

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:           JENNIFER BROWN, L.P.N.  
                  License No.: 0002-041296**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on March 26, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Jennifer Brown, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws governing nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Cynthia E. Gaines, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Brown was present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Jennifer Brown, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-041296 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on May 19, 1989. Said license expires on December 31, 2016. Ms. Brown's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Between May 13, 2013, and January 25, 2014, Ms. Brown was hospitalized three times under an emergency order or a temporary detention order, and diagnosed with a psychotic disorder, anxiety, and schizoaffective disorder, bipolar type.
3. The Board took extensive testimony from Ms. Brown regarding her mental health and medical records. Ms. Brown first agreed with the evidence that she has a mental illness. However, she later stated that she thought she needed a second opinion. After that statement, she later agreed that she had

certain diagnoses, but there were other ones that needed another opinion. She further testified that she does not take medication because she has many allergies, but knows her body so she can determine when she needs to go to a doctor for medication. She believes that she knows herself well enough to recognize these signs despite her history of involuntary hospitalizations.

4. Ms. Brown has not practiced as a nurse in 18 years, but wants to go back into practice.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

### ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. License No. 0002-041296 issued to Jennifer Brown to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED for a period of not less than two years.
2. The license of Ms. Brown will be recorded as SUSPENDED. Should Ms. Brown seek reinstatement of her license consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her license privilege prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.
3. At such time as Ms. Brown shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice of practical nursing.
4. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Brown's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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 BOARD



Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

April 9, 2015  
ENTERED

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.

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