

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: HELEN ROBINSON, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
License No.: 0001-112937

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 8, 2014 in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Helen Robinson’s application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia. Ms. Robinson 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. Helen Robinson, R.N. was issued License No. 0001-112937 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 10, 1989. Said license was suspended by Order of the Board entered on November 11, 2011 based on findings that she was unable to safely practice nursing due to substance abuse and that she had been dismissed from the Health Practitioners’ Monitoring Program (“HPMP”). Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated November 7, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Robinson notifying her that an informal conference would be held on December 8, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 124 Rocky Creek Lane, Floyd, Virginia 24091, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

3. Ms. Robinson submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing, which was received by the Board on August 13, 2013.

4. Ms. Robinson re-entered a Recovery Monitoring Contract with the HPMP in October 2013. She is in compliance with her Contract and has been approved to seek employment under supervision once her license is reinstated.

5. Ms. Robinson stated at the informal conference that her date of sobriety was January 16, 2009. She has attended AA meetings for six years. She has a sponsor and has been a sponsor for several years. She attends at least four AA and/or Caduceus meetings per week. She completed individual counseling and currently attends a weekly women's group with the same counselor.

6. Ms. Robinson submitted five letters of reference and a letter from her counselor.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Based on the above Findings of Fact, the Committee concludes that Ms. Robinson is properly enrolled in the HPMP.

2. The Committee concludes that Ms. Robinson has demonstrated satisfactory evidence that she is prepared to resume practice in a safe and competent manner.

ORDER

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

1. The license of Helen Robinson, R.N. is hereby REINSTATED contingent upon her continued compliance with the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP.

2. This order shall be applicable to Ms. Robinson's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Robinson shall not work outside 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 request for out of state employment shall be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

3. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for revoking the license of Ms. Robinson, and an administrative proceeding shall be held to decide whether her license should be revoked. Ms. Robinson shall be noticed to appear before the Board at such time as the Board is notified that:

a. She is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the HPMP, or has been terminated from participation in the HPMP;

b. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against her involving a violation of law or regulation or any term or condition of this Order; or


c. She has successfully completed the above-referenced period of participation in the HPMP. However, upon receipt of Ms. Robinson's participation in and compliance with the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive her appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter.

4. Ms. Robinson 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 on request.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Robinson may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **January 26, 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:



So Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: December 23, 2014

This Order shall become final on **January 26, 2015**, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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