

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: KRISTINA N. EDWARDS, R.M.A.
Registration No.: 0031007570

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 June 11, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia. Ms. Edwards was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Nancy Durrett, R.N., M.S., 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. Edwards 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. Kristina N. Edwards, R.M.A. was issued Registration No. 0031007570 to practice as a medication aide in Virginia on March 31, 2014. The registration expired on March 31, 2015.
2. By letter dated April 28, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Edwards notifying her that an informal conference would be held on June 11, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 173 Codys Ridge Road, Riner, Virginia 24149, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The certified mail receipt was signed and returned to the Board office. The Notice sent by first class mail was not returned to the Board office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Edwards and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.
3. During the course of her employment with Commonwealth Assisted Living of Christiansburg, Christiansburg, Virginia, on July 23, 2014, Ms. Edwards failed to administer prescribed medications to four residents during the 1:00 p.m. medication pass. Further, Ms. Edwards falsely documented administration of the medications in the medication administration records. The administration and documentation errors were

discovered in an audit immediately following the medication pass, and another staff member was able to administer the medications within the allotted timeframe, except to one resident, who refused. The medications in question were not controlled substances, and there was no resident harm.

4. On July 23, 2014, Ms. Edwards also mistakenly administered Seroquel (quetiapine) 25mg to a resident instead of the prescribed dose of 12.5mg. The medication error did not cause harm to the resident.

5. As a result of these incidents, Ms. Edwards' employment was terminated on July 30, 2014.

6. Previously, during her employment with Commonwealth Assisted Living of Christiansburg, Ms. Edwards had been disciplined for failure to administer medications, attendance, continued use of her personal cell phone, failure to remove lunch trays, and failure to fill out assignment sheets.

7. Attempts by the Department of Health Professions investigator to contact Ms. Edwards were unsuccessful.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code and 18VAC 90-60-120(2)(d), (1), and (m) and 18 VAC 90-60-110(A) (2) of the Regulations Governing the Registration of Medication Aides.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. The right of Kristina N. Edwards, R.M.A. to renew Registration No. 0031-007570 is REVOKED.

2. The registration will be recorded as revoked and no longer current.

3. Pursuant to § 54.1-2408.2 of the Code, should Ms. Edwards seek reinstatement of her registration to practice as a medication aide after three years, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her registration prior to issuance of her registration to resume practice. The reinstatement of Ms. Edwards' registration shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members at a meeting of the Board.

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.

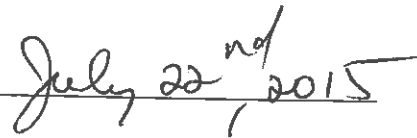
Since Ms. Edwards failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Edwards has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Edwards has thirty (30) days from the 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, 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

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