

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: CORINNA L. BEDARD, C.N.A.  
Certificate No.: 1401-159051**

**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 23, 2014 in Henrico County, Virginia. Corinna L. Bedard, C.N.A. was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Judith Piersall, R.N., B.S.N., 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. Bedard 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. Corinna L. Bedard, C.N.A. was issued Certificate No. 1401-149041 to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia on April 11, 2013. The certificate is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2015.
2. By letter dated September 4, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Bedard notifying her that an informal conference would be held on September 23, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 107 Harper Court, Staunton, Virginia 24401, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The Notice was also sent to 5915 Massey Road, Spotsylvania, Virginia 22551, a secondary address. Ms. Bedard signed the receipt for the certified mail sent to the secondary address. The Notice sent by certified mail to the address of record and the Notices sent by first class mail were not returned to the Board office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Bedard and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.
3. During the course of her employment with Team Nurse Verona, Verona, Virginia:

a. Ms. Bedard falsified her timesheet in that on or about the week of November 24, 2013 she was assigned to provide care to a home-bound patient. The alert and oriented patient called Team Nurse Verona and reported that Ms. Bedard had not come to her home.

b. Ms. Bedard subsequently submitted her timesheet indicating she had worked the above dates. Ms. Bedard was actually working at Brightview Assisted Living Facility on these dates.

4. While working at Brightview Assisted Living Facility, Staunton, Virginia:

a. On January 3, 2014, Ms. Bedard made Resident B, who had dementia, clean up her own vomit and kept the resident from moving about freely by telling her to stay in her room.

b. On October February 28, 2014, Ms. Bedard failed to report for a scheduled shift without notice.

c. Ms. Bedard failed was terminated from Brightview on March 4, 2014 because she failed to show up or call for several scheduled shifts.

5. During the course of her employment with Augusta Nursing and Rehab Center, Fishersville, Virginia:

a. On November 1, 2013, Ms. Bedard failed to give a shower to a resident as instructed by a nurse. Instead she left the facility without giving the shower.

b. On October 16 and 31, 2013, Ms. Bedard failed to call or report to her scheduled shift.

c. On October 5, 2013, Ms. Bedard failed to provide care to a soiled resident when instructed to do so by a nurse.

d. On October 16, 2013, Ms. Bedard pushed Resident C in her wheelchair, without holding on to the chair, causing the chair to run into the door frame.

e. On November 10, 2013, Ms. Bedard failed to ensure a resident's safety and failed to report that the resident had wandered from the facility into the parking lot.

f. On September 26, 2013, in a conversation with a resident, Ms. Bedard revealed her personal employment problems and made disparaging remarks about other staff at the facility.

g. On October 23, 2013 Ms. Bedard was counseled for excessive absences.

h. In November 2013 Ms. Bedard was terminated from Augusta Nursing and Rehab Center for “Multiple disciplinary issues.”

6. During her interview with the investigator Ms. Bedard denied abusing or neglecting patients or residents.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Findings of Fact Nos. 4(a) and 5(d) constitute violations of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), and 18 VAC 90-25-100(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides (“Regulations”).

2. Findings of Fact Nos. 4(a) and 5(d) and Conclusion of Law No. 1 constitute findings of Abuse pursuant to 42 CFR § 483.156(b)(2) and (c)(1)(iv)(D) of the Code of Federal Regulations.

3. Finding of Fact No. 3(b) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (3) of the Code and 19 VAC 90-25-100(2)(d) of the Regulations.

4. Findings of Fact Nos. 3(a), 4(c), 5(a), 5(c), and 5(e) and constitute violations of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-25-100(2)(e) of the Regulations

5. Findings of Fact Nos. 3(a), 4(c), 5(a), 5(c) and 5(e) and Conclusion of Law No. 5 constitute findings of Neglect pursuant to 42 CFR § 483.156(b)(2) and (c)(1)(iv)(D) of the Code of Federal Regulations.

6. Finding of Fact No. 5(f) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) of the Code.

#### ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

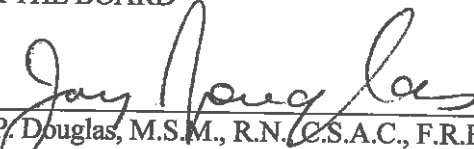
1. Certificate No. 1401-159051 of Corinna L. Bedard, C.N.A. is REVOKED.
2. The certificate will be recorded as revoked and no longer current.
3. A Finding of Abuse and a Finding of Neglect shall be ENTERED against Ms. Bedard in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry pursuant to 42 CFR § 483.13(c)(1)(ii)(B) and 42 CFR § 483.156(b)(2) and (c)(1)(iv)(D). These findings prohibit Ms. Bedard’s employment as a certified nurse aide in any long-term care facility that receives Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement, according to 42 CFR § 483.13(c)(1)(ii)(B).

Pursuant to § 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the

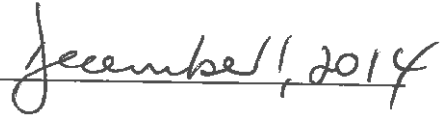
Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Since Ms. Bedard failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Bedard 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. Bedard 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

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

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