

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:**

**KATRINA R. BLANDFORD, R.N.**

**CONSENT ORDER**

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Katrina R. Blandford, R.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Blandford's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

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

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Katrina R. Blandford, R.N. was issued License No. 0001-186156 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on July 15, 2003. Said license is set to expire on July 30, 2012. Ms. Blandford is also licensed as a registered nurse in the states of Arizona and California, and was licensed as a registered nurse in Nevada. Her Arizona license will expire on April 1, 2012, her California license will expire on July 31, 2011, and her Nevada license expired on June 13, 2011. Her primary state of residence is California.
2. Pursuant to an Order of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California effective October 18, 2010 ("California Order"), Ms. Blandford's license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of California was revoked with the revocation stayed, and she was placed on probation for a period of three years under certain terms and conditions. Ms. Blandford was disciplined for an April 2009, conviction in the Superior Court of Sacramento County, California, of driving while having a blood alcohol content of .08 or higher. She is on criminal probation until April 14, 2012, and has complied with all terms and conditions of her court ordered probation.

3. Ms. Blandford has not had a drink since the night of her arrest. She has the full support of her employer, and is compliant with the terms and conditions of the California Order.

4. Ms. Blandford's job requires her to hold licensure in several states and does not involve direct patient care.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(7) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code").

### **CONSENT**

Katrina R. Blandford, R.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;
4. She waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. She admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice professional nursing 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. Katrina R. Blandford, R.N. shall be placed on INDEFINITE PROBATION subject to the following terms and conditions:

a. The period of probation shall begin on the date that this Order is entered and shall end at such time as Ms. Blandford has completed three years of active employment as a professional nurse. The license of Ms. Blandford shall be reinstated without restriction at the completion of the probationary period without a hearing unless there is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation involving a violation of law, regulation or any term or condition of probation. In that event, the period of probation shall be continued indefinitely or until such time as the Board makes a case decision in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000 et seq. and § 54.1-2400(9) et seq. of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”).

b. Ms. Blandford shall inform the Board in writing within ten days of the date she begins nursing practice, or changes employment, or if any interruption in nursing practice occurs. Additionally, she shall provide the name and address of each employer to the Board.

c. Ms. Blandford shall inform her current nursing employer and each future nursing employer that the Board has placed her on probation and shall provide each employer with a complete copy of this Order. If Ms. Blandford is employed through a staffing agency, she shall inform her supervisor in each facility where assigned that she is on probation.

d. Performance Evaluations shall be provided, at the direction of Ms. Blandford, by all nursing employer(s), as provided by the Compliance Division. The first report must be received in the Board office no later than 60 days from the date this Order is entered. Subsequent reports must be received quarterly by the last day of the months of March, June, September and December until the period of probation ends.

- e. Ms. Blandford shall provide evidence that she has completed the following NCSBN online course within 30 days of entry of the Order: Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses.
- f. Ms. Blandford shall practice nursing only in a structured and supervised employment setting satisfactory to the Board for the period of her probation. This employment setting shall provide on-site supervision by a professional nurse, who works the same shift, and holds an unrestricted license. For all current nursing employment, and before beginning or changing nursing employment during this period, Ms. Blandford shall have current and all prospective employers provide a written description of the employment setting to the Board office for approval.
- g. Ms. Blandford shall not work in any of the following settings during the period of her probation:
- i. She shall not work in a direct patient care position.
  - ii. She shall not work for a licensed home health agency as a visiting nurse, or any other registered nursing occupation where home visits are required.
  - iii. She shall not work for a nurse's registry, in any private duty position as a registered nurse, a temporary nurse placement agency, a travelling nurse, or for an in-house nursing pool.
  - iv. She shall not work in any health care setting as a supervisor of registered nurses, practical nurses, or nurse aides.
  - v. She shall not work as a faculty member in an approved school of nursing or as an instructor in a Board approved continuing education program.
  - vi. She shall only work on a regularly, identified and predetermined worksite and shall not work in a float capacity.
- h. Ms. Blandford shall not use alcohol or any other mood altering chemical, except as prescribed by a health care practitioner with whom she has a bona fide practitioner/patient relationship and for

accepted medicinal or therapeutic purposes. Should she be prescribed any Schedule II-V controlled medication, a written report from the prescribing practitioner shall be provided to the Board within ten days of the date the medication is prescribed.

i. Pursuant to the Terms of the California Order, Ms. Blandford is required to participate in a random, biological fluid testing or a drug screening program approved by the State of California Board of Registered Nursing (“California Board”). The results of the drug screening program shall be provided, at the direction of Ms. Blandford, by the California Board, to the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”). The first set of results must be received by the Board office no later than 60 days from the date this Order is entered. Subsequent results must be received quarterly by the last day of the months of March, June, September and December until the period of probation ends. The Board shall be notified immediately in writing of any positive results or if Ms. Blandford refuses to give a specimen for analysis as required by the California Order. All positive results must be confirmed by a confirmatory drug test, the results of which are to be sent to the Board immediately.

j. Ms. Blandford shall request her court appointed probation officer to provide the Board with a written report describing how she is meeting the conditions of her probation within 60 days from the date this Order is entered.

k. Ms. Blandford shall provide the Board with a certified true copy of her final court order placed on record by the Court upon completion of her probation.

l. Ms. Blandford shall provide all current and future treating practitioners with a complete copy of this Order and shall execute an Authorization for Disclosure of Information form providing for unrestricted communication between the Board and any court-appointed probation or parole officers and any consultants designated by the Board.

m. Ms. Blandford shall submit quarterly “Self-Reports” which include a current address,

telephone number, and verification of all current employment. These reports shall also include any changes in employment status. The first report must be received in the Board office no later than 60 days from the date this Order is entered. Subsequent reports must be received quarterly by the last day of the months of March, June, September and December until the period of probation ends.

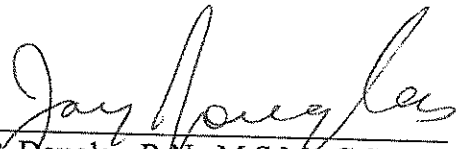
n. Ms. Blandford shall return all copies of her license to practice as a professional nurse to the Board office within 10 days of the date of entry of this Order. The Board shall mark her license “Valid in Virginia Only; Probation with Terms.”

o. Ms. Blandford shall conduct herself as a professional nurse in compliance with the requirements of Title 54.1, Chapter 30 of the Code, and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

2. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or of any law or regulation affecting the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license of Ms. Blandford and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

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

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

ENTERED: August 11, 2011

**Certified True Copy**

By Jamara Farmer  
**Virginia Board of Nursing**

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Katrina R Blandford  
Katrina R. Blandford, R.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF ~~VIRGINIA~~, California  
COUNTY/CITY OF Sacramento, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Dolores Lyons, a Notary Public, this 27 day of July, 2011.

My commission expires 7-24-2015.

Registration Number 1942396.

Dolores Lyons  
NOTARY PUBLIC

