

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

BRANDI G. WELCHER, C.N.A.

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Brandi G. Welcher, C.N.A., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Welcher's certificate to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Brandi G. Welcher, C.N.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-109661 to practice as a nurse aide by the Virginia Board of Nursing on July 14, 2005. Said certificate expired on July 31, 2009.
2. During the course of her employment with New River Dermatology, Blacksburg, Virginia:
 - a. On June 16, 2009, Ms. Welcher stole prescribed Adderall (amphetamine) and Ritalin (methylphenidate), both Schedule II controlled substances, from the personal belongings of two co-workers, for her personal and unauthorized use.
 - b. Ms. Welcher stole a blank prescription pad, forged a physician's signature and wrote unauthorized prescriptions for yourself. On June 19 and 28, 2009, she presented the prescriptions to a local pharmacy and obtained hydrocodone tablets, a Schedule III controlled substance.
 - c. On June 22, 2009, Ms. Welcher stole a vial of diazepam, a Schedule IV controlled substance, containing 94 5mg tablets, from a locked desk drawer. Ms. Welcher accomplished the theft by removing the unlocked desk drawer above to gain access to the locked drawer.

6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice as a nurse 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 right to renew Certificate No. 1401-109661 issued to Brandi G. Welcher, C.N.A., is REVOKED.
2. The certificate will be recorded as revoked and no longer current.
3. At such time as Ms. Welcher shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her certificate, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of a nurse aide. Ms. Welcher shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the certificate prior to issuance of the certificate 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


Lynne Cooper
President, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: November 18TH, 2009

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SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Brandi G. Welcher
Brandi G. Welcher, C.N.A.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Montgomery TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Stacy Tuck, a Notary Public, this 12th day of October, 2009.

My commission expires April 30, 2011.

Registration Number 243730.



Stacy Tuck
NOTARY PUBLIC