

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: **SHEILA KENT, L.P.N.**
License No.: 0002-088249

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was held before a Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on December 15, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Sheila Kent, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in Virginia. Ms. Kent was present and was represented by Donna Foster, Esquire.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Committee adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sheila Kent, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-088249 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on December 7, 2012. Said license expires on October 31, 2016. Ms. Kent's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated September 9, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Kent notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 6, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 23 Palmerston Drive, Hampton, Virginia 23669, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. On September 15, 2014, via electronic mail, the attorney representing Ms. Kent requested a continuance. By letter dated September 24, 2014, Ms. Kent and her attorney were notified that the continuance was granted and the informal conference had been rescheduled to December 15, 2014.

3. During the course of her employment with The Pavilion at Williamsburg Place, by her own admission, on January 31, 2014, Ms. Kent diverted approximately 15 tablets of oxycodone (Schedule II) for her personal and unauthorized use.

4. Ms. Kent stated to the Committee that she diverted the oxycodone for a friend, in exchange for that friend co-signing on a loan so that she could attend RN school. Ms. Kent stated that when she was questioned about the missing oxycodone, she denied knowledge of the missing narcotics. Ms. Kent stated that she brought the medication back to the facility and admitted that she took the medication.

5. Ms. Kent has been diagnosed with generalized anxiety disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. In addition she violated a pain management contract with her treating physician by obtaining narcotics from another provider.

6. Ms. Kent stated that she suffers from migraines daily. They started in 1999 following a traumatic event. She stated that she works part-time because of her migraines. Ms. Kent is not currently employed as a nurse.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

2. Finding of Fact No. 5 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

CONSENT

Sheila Kent, L.P.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 a formal hearing 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 a formal hearing;
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 practical 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. License No. 0002-088249 of Sheila Kent to practice practical nursing is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. At such time as Ms. Kent 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 practical nursing. Ms. Kent 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.
4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice practical nursing.

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

[Handwritten Signature]

~~Jane Ingalls, R.N., Ph.D.~~ *Joyce A. Hahn, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAANP*
President, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: 3-24-15

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

[Handwritten Signature]
Sheila Kent, L.P.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Hampton, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Patricia J Henry a Notary Public, this 9th day of March, 2015.

My commission expires 3/31/2018

Registration Number 264230

PATRICIA J HENRY
NOTARY PUBLIC
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAR. 31, 2018
COMMISSION # 264230

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