VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

LATONYA JEFFERSON, R.N.

License No.: 0001-216773

CONSENT ORDER

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

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. LaTonya Jefferson, R.N. was issued License No. 0001-216773 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on January 9, 2009. Said license is set to expire on February 28, 2015. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
- 2. During the course of her employment with Southside Regional Medical Center, Petersburg, Virginia ("SRMC"), between May 27 and June 16, 2014, on approximately 37 occasions, Ms. Jefferson documented administering medications to patients when she had not actually done so.
- 3. Ms. Jefferson's employment with SMRC was terminated on June 24, 2014 following the discovery of her falsification of medical records.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) and (f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

CONSENT

LaTonya Jefferson, 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. LaTonya Jefferson, R.N. is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Ms. Jefferson shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed the following four NCSBN online courses within 90 days of the entry of this Order: Medication Errors: Detection and Prevention; Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care; Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses; and Ethics of Nursing Practice.

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- 3. Ms. Jefferson 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.
- 4. 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 LaTonya Jefferson, R.N., 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, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: February 9, 2015

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SEEN AND AGREED TO:

LaTonya Jefferson, R.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Cobrielle Horris, a Notary Public, this a day of

My commission expires April 30, 2018

Registration Number 7371406

GABRIELLE HARRIS
Notary Public
Commonwealth of Virginia
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My Commission Expires Apr 30, 2018

Virginia Board of Nursing

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