

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: STEPHANIE MILES, R.N.
License No.: 0001-186542

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 April 27, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia. Stephanie Miles, R.N., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Allison Gregory, M.S., R.N., FNP-BC, serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On July 15, 2015, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Miles was not present nor was she 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. Stephanie Miles, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-186542 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on July 29, 2003. The license expired on December 31, 2014. Ms. Miles' primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated March 30, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Miles notifying her that an informal conference would be held on April 27, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to P.O. Box 431, Belle Haven, Virginia, 23306, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The receipt for the Notice sent via certified mail was not returned to the Board office. The Notice sent via first-class mail was not returned to the Board office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Miles and

the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. On February 9, 2012, the Board entered an Order affecting Ms. Miles' license to practice professional nursing ("Board's Order"). Term No. 1 of the Board's Order required her to enter into the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") and to comply with all terms and conditions of a Recovery Monitoring Contract with the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP. This Order was based on findings that she had been hospitalized for treatment of depression and substance abuse, she had diverted one Vicodin tablet from her place of employment, she admitted "dropping" oxycodone and hydrocodone tablets without documenting wastage or administration of the medications, and used Vicodin before going to work on multiple occasions.

4. On December 2, 2013, Ms. Miles was randomly selected by the HPMP to submit to a urine drug screen, the results of which were positive for alcohol.

5. On December 9, 2013, Ms. Miles submitted a blood test due to the positive urine drug screen that was also positive for alcohol.

6. In April and May 2014, Ms. Miles submitted multiple dilute specimens when selected for random drug screens.

7. Ms. Miles failed to call the test line on May 27, 2014, and May 28, 2014.

8. On May 29, 2014, Ms. Miles informed her case manager that she wished to resign from the HPMP because she was unable to comply with the drug screening requirements of the HPMP due to financial restrictions. Ms. Miles' case manager requested that she submit a letter of resignation in writing; however, Ms. Miles failed to do so.

9. On July 18, 2014, Ms. Miles was dismissed from the HPMP due to noncompliance.

10. On August 5, 2014, Ms. Miles was admitted to the Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia, for depression and an alcohol relapse. Ms. Miles was discharged on August

8, 2014, at her own request and prior to the recommended date.

11. Ms. Miles stated during the investigation that she did not practice nursing after her resignation from the HPMP and that she was employed with the Virginia Tech Agriculture Research Experimental Station.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Findings of Fact Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 constitute a violation of Term No. 1 of the Board's Order.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:


1. The right of Stephanie Miles, R.N., to renew License No. 0001-186542 is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. At such time as Ms. Miles shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of professional nursing. Ms. Miles shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.
4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.
5. Ms. Miles is hereby REPRIMANDED.

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 Ms. Miles failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Miles has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided

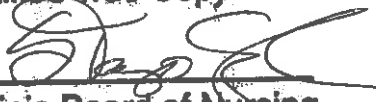
by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Miles has thirty (30) days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., 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

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

Entered: July 24, 2015

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