

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: SASHA DOTSON, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-086530**

ORDER

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on September 4, 2014 in Henrico County, Virginia. Sasha Dotson, L.P.N. was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On November 19, 2014, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Dotson was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sasha Dotson, L.P.N. was issued License No. 0002-086530 to practice practical nursing in Virginia on February 8, 2012. The license expired on February 28, 2014. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated July 30, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Dotson notifying her that an informal conference would be held on September 4, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to P.O. Box 2243, Wise, Virginia 24293, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The certified mail receipt was signed by Ms. Dotson on August 4, 2014. The Notice sent by first class mail was not returned to the Board office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Dotson and the informal conference

proceeded in her absence.

3. By Term No. 1 of an Order entered March 8, 2013, the Board took no action against Ms. Dotson contingent upon her entry into and compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"). This Order was based on findings that Ms. Dotson had written and obtained prescriptions for Lortab (hydrocodone, Schedule III) for herself and her boyfriend without authorization and without prescriptive authority, and that she had an admitted addiction to hydrocodone.

4. Ms. Dotson entered into a Participation Contract with the HPMP on April 9, 2013. She entered into a Recovery Monitoring Contract on July 29, 2013.

5. Ms. Dotson was dismissed from the HPMP on September 20, 2013 for noncompliance. Specifically, she had failed to comply with the toxicology screening program and to submit a required report for July 2013. Furthermore, she submitted a letter of resignation in August 2013 indicating she was withdrawing from the program due to financial reasons.

6. Ms. Dotson informed an investigator for the Department of Health Professions in October 2013 that she was not employed, that she was not in any outpatient treatment, and that she was not attending any 12-Step programs. She did not return signed medical information release forms that the investigator had sent her, nor did she respond to any further contact attempts.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 5 constitutes a violation of Term No. 1 of the Board's Order entered March 8, 2013.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. License No. 0002-086530 of Sasha Dotson, L.P.N. is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended.

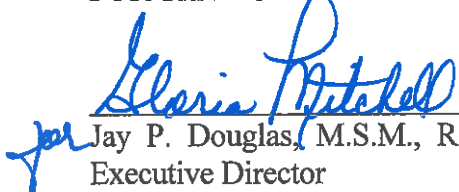
3. At such time as Ms. Dotson shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of practical nursing. Ms. Dotson shall be responsible for any fees that may be required 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 § 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 a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Since Ms. Dotson failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Dotson has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Dotson has thirty (30) days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three (3) days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD


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

Entered: December 4, 2014