

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: DOROTHY N. JACOBS, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-086513

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on March 24, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Dorothy N. Jacobs, L.P.N., may have violated certain terms and conditions imposed on her, as set forth in the Order of the Board entered on February 12, 2015. The case was presented by David W. Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist. Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Jacobs was present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Dorothy N. Jacobs, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-086513 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth on February 6, 2012. The license is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2017. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. On February 12, 2015, the Board entered an Order reprimanding Ms. Jacobs ("Board's 2015 Order"). Term No. 2 of the Board's Order took no action against her, contingent upon her continued compliance with the Health Practitioners' Program ("HPMP"), which she had entered on May 13, 2014.
3. The Board's 2015 Order was based on findings that Ms. Jacobs had been in violation of Term No. 1 of a May 19, 2011, Consent Order, which had approved her application for licensure as a practical nurse contingent upon successful completion of the NCLEX-PN Examination and entry into the HPMP. The 2011 Order was based on findings that Ms. Jacobs had previous convictions for multiple drug-related

felonies, including possession of marijuana with intent to distribute (Florida 2003), and possession of a controlled substance (Florida 2004). The Board also made a finding that she had a diagnosis of cocaine abuse.

4. Ms. Jacobs signed a Participation Contract with HPMP on May 13, 2014.

5. On January 26, 2015, Ms. Jacobs was dismissed from the HPMP for noncompliance, including failure to complete a required assessment on time and failing to call the drug test line on multiple occasions.

6. Ms. Jacobs submitted a biopsychosocial assessment from Life/Line dated July 24, 2014, that stated that no substance abuse or mental health treatment was recommended for Ms. Jacobs.

7. Ms. Jacobs told the Board that she does not have a drug or alcohol problem, and that her lifestyle has changed since the convictions in 2003 and 2004.

8. Ms. Jacobs testified that she currently attends counseling and a domestic support group.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that Finding of Fact No. 5 constitutes a violation of Term No. 2 of the Board's 2015 Order.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Ms. Jacobs is hereby REPRIMANDED.

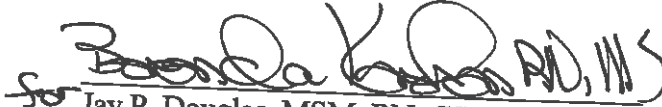
2. Ms. Jacobs is hereby RELEASED from all terms and conditions of the Board's 2015 Order.

3. Ms. Jacobs shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a practical nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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 on request.

FOR THE BOARD


So Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

April 20, 2014
ENTERED

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.

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