

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: CHRISTINE KEATON, C.N.A.
Certificate No.: 1401-135229

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 January 13, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia. Christine Keaton, C.N.A., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., 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. Keaton 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. Christine Keaton, C.N.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-135229 to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia on February 24, 2010. The certificate expired on February 28, 2015.
2. By letter dated December 10, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Keaton notifying her that an informal conference would be held on January 13, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 1712 Moles Road, Willis, Virginia, 24380, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The receipt for the Notice sent via certified mail was signed by a third party and returned to the Board office. The Notice sent via first-class mail was not returned to the Board office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to

Ms. Keaton and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. On February 19, 2014, Ms. Keaton was admitted to the Lewis Gale Center for Behavioral Health, where she was diagnosed with major depressive disorder, recurrent, anxiolytic abuse, alcohol abuse, and anxiety disorder.

4. After her discharge, Ms. Keaton was advised to attend outpatient treatment and Narcotics Anonymous meetings, but she did not do so.

5. On October 8, 2014, Ms. Keaton submitted to a random urine drug screen and pill count pursuant to her agreement with her primary care physician. Her drug screen was positive for marijuana in addition to benzodiazepines, for which she had a prescription.

6. On her application for certification by examination as a nurse aide, Ms. Keaton failed to disclose her prior convictions for driving while intoxicated, assault, and public swearing/intoxication.

7. After she received her certification, Ms. Keaton was convicted of several additional crimes, including a second driving while intoxicated and prostitution.

8. In an interview on July 8, 2014, Ms. Keaton stated to the investigator for the Department of Health Professions that she last worked as a nurse aide in 2010 at Skyline Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and she did not intend to work as a nurse aide again.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Findings of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.
2. Finding of Fact No 6 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(1) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-25-100(1)(b) of the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

- 1 The right of Christine Keaton to renew Certificate No. 1401-135229 to practice as a

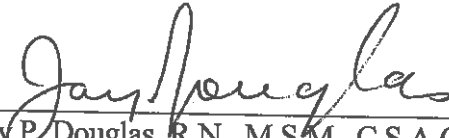
nurse aide is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

2. The certificate will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. At such time as Ms. Keaton shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her certificate, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming safe and competent nurse aide practice. Ms. Keaton 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 § 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. Keaton failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Keaton 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. Keaton has thirty (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, R.N., M.S.M., 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 (3) days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD:


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

April 2nd, 2015

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