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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING VA BD OF NURSING

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

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 April 15, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Sharon A. Bazemore, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in Virginia. Ms. Bazemore was present and was not represented by counsel.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sharon A. Bazemore, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-031133 to practice practical nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on May 25, 1982. Said license is set to expire on November 30, 2014. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated March 26, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Bazemore notifying her that an informal conference would be held on April 15, 2014. 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.
3. By Order of the Board entered September 21, 2012 (“Board’s Order”), the Board reinstated Ms. Bazemore’s license to practice practical nursing contingent upon her continued compliance with the terms and conditions specified by the Health Practitioners’ Monitoring Program (“HPMP”). This Order was

based on findings that she had two felony convictions and one conviction for a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, and the fact that the North Carolina Board of Nursing ordered that her license to practice practical nursing not be reinstated for one year due to a felony drug conviction.

4. Ms. Bazemore signed a Participation Contract with the HPMP on March 22, 2012, and six Recovery Monitoring Contracts, with the last one signed on April 26, 2013.

5. By letter dated September 20, 2013, the HPMP dismissed Ms. Bazemore for noncompliance with her program contract. Specifically, in June and July 2013, Ms. Bazemore missed drug treatment and drug screens due to transportation and financial issues. As a result, her case manager requested that she be dismissed from the HPMP.

6. At the informal conference, Ms. Bazemore stated that her drug of choice was crack cocaine. She reported that her sobriety date is August 13, 2011. She also stated that she attends NA/AA meetings three times per week, and that she has a sponsor with whom she interacts with several times per week.

7. When interviewed by an investigator with the Virginia Department of Health Professions on October 17, 2013, and November 19, 2013, Samuel Darden, Mental Health Support Counselor with Pathways Developmental Services, stated that Ms. Bazemore has been enrolled in Pathways Developmental Services for about one year. He also stated that Ms. Bazemore has been compliant with treatment goals. He further described Ms. Bazemore as highly motivated and reported that he has seen no indication of drug or alcohol use by Ms. Bazemore. Mr. Darden told the investigator that should Ms. Bazemore be given another opportunity for the HPMP, Pathways would provide transportation for drug screens as Pathways has done in the past.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 5 constitutes a violation of Term No. 1 of the Board's Order entered September 21, 2012.

2. Based on the above Findings of Fact, the Committee concludes that Ms. Bazemore is a candidate for the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP").

CONSENT

Sharon A. Bazemore, 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 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 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. Sharon A. Bazemore, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. License No. 0002-031133 of Sharon A. Bazemore, L.P.N., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
3. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice practical nursing.

5. At such time as Ms. Bazemore 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. Bazemore 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.

6. This suspension shall be STAYED upon proof of Ms. Bazemore's re-entry into the HPMP. At such time, the indefinite suspension shall be STAYED and the following terms and conditions shall apply:

a. Ms. Bazemore shall comply with all terms and conditions for the period specified by the HPMP.

b. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for summarily rescinding the stay of indefinite suspension of the license of Ms. Bazemore, and an administrative proceeding shall be held to determine whether her license shall be revoked. The stay of indefinite suspension may be summarily rescinded at such time the Board is notified that:

i. Ms. Bazemore is not in compliance with the terms and conditions specified by the HPMP;

ii. Ms. Bazemore's participation in the HPMP has been terminated;

iii. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against Ms. Bazemore involving a violation of law, regulation, or any term or condition of this order.

7. This Order is applicable to Ms. Bazemore's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice practical nursing. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Bazemore shall not work outside of 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 she wishes to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

8. 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.

9. Upon receipt of evidence of Ms. Bazemore's participation in and successful completion of the terms specified by the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Bazemore's appearance before the Board, and conduct an administrative review of this matter, at which time she may be issued an unrestricted license.

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



Jane Ingalls, R.N., Ph.D.
President, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: 16 Sept. 2014

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SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Sharon A. Bazemore LPN
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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF ISLE OF WIGHT TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, SHIRLEY W. WENNEGAN, a Notary Public, this 20th day of AUGUST, 2014.

My commission expires MARCH 31, 2018.

Registration Number 150263.

Shirley W. Winnegan
NOTARY PUBLIC

Certified True Copy

By L. Robinson-Hunters
Virginia Board of Nursing