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VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: REANA HOUSE, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-043635

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 December 8, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Reana House, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws governing nursing practice in Virginia. Ms. House was present and was not represented by legal counsel.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Reana House, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-043635 to practice as a practical nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia on November 21, 1990. Said license expires on April 30, 2015. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated November 13, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. House notifying her that an informal conference would be held on December 8, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 683 Hendrick Crow Road, Boydton, Virginia 23917, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. Ms. House suffers from mental illness, which requires medication and treatment, and for which she was hospitalized on May 14, 2014. Her discharge diagnoses were bipolar I disorder, most recent

episode mixed, rule out major depression with psychotic features, persistent depressive disorder, generalized anxiety disorder, panic disorder with agoraphobia, and posttraumatic stress disorder.

4. During an interview with an investigator with the Virginia Department of Health Professions, on August 18, 2014, Ms. House's treating licensed clinical social worker stated that Ms. House is unsafe to practice nursing due to her inability to concentrate and her inability to retain information. However, she also indicated that Ms. House is compliant with her medications and she keeps her appointments.

5. At the informal conference, Ms. House reported that she has a history of depression and panic attacks, which were well managed until this year. She stated that she began seeing a counselor in January 2014, related to the stress she was feeling with her employment and her son. She also stated that she does not feel that she can presently work as a nurse because of the stress involved. She indicated that she has not practiced as a nurse since March, 2014. She further stated that she has applied for, but has not yet received, disability.

6. On December 8, 2014, Ms. House submitted a written statement, indicating that she wished to voluntarily surrender her license to practice as a practical nurse in Virginia.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

CONSENT

Reana House, 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 a formal fact finding hearing 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 a formal hearing;
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. The Board ACCEPTS the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of Reana House's license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. At such time as Ms. House 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 nursing. Ms. House 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 practical nursing.

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

ENTERED: Jan. 27, 2015

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Reana House LPN
Reana House, L.P.N.



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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Reana House, a Notary Public, this 29th day of December, 2014.

My Commission expires 1-31-2018.

Registration Number 185898.

Karen B. Whitten
NOTARY PUBLIC

Certified True Copy

By Y. Robinson-Howes
Virginia Board of Nursing