

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: HEIDI H. DENSON, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-085965

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 November 12, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia. Heidi Denson, L.P.N., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Jane Elliot, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On January 28, 2015, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Denson was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

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. Heidi H. Denson, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-085965 to practice practical nursing in Virginia on October 24, 2011. The license expired on December 31, 2013. On January 7, 2014, Ms. Denson renewed her license and it is now set to expire on December 31, 2015. Ms. Denson's primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated October 20, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Denson notifying her that an informal conference would be held on November 12, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 135 Country Club Road,

Franklin, Virginia 23851, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. According to the United States Postal Service, the Notice sent by certified mail was delivered on October 21, 2014. As of November 12, 2014, the Notice sent by first class mail had not been returned to the Board office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Denson and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. On January 2, 2014, during the course of her employment with Southampton Memorial Hospital, Franklin, Virginia, Ms. Denson practiced for seven days as a practical nurse with an expired license.

4. On January 9, 2014, Ms. Denson's employment with Southampton Memorial Hospital was terminated.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § § 54.1-3007(3), 54.1-2008(A)(2) and 54.1-3011(C) of the Code.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Heidi H. Denson, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Denson shall pay a MONETARY PENALTY of \$100.00 to the Board within 90 days of the entry of this Order.
3. Ms. Denson 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.
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 Ms. Denson and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

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.

Since Ms. Denson failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Denson has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Denson has 30 days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD

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

Entered: *February 10, 2015*

Certified True Copy

By *Stacy*
Virginia Board of Nursing