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VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: N. VANESSA MOREL, R.N.
License No.: 0001-167802

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and N. Vanessa Morel, R.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Morel's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. N. Vanessa Morel, R.N. was issued License No. 0001-167802 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on February 25, 2000. Said license is set to expire on February 28, 2017. Ms. Morel's declared Primary State of Residence is Virginia.
2. During the course of her employment with Richmond City Health Department ("RCHD"), Ms. Morel violated patient confidentiality by posting on Facebook inappropriate statements regarding an interaction with a patient on August 8, 2014. The post contained enough privileged information for the patient to potentially be identified.
3. Ms. Morel's employment with RCHD was terminated on August 26, 2014.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of §54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), and 18VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(m) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

CONSENT

N. Vanessa Morel, R.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;
4. She waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. She admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, and;
6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. N. Vanessa Morel, R.N. is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Morel 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 upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

Alexia Mitchell-Lively
for Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: June 26, 2015

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

N. Vanessa Morel, R.N.
N. Vanessa Morel, R.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Henrico, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Judy Song, a Notary Public, this 24th day of June, 2015.

My commission expires April 30, 2018.

Registration Number 147623.

Judy Song
NOTARY PUBLIC



Certified True Copy

By: *M. Baylor*
Virginia Board of Nursing