

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: MIRANDA NORTH, C.N.A.
 Certificate No.: 1401-159449**

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. Miranda North, 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. North 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. Miranda North, C.N.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-159449 to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia on May 1, 2013. The certificate is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2015.
2. By letter dated January 14, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. North notifying her that an informal conference would be held on February 12, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 414 Madison Road, Stanardsville, Virginia 22973, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The Notice sent by certified mail was accepted on January 17, 2015, by Russell Lamb. As of February 12, 2015, the Notice sent by first

class mail had not been returned to the Board office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. North and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. On April 29, 2014, during the course of her employment with Autumn Care of Madison, Madison, Virginia, Ms. North left the facility during her shift without notifying staff that she was leaving or making arrangements for coverage of her assigned residents.

4. Ms. North's employment with Autumn Care of Madison was terminated. There was no harm to the residents related to this incident.

5. Ms. North failed to respond to requests from the investigator for the Department of Health Profession for an interview.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007 (5) of the Code.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:


1. Miranda North, C.N.A., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. North shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a certified nurse aide commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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. North failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. North 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. North 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.

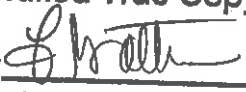
FOR THE BOARD



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

Entered: April 7th, 2015

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