

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: JACQUELYN PETERSEN, R.N.
 License No.: 0001-095458**

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on June 15, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Jacquelyn Petersen, R.N., may have violated certain laws governing nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Cynthia E. Gaines, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Petersen was present and was represented by Kim Crump, Esquire. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jacquelyn Petersen, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-095458 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 24, 1985. Said license expired on January 31, 2015. Ms. Petersen's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. During the course of her employment with the City of Virginia Beach Recovery Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia, Ms. Petersen committed multiple medication errors. Her employment was terminated as a result of these errors.
3. Ms. Petersen is currently under the care of a physician for pain management and a neurologist for short-term memory loss and migraine headaches.
4. Ms. Petersen suffers from major depressive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, sleep apnea, and anxiety.

5. At the hearing, Ms. Petersen testified that the errors in Finding of Fact No. 2 were the result of her deteriorating health and memory. Ms. Petersen further testified that the medication errors caused her concern about her ability to safely practice nursing. She then chose to stop practicing.

6. Ms. Petersen testified that she does not intend to practice nursing again. She told the Board that none of her errors were intentional.

7. Ms. Petersen testified that she been receiving disability since August 2014, due to her multiple physical and psychiatric issues.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that:

1. Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) of Code.
2. Findings of Fact Nos. 3 and 4 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of Code.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The Board ACCEPTS the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of Jacquelyn Petersen's right to renew License No. 0001-095458 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. The license of Ms. Petersen will be recorded as SUSPENDED. Should Ms. Petersen seek reinstatement of her license consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her license privilege prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.

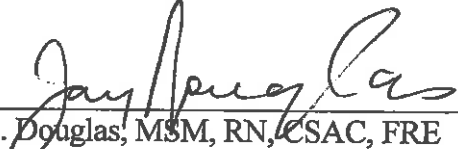
3. At such time as Ms. Petersen shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice of nursing.

4. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Petersen's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to

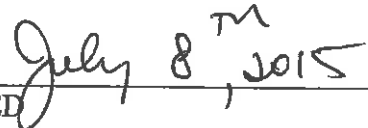
practice professional nursing.

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.

FOR THE BOARD



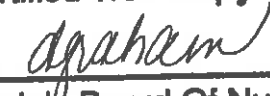
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Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing



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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.

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