

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: PATRICIA W. OWENS, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-024350

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 June 3, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Patricia W. Owens, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing practical nursing practice in Virginia. Ms. Owens 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. Patricia W. Owens, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-024350 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on November 23, 1977. Said license expires on February 28, 2017. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated April 29, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Owens notifying her that an informal conference would be held on June 3, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 197 Parker Road West, Danville, Virginia 24540, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. From April 2013 to May 2014, Ms. Owens phoned in and obtained approximately 42 fraudulent prescriptions for lorazepam (C-IV), promethazine, venlafaxine, atenolol, furosemide, metformin, premarin and dicyclomine (all C-VI), for her personal and unauthorized use, using the name of her former healthcare provider as the prescriber.

4. Ms. Owens stated that she was sorry and remorseful for her actions. She has obtained a second job to assist her financially.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (3) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (“Regulations”).

ORDER

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

1. Patricia W. Owens, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Owens shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed the following NCBSN online courses within 90 days of the date this Order is entered: “Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses” and “Ethics in Nursing Practice”.
3. Ms. Owens shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a practical nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.
4. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or of any law or regulation affecting the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license of Patricia W. Owens, L.P.N., and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

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. Owens may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on July 25, 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:

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

ENTERED: *June 27, 2015*

This Order shall become final on July 25, 2015, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

Certified True Copy
By *[Signature]*
Virginia Board of Nursing