

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

**JESSICA M. LEWIS, R.M.A.
Registration No.: 0031-005388**

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 5, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Jessica M. Lewis, R.M.A., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing medication aide practice in Virginia. Ms. Lewis was present and was not represented by legal counsel.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jessica M. Lewis, R.M.A., was issued Registration No. 0031-005388 to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia on October 17, 2011. Said registration expired on May 31, 2015.
2. By letter dated July 7, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Lewis notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 5, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to P. O. Box 74, Timberville, Virginia, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. During the course of her employment as a medication aide at Timberview Crossing Assisted Living, Timberville, Virginia, on September 13, 2014:

- a. Ms. Lewis left her shift early without notifying the administrator. Ms. Lewis left two direct care aides unsupervised, without another medication aide in the building, and only one of the direct care aides was CPR certified.
- b. Ms. Lewis failed to conduct a medication count and secure the narcotic keys.
- c. Ms. Lewis completed a missed time clock punch report and falsely indicated that she left at 10:15 p.m., when, in fact, she left early, prior to the end of her shift.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 3(a) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-60-120(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Registration of Medication Aides (“Regulations”).
2. Finding of Fact No. 3(b) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-60-120(2)(l) of the Regulations.
3. Finding of Fact No. 3(c) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-60-120(2)(d) of the Regulations.

ORDER

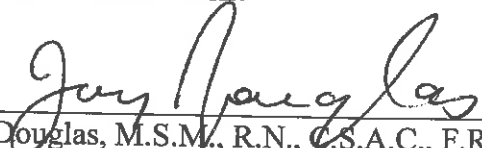
On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Jessica M. Lewis, R.M.A., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Lewis shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a medication aide commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Regulations Governing the Registration of Medication Aides.

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. Lewis may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **September 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:



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

ENTERED: August 28th, 2015

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

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