

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: LINDA SUE WOOD, R.M.A.
Registration No.: 0031-005306**

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 April 21, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia. Linda Sue Wood, R.M.A., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Judith Piersall, R.N., B.S.N., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On May 20, 2015, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Wood 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. Linda Sue Wood, R.M.A., was issued Registration No. 0031-005306 to practice as a medication aide in Virginia on September 7, 2011. The registration expired on February 28, 2015.
2. By letter dated March 23, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Wood notifying her that an informal conference would be held on April 21, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 10705 Redbud Highway, Honaker, Virginia 24260, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. According to the United States Postal Service website, the Notice sent by certified mail was delivered on March 27, 2015. As of April 21, 2015, the Notice sent by first class mail had not been returned to the Board office. The Agency

Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Wood and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. When Ms. Wood renewed her registration on April 9, 2014, she failed to attest to the fact that she obtained the required hours of continuing education for the 2013-2014 renewal period. Further, Ms. Wood failed to submit evidence of completion of the required hours when requested by the Board.

4. By letter dated April 5, 2015, Ms. Wood explained that she was not currently employed in a facility as a medication aide, but was caring for a family member. She stated that she attempted to find continuing education at several facilities in her area, but was told that she could not attend because she was not employed by the facility.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of 18 VAC 90-60-100(B) of the Regulations Governing the Registration of Medication Aides.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:


1. The right of Linda Sue Wood to renew Registration No. 0031-005306 to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The registration will be recorded as suspended.
3. At such time as Ms. Wood shall provide evidence that she has completed the continuing education required for the renewal of her registration, the registration shall be reinstated without restriction. Said hours shall be in addition to any hours required for the next renewal of her registration.
4. Ms. Wood shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement

and renewal of the registration prior to issuance of the registration to resume practice.

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. Wood failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Wood 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. Wood has 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 days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD


So Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

Entered: May 28, 2015

Certified True Copy

By 
Virginia Board Of Nursing