

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: CONNIE BLEVINS, R.N.

CONSENT ORDER

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

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Connie Blevins, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-111808 to practice as a professional nurse by the Virginia Board of Nursing on August 23, 1988. Said license is set to expire on November 30, 2011.
2. Ms. Blevins signed a Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") (*formerly, the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program*) on March 27, 2003, and completed the program on April 25, 2008.
3. During the course of her employment with Sentara CarePlex Hospital, Hampton, Virginia, between February, 2009, and July, 2009, Ms. Blevins diverted Percocet (oxycodone, Schedule II) and Vicodin (hydrocodone, Schedule III) for her own personal and unauthorized use. She accomplished this diversion by keeping extra tablets when she administered doses to patients who had orders for one to two tabs PRN. She also removed Percocet and Vicodin tablets for patients who did not ask for the medication and used it herself.

4. Sentara CarePlex Hospital terminated Ms. Blevins as a result of her diversion on September 15, 2009.

5. Ms. Blevins signed a Participation Contract with HPMP on September 16, 2009 acknowledging her chemical dependency. She is currently in compliance with the program.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), (6), and (8) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (“Regulations”).

Finding of Fact No. 5 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

CONSENT

Connie Blevins, 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 neither admits nor denies the Findings of Fact contained herein but waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact 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. License No. 0001-111808 of Connie Blevins, R.N., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. At such time as Ms. Blevins 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 professional nursing. Ms. Blevins 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.
4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.
5. This suspension shall be STAYED upon the condition that Ms. Blevins remain compliant with the terms of her contract with the HPMP. The following terms and conditions shall apply:
 - a. Ms. Blevins 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 Connie Blevins, R.N., 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. Blevins is not in compliance with the terms and conditions specified by the HPMP;
 - ii. Ms. Blevins' participation in the HPMP has been terminated;
 - iii. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against Ms. Blevins involving a violation of law, regulation, or any term or condition of this order.

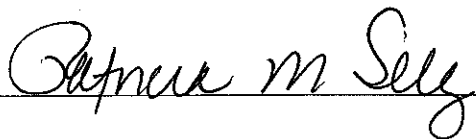
6. Upon receipt of evidence of Ms. Blevins' participation and successful completion of the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Blevins' appearance before a Committee and conduct an administrative review of this matter at which time she may be issued an unrestricted license.

7. This Order is applicable to Ms. Blevins' multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Blevins 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 Ms. Blevins wishes to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

8. Ms. Blevins 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.

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



Patricia M. Selig, R.N., F.N.P., Ph.D.
President, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: _____

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SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Connie Blevins R.N.
Connie Blevins, R.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Heather Pingel, a Notary Public, this 1st day of April, 2010.

My commission expires June 30, 2012.

Registration Number 316362.

Heather Pingel
NOTARY PUBLIC