of this Order; or
- c. She has successfully completed the above-referenced period of participation in the HPMP. However, upon receipt of evidence of Ms. Meadwell's participation in and compliance with the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive her appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter.

3. This order shall be applicable to Ms. Meadwell's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Meadwell shall not work outside the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where she wishes to work. Any request for out of state employment shall be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

4. Ms. Meadwell 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.

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. Meadwell may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on October 5, 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:

per Glenn Mitchell Swely
Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: September 2, 2015

This Order shall become final on October 5, 2015; unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

Certified True Copy

By S. Douglas
Virginia Board of Nursing