VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

ROBIN STEVENS, C.N.A. Certificate No.: 1401-119804

**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 February 12, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia. Robin Stevens, C.N.A., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Nancy Durrett, R.N., M.S., 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. Stevens was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Ms. Stevens submitted written comments/objections.

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. Robin Stevens, C.N.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-119804 to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia on June 30, 2007. The certificate is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2015.
- 2. By letter dated October 2, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Stevens notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 29, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 2210 Gravel Hill Road, Vinton, Virginia 24179, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The Notice sent by certified mail was accepted by Benny Stevens on October 4, 2014. On October 29, 2014, and December 11, 2014, Ms.

Stevens requested and was granted continuances due to a medical condition. The informal conference was rescheduled to February 12, 2015. On February 11, 2015, Ms. Stevens requested a third continuance, which was denied. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Stevens and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

- 3. Between December 2013, and July 6, 2014, Ms. Stevens was admitted to Lewis Gale Behavioral Health, Salem, Virginia, three times for inpatient care for depression and suicidal ideations. On April 9, 2014, she was involuntarily admitted under a temporary detention order. Ms. Stevens has been diagnosed with major depressive disorder, recurrent, severe, alcohol dependence, and substance induced mood disorder. Further, on July 17, 2008, she was convicted of driving while intoxicated in the Roanoke County, Virginia, General District Court.
- 4. On August 12, 2014, Ms. Stevens' primary care practitioner stated to the investigator for the Department of Health Professions, given that Ms. Stevens' multiple psychiatric admissions, Ms. Stevens was not safe to practice as a nurse aide.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

## ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

- 1. Certificate No. 1401-119804 of Robin Stevens to practice as a nurse aide is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
  - 2. The certificate will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
- 3. At such time as Ms. Stevens 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 as a nurse aide. Ms. Stevens shall be responsible for any fees that may be

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required for the reinstatement and renewal of the certificate prior to issuance of the certificate to resume practice.

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.

Since Ms. Stevens failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Stevens has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Stevens has 30 days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD

Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.

Executive Director

Virginia Board of Nursing

Entered: april 7,2015

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