

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

CHICQUETA ELLIOTT, L.P.N.

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 April 11, 2008, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Chicqueta Elliott, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia. Ms. Elliott was present and was not represented by counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Chicqueta Elliott was issued License No. 0002-066558 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on July 7, 2003. Said license expires on August 31, 2008.
2. From November 30, 2006, to December 14, 2006, during her employment with Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia, by her own admission, Ms. Elliott withdrew 47 syringes of injectable Duragesic (fentanyl, schedule II) for two patients but failed to waste the residual fentanyl with a witness for 40 of said syringes. Consequently, the residual medication from the syringes, 4,175 mcg of fentanyl, was unaccounted for. Ms. Elliott’s employment was terminated on December 22, 2006, as a consequence of her failure to properly waste the residual medication as per hospital policy and training.

3. At the informal conference, Ms. Elliott was very remorseful about improperly wasting the fentanyl.

4. In her current position as an office nurse with Eastern Virginia Medical School, Ms. Elliott does not dispense medication.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) of the Code.


ORDER

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

1. Chicqueta Elliott, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Within 45 days of the date this Order is entered, Ms. Elliott shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed “Documentation, A Critical Aspect of Patient Care,” a course offered online by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. (“NCSBN”).
3. Ms. Elliott 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.

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.

FOR THE COMMITTEE



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

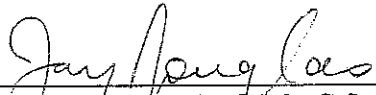
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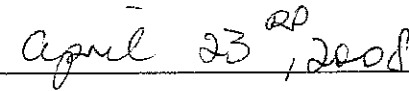
If you do not consent to the Committee's decision and desire a hearing before the Board or a panel thereof, you shall notify, in writing, the Executive Director of the Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233, within 33 days of the date of entry of this Order. This Order shall become final upon expiration of the 33-day period unless a request for a formal hearing is received within such time. Upon receiving a timely request for a hearing, this Order shall be vacated and the Board or a panel thereof shall proceed with a hearing as provided in § 2.2-4020 *et seq.* of the Code.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Order was mailed, by certified and regular mail, this day to Chicqueta Elliott, L.P.N., at 3402 Waltham Circle, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.



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



Date