**VIRGINIA:** 

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

KATRISSA L. HILL, L.P.N.

License No.: 0002-062945

<u>ORDER</u>

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. Katrissa L. Hill, L.P.N. 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. Hill 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. Katrissa L. Hill, L.P.N. was issued License No. 0002-062945 to practice practical nursing in

Virginia on March 31, 2002. The license is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2016. Her primary state of residence is

Virginia.

2. By letter dated September 3, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference

("Notice") to Ms. Hill notifying her that an informal conference would be held on September 23, 2014. The Notice

was sent by certified and first class mail to P.O. Box 15792, Richmond, Virginia 23227, the address of record on file

with the Board of Nursing. Ms. Hill signed the receipt for the Notice sent by certified mail. 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. Hill and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. During the course of a Department of Social Services inspection it was found that while employed

with Rivers Adult Home, Powhatan, Virginia:

- a. From April 6, 2013 to August 15, 2013, while Resident A was under Ms. Hill's care, a Geri-Chair was used for Resident A without a physician's order.
- b. Between April and August 2013, Ms. Hill failed to report a significant change in Resident A's health status to his physician.
- c. Between February 17 and February 2, 2013 Ms. Hill failed to document medication administration to Residents B and C.
- 4. Ms. Hill's employment with Rivers Adult Home, which began in September 2010, was terminated in August 2013 after it was discovered that she had failed to properly document medication administration.
- 5. Prior to her employment at Rivers Adult Home, Ms. Hill had been employed with four other facilities or agencies. Three of these employments resulted in termination.
- Ms. Hill indicated to the investigator that she had not worked as a nurse since leaving Rivers Adult
  Home and was currently unemployed.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. Finding of Fact No. 3(a) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations").
- 2. Findings of Fact Nos. 3(b) and 3(c) constitute violations of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations.

## <u>ORDER</u>

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

- 1. Katrissa L. Hill, L.P.N. is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Ms. Hill shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed the following NCSBN courses within 60 days of the entry of this Order: *Medication Errors: Prevention and Detection*, and *Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care*.
- 3. Ms. Hill shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a practical nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 et seq. of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.
  - 4. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or of any law or regulation affecting the

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practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license of Ms. Hill and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

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

Jay P/Douglas, M.S.M., K.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.

**Executive Director** 

Virginia Board of Nursing

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