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VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: **JOYCE ELLIS, R.N.**
License No.: 0001-089777

AMENDED CONSENT ORDER

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

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Joyce Ellis, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-089777 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on August 26, 1983. Said license is set to expire on October 31, 2015. Ms. Ellis' primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. During the course of her employment with The Laurels of Willow Creek, Midlothian, Virginia, on March 12, 2014, Ms. Ellis was witnessed signing out one tablet of Percocet 10/325 mg (oxycodone/apap, Schedule II) for a resident. The resident later requested his pain medication indicating he did not remember taking it. At that time it was determined that Ms. Ellis had written an incorrect date and time and had signed another nurse's name to the resident's controlled medication reconciliation sheet.
3. On March 14, 2014, The Laurels of Willow Creek requested that Ms. Ellis be accompanied by a staff member to a local facility to submit to a urine drug screen. Ms. Ellis indicated she would go on her own and resigned from her position with The Laurels of Willow Creek.
4. On June 4, 2014, during an interview with an investigator for the Department of Health Professions, Ms. Ellis indicated that she did not wish to pursue future practice in the field of nursing and that

she was willing to voluntarily surrender her license. Ms. Ellis sent a letter to the investigator dated June 6, 2014, which contained a written indication of her wish to voluntarily surrender her license to practice professional nursing and a copy of her wallet-card sized license.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

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

CONSENT

Joyce Ellis, 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 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 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 The Board ACCEPTS the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of Joyce Ellis' license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. At such time as Ms. Ellis 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. Ellis 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.


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
Jan. 27, 2015

SEEN AND AGREED TO:



Joyce Ellis, R.N.

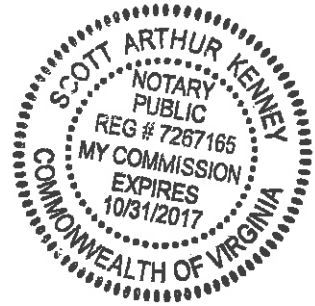
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Richmond, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Joyce Ellis, a Notary Public, this 1st day of Dec, 2014.


My commission expires 10/31/2017.

Registration Number 7267165.


NOTARY PUBLIC



Certified True Copy

By 
Virginia Board of Nursing