

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: TRACY L. OHLINGER, R.N.
License No.: 0001-153954

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 January 20, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia. Tracy L. Ohlinger, R.N., was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Judith E. Piersall, R.N., B.S.N., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On March 25, 2015, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Ohlinger 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. Tracy L. Ohlinger, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-153954 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on June 25, 1997. The license expired on January 31, 2015. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated December 22, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Ohlinger notifying her that an informal conference would be held on January 20, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 907 Pinecrest Avenue, Bedford, Virginia 24523, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. Ms. Ohlinger was hospitalized at Centra Health Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg,

Virginia, on April 9, 2014. She was diagnosed with major depressive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, generalized anxiety and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder provisional.

4. Ms. Ohlinger attends weekly individual and group counseling. She also sees a psychiatrist monthly for medication management.

5. In a written statement dated November 3, 2014, Ms. Ohlinger's psychiatrist reported that Ms. Ohlinger is not safe to return to work at this time.

6. At the informal conference, Ms. Ohlinger indicated that she wished to surrender her license until such time as she is safe to return to practice.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Findings of Fact Nos. 3 – 5 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. The Board ACCEPTS the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of the right of Tracy L. Ohlinger, R.N., to renew her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

3. At such time as Ms. Ohlinger shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of professional nursing. Ms. Ohlinger shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.


4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.

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.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Ohlinger may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on May 10, 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 he/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.

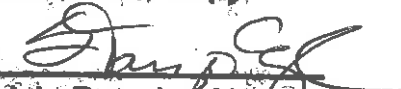
FOR THE BOARD:


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

ENTERED: April 10, 2015

This Order shall become final on May 10, 2015, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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