

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: TIFFANY NELSON, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-074593

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 October 27, 2014 in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Tiffany Nelson, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia. Ms. Nelson was present and was not represented by counsel.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Tiffany Nelson, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-074593 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on October 4, 2006. Said license is set to expire on June 30, 2016. Ms. Nelson’s primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated October 1, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Nelson notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 27, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 46 Elizabeth Lane, Louisa, Virginia, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

3. During the course of her employment with Dogwood Village of Orange County, Orange, Virginia, between April 23, 2014 and April 27, 2014, by her own admission, Ms. Nelson gave Patient A one tablet of Trazodone, 50 mg, when he was only prescribed one-half tablet. In addition, Ms. Nelson indicated on

the medication administration record that she gave the patient one-half tablet. At the informal conference, Ms. Nelson indicated she did not get approval from the patient's physician before increasing his dose.

4. Ms. Nelson resigned from Dogwood Village while an internal investigation was being conducted regarding diversion of Zanaflex medication.

5. The Town of Orange Police Department did not pursue charges involving possible Zanaflex diversion.

6. Ms. Nelson is currently working as a private duty nurse at Senior's First Agency.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of §54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a) and (e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

ORDER

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

1. Tiffany Nelson, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.

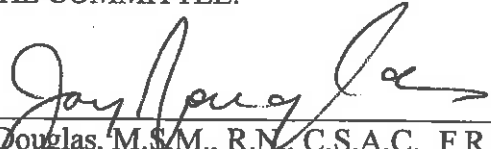
2. Ms. Nelson shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a practical nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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. Nelson may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on December 22, 2014, 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: November 19th, 2014

This Order shall become final on December 22, 2014, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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