VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

ELSABET F. WOLDEMARIAM, C.N.A. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT Certificate No.: 1401-094834

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 December 15, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon the application of Elsabet F. Woldemariam for reinstatement of her license to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Woldemariam may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nurse aide practice. Ms. Woldemariam was present and was not represented by legal counsel.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Elsabet F. Woldemariam was issued Certificate No. 1401-094834 to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia on October 9, 2002. Said certificate expired on October 31, 2004.
- 2. By letter dated October 30, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Woldemariam notifying her that an informal conference would be held on December 15, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 3825 Seventh Street North, Apt. B-8, Arlington, Virginia 22203, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. By letter dated December 5, 2014, the Board sent an Amended Notice to Ms. Woldemariam at the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
- 3. Ms. Woldemariam submitted an application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide which was received by the Board on August 13, 2014.

- 4. By Order of the Board entered December 9, 2011, Ms. Woldemariam's practical nursing license was placed on probation for two years of active employment as a practical nurse, due to findings that for nine days in May 2009, she documented administering a nebulizer treatment to a resident, but failed to actually administer the treatment.
- 5. By Order of the Board entered on December 5, 2014, Ms. Woldemariam's license to practice practical nursing was indefinitely suspended for not less than one year, due to findings that she failed to comply with the terms of the Order entered December 9, 2011.
- 6. Ms. Woldemariam re-took the nurse aide training course and successfully completed it on May 19, 2014.
- 7. Ms. Woldemariam is currently unemployed. She would like to work in an assisted living facility or in a private duty setting.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) of the Code.
- 2. Finding of Fact No. 5 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-25-100(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides.
- 3. The Committee concludes that Elsabet F. Woldemariam otherwise meets the requirements of § 54.1-3023 of the Code.

ORDER

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

1. The application of Elsabet F. Woldemariam for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia is APPROVED. Upon successful completion of the NNAAP Examination, Ms. Woldemariam shall be issued an unrestricted certificate to practice as a nurse aide.

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2. Ms. Woldemariam shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a nurse aide commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 et seq. of the Code and the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides.

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. Woldemariam may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on February 19, 2015, notify Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., 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, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E. Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED:

This Order shall become final on February 19, 2015, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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