VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

CAROLE A. BOUCHARD, R.M.A.

Registration No.: 0031-004395

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Carole A. Bouchard, R.M.A., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Bouchard's registration to practice as a medication aide in Virginia.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Carole A. Bouchard, R.M.A., was issued Registration No. 0031-004395 to practice as a medication aide by the Virginia Board of Nursing on August 24, 2010. Said registration expired on February 28, 2015.
- 2. When she renewed her registration on February 24, 2014, for the period March 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015, Ms. Bouchard failed to attest to the fact that in 2013-2014, she had completed the continuing education hours required for the renewal of her registration.
- 3. By letter dated March 5, 2014, the Board requested that Ms. Bouchard provide proof that she had complied with the continuing education requirements for the renewal of her license. A second letter was sent on July 24, 2014. Ms. Bouchard failed to submit the requested information.
- 4. By letter dated February 19, 2015, Ms. Bouchard stated that she was no longer interested in being a medication aide and wished to surrender her registration.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Findings of Fact Nos. 2 and 3 constitute a violation of 18 VAC 90-60-100(B) of the Regulations Governing the Registration of Medication Aides.

CONSENT

Carole A. Bouchard, R.M.A., 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 as a medication aide 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. The Board ACCEPTS the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of Ms. Bouchard's right to renew her registration to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
 - 2. The registration will be recorded as suspended.
- 3. At such time as Ms. Bouchard shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her registration, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming safe and competent practice as a medication aide. Ms. Bouchard 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 §§ 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

Joyce A. Hahn, Phip, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP President, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: May 19, 2015

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Carole A. Bouchard, R.M.A.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF VIRGIN

Certified True Copy

Virginia Board Of Nursing