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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

VA BD OF NURSING

IN RE: LAUREN E. TIDWELL, R.N., L.N.P.  
License No.: 0001-237315

**CONSENT ORDER**

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

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

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Lauren E. Tidwell, R.N., L.N.P., was issued License No. 0001-237315 to practice professional nursing on May 23, 2012. Ms. Tidwell was issued License No. 0024-170342 to practice as a nurse practitioner with a specialty of certified registered nurse anesthetist on August 30, 2012. Said licenses expired on August 31, 2013, were renewed on September 6, 2013, and currently expire on August 31, 2015.
2. From August 31, 2013 to September 5, 2013, Ms. Tidwell practiced nursing on an expired license at Mary Immaculate Hospital, through Virginia Anesthesia and Perioperative Care Specialists ("VAPCS"), Newport News, Virginia.
3. Ms. Tidwell provided anesthesia on 12 surgical cases. Her employment with VAPCS was terminated on September 9, 2013, which resulted in the automatic termination of her clinical privileges at Mary Immaculate Hospital.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of §§ 54.1-3007(3) and 54.1-3008(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code").

**CONSENT**

Lauren E. Tidwell, R.N., L.N.P., 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 waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
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. Lauren E. Tidwell, R.N., L.N.P., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Tidwell shall pay a MONETARY PENALTY of \$100.00 to the Board within 90 days of the entry of this Order.
3. Ms. Tidwell 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.

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 Lauren E. Tidwell, R.N., L.N.P., 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 upon request.

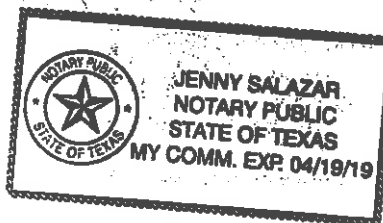
FOR THE BOARD

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

ENTERED: May 29, 2015

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

*Lauren E. Tidwell*  
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Lauren E. Tidwell, R.N., L.N.P.



STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY/CITY OF Houston, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Jenny Salazar, a Notary Public, this 14 day of May, 2015

My commission expires April 19, 2019

Registration Number 12859 378-0

*Jenny Salazar*  
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NOTARY PUBLIC

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By *[Signature]*  
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