

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: SHARON BAZEMORE, L.P.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
License No.: 0002-031133

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) met on August 21, 2012, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Sharon Bazemore’s application for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in Virginia and inquire into evidence that Ms. Bazemore may have violated certain laws and regulations governing practical nursing. Ms. Bazemore was present and was not represented by counsel.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sharon Bazemore was issued License No. 0002-031133 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on May 25, 1982. Said license expired on November 30, 1996. Ms. Bazemore’s primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated July 24, 2012, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Bazemore notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 21, 2012. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 106 Kensington Court, Apt. C., Windsor, Virginia, 23487, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The Notice was also sent to 2364 East Washington Street, Suffolk, Virginia, 23434, a secondary address.

3. Ms. Bazemore submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing, which was received by the Board on March 8, 2012.
4. On February 5, 2004, Ms. Bazemore was convicted in Superior Court of Pasquotank County, North Carolina, of secreting lien property, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.
5. On November 19, 2002, Ms. Bazemore was convicted in Superior Court of Pasquotank County, North Carolina of felony larceny.
6. On July 21, 1997, Ms. Bazemore was convicted in Superior Court of Pasquotank County, North Carolina of attempted possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance, a felony.
7. On February 26, 1999, the North Carolina Board of Nursing ordered that Ms. Bazemore's license to practice practical nursing in that state, which had expired on December 31, 1998, not be reinstated for one year due to her felony drug conviction.
8. On her April 11, 2008, application for employment with Eastern Home Health Care, Ms. Bazemore failed to disclose her 1997 felony drug conviction and 2002 felony larceny conviction
9. Ms. Bazemore signed a Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") on March 22, 2012, in which she acknowledged her history of substance abuse. She is currently compliant with the terms of her HPMP contract.
10. Ms. Bazemore stated at the informal conference that her date of sobriety was August 13, 2011. She stated that she speaks to her sponsor on a regular basis, and attends Narcotics Anonymous meetings several times per week. She stated that she is currently taking Prozac to treat a diagnosis of depression.
11. Ms. Bazemore stated at the informal conference that she is currently employed in a non-health-care setting.

12. Ms. Bazemore stated at the informal conference that she has completed 16 contact hours of continuing nursing education.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Findings of Fact Nos. 4, 5, and 6 constitute violations of § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code.
2. Finding of Fact No. 7 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(7) of the Code.
3. Finding of Fact No. 8 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.
4. Finding of Fact No. 9 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.
5. Based on the above Findings of Fact, the Committee concludes that Ms. Bazemore is properly enrolled in the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP").
7. The Board concludes that Ms. Bazemore has demonstrated satisfactory evidence that she is prepared to resume practice in a safe and competent manner.

ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. License No. 0002-031133 of Sharon Bazemore, L.P.N., to practice practical nursing is hereby REINSTATED contingent upon continued compliance with the terms and conditions of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program for the time period specified by the HPMP.
2. This order shall be applicable to Ms. Bazemore's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Bazemore shall not work outside the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Ms. Bazemore wishes to work. Any request for out of state employment shall be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

3. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for revoking the license of Ms. Bazemore, and an administrative proceeding shall be held to decide whether her license should be revoked. Ms. Bazemore shall be noticed to appear before the Board at such time as the Board is notified that:

a. Ms. Bazemore is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the HPMP, or has been terminated from participation in the HPMP;

b. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against Ms. Bazemore involving a violation of law or regulation or any term or condition of this Order; or

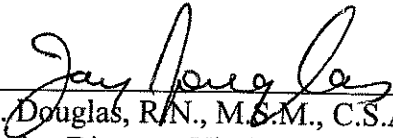
c. Ms. Bazemore has successfully completed the above-referenced period of participation in the HPMP. However, upon receipt of Ms. Bazemore's participation in and compliance with the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Bazemore's appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter.

4. Ms. Bazemore 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.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Bazemore may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **October 23, 2012**, notify Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that she desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

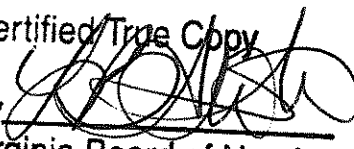
FOR THE COMMITTEE:



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

ENTERED: September 21st, 2012

This Order shall become final on **October 23, 2012**, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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