

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: ANNE HOOD, R.N.  
License No.: 0001-171384**

**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 December 16, 2014 in Henrico County, Virginia. Ms. Hood was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Judith Piersall, R.N., B.S.N., 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. Hood Ms. Hood submitted written comments.

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. Anne Hood, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-171384 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on July 14, 2000. Said license is set to expire on March 31, 2016. Ms. Hood's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated November 17, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Hood notifying her that an informal conference would be held on December 16, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 1013 Chalbourne Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, 23322, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. On June 9, 2014, Ms. Hood was admitted to the Pavilion at Williamsburg Place,

Williamsburg, Virginia, for psychiatric treatment. She was transferred to the Farley Center of Williamsburg, Williamsburg, Virginia, on June 13, 2014. Ms. Hood was discharged on July 3, 2014, with a diagnosis of alcohol dependence, nicotine dependence, anxiety disorder NOS, and depressive disorder NOS. At the informal conference, Ms. Hood indicated her family conducted an “intervention” on June 9, 2014, to address and deal with her alcoholism. Following her release she enrolled in a ten-week outpatient program with Finney and Associates, and she is currently enrolled in treatment for relapse prevention. By her own admission, Ms. Hood was self-medicating to deal with her personal struggles.

4. On July 24, 2014, an investigator with the Virginia Department of Health Professions (“Investigator”) requested that Ms. Hood have a drug screen completed within 24 hours. Ms. Hood did not have the drug screen completed until July 28, 2014; the results were positive for benzodiazepines, alprazolam, opiates, hydromorphone and hydrocodone. At the informal conference, Ms. Hood indicated she was not aware of the 24-hour time frame and she stated that she had never taken hydromorphone but believed it may have shown positive because she was prescribed Vicodin.

5. On September 17, 2014, Ms. Hood was found guilty of one count of misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol in the General District Court for Chesapeake, Virginia. By her own admission, at the time of her arrest her blood alcohol content was 0.19 mg/dl. Ms. Hood was sentenced to 90 days in jail with 85 days suspended, contingent upon one year of good behavior. Ms. Hood was ordered to continue with AA, counseling programs and alcohol treatment and to complete VASAP. Additionally, she was ordered to pay a \$250.00 fine, her driver’s license was suspended for a period of one year and she was subject to ignition interlock for a period of six months.

6. Since her arrest Ms. Hood has had two surgeries and has an upcoming hand surgery. She is currently prescribed Prozac, metropolol, alprazolam, and hydrocodone/apap, all of which are prescribed by her attending physician and/or her surgeon.

7. During her interview with an investigator on July 24, 2014, Ms. Hood stated that the last time she used alcohol was June 9, 2014; however, treatment records dated July 24, 2014 indicated that she had consumed alcohol prior to recent group meeting. At the informal conference Ms. Hood stated that a fellow meeting participant confronted her and asked if she had been drinking; she indicated she had not and left the meeting.

8. At the informal conference, Ms. Hood stated alcohol was her drug of choice and indicated her date of sobriety was mid-August, but she did not know the exact date. Ms. Hood indicated her children, her siblings, her church community and her AA group are all her current support system; however, only one child is local and none of her siblings are local.

9. Ms. Hood indicated she does not routinely attend NA but she does attend AA at least twice a week; however, she does not have a sponsor. She did not produce evidence she attends 12 step meetings. She stated that she reads *Living Sober* each night before bed. She stated that she felt as if she was struggling with her sobriety and she felt shameful about her addiction.

10. Ms. Hood has not been employed as a nurse since approximately 2012. At this time, she does not know what her intentions are as far as nursing in the future. Ms. Hood stated that she does miss nursing and would like to keep her license.

11. During the investigation, Ms. Hood indicated she did not wish to participate in the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"). While she did not have any current intentions of resuming her practice as a nurse, her license does matter to her. At the informal conference, Ms. Hood indicated that she felt that she was being monitored by her ignition interlock on her car and her counseling at Finney & Associates and she did not want to pay for an additional monitoring program.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Findings of Fact Nos. 3, 4 and 5 constitute a violation of §54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

**ORDER**

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. License No. 0001-171384 of Anne Hood, R.N., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.
4. At such time as Ms. Hood shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of nursing. Ms. Hood shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.
5. This suspension shall be STAYED upon proof of entry into the HPMP and compliance with a Recovery Monitoring Contract with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") pursuant to Chapter 25.1 of Title 54.1 of the Code and 18 VAC 76-10-10 *et seq.* of the Regulations Governing the HPMP. At such time, the indefinite suspension shall be STAYED and the following terms and conditions shall apply:
  - a. Ms. Hood shall comply with all terms and conditions for the period specified by the HPMP.
  - b. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for summarily rescinding the stay of indefinite suspension of the license of Ms. Hood, and an administrative proceeding shall be held to determine whether her license shall be revoked. The stay of indefinite suspension may be summarily rescinded at such time the Board is notified that:
    - i. Ms. Hood is not in compliance with the terms and conditions specified by the HPMP;
    - ii. Ms. Hood's participation in the HPMP has been terminated;

iii. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against Ms. Hood involving a violation of law, regulation, or any term or condition of this order.

6. Upon receipt of evidence of Ms. Hood's participation and successful completion of the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Hood's appearance before a Committee and conduct an administrative review of this matter, at which time he/she may be issued an unrestricted license.

7. This Order is applicable to Ms. Hood's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Hood shall not work outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Ms. Hood wishes to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

8. Ms. Hood shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse 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.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Hood may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on May 4, 2015, notify Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that she desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

FOR THE BOARD:

*for* *Gloria Mitchell Sively*  
Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: *April 1, 2015*

This Order shall become final on May 4, 2015, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

Certified True Copy

By *[Signature]*  
Virginia Board of Nursing