

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: ANGELA R. RORRER, R.N.
 License No.: 0001-127241**

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on January 28, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Angela R. Rorrer, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Rorrer may have violated certain terms and conditions imposed on her, as set forth in the Order of the Board entered on September 29, 2011. The case was presented by Tammie D. Jones, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Rorrer was present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Angela R. Rorrer, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-127241 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on March 31, 1992. Said license was indefinitely suspended by Order of the Board entered on September 29, 2011, with said suspension stayed contingent upon Ms. Rorrer's compliance with certain terms and conditions. The action was based upon findings that Ms. Rorrer failed to comply with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") and was also convicted of driving while under the influence. By letter dated October 10, 2014, the stay of suspension was summarily rescinded. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Ms. Rorrer re-entered the HPMP on September 23, 2011.

3. On August 21, 2014, Ms. Rorrer was dismissed from the HPMP due to noncompliance.

Specifically:

a. On September 14 and 17, 2013, Ms. Rorrer obtained Percocet (oxycodone/APAP, Schedule II) prescriptions for a total of 60 tablets, and failed to notify the HPMP.

b. On January 30, 2014, after submitting to a drug screen hair test, Ms. Rorrer tested positive for codeine for which she was unable to provide a valid prescription.

c. On July 24, 2014, Ms. Rorrer submitted a medication journal wherein she falsely reported consuming eight out of ten prescribed Percocet, when, in fact, she had consumed all ten of the prescribed tablets. Further, Ms. Rorrer provided her therapist with two over-the-counter tablets to waste, instead of two Percocet tablets as indicated on the Narcotic Medication Use and Disposal Form. Subsequently, the HPMP recommended that Ms. Rorrer attend residential treatment; however, she failed to do so.

4. Ms. Rorrer has been dismissed from the HPMP twice previously for noncompliance with the program and has a demonstrated, and admitted, pattern of dishonesty and relapse. At the hearing, Ms. Rorrer attributed her addiction and relapses to a chronic medical condition which typically demands pain medication, including opiates, her drug of choice.

5. At the hearing, Ms. Rorrer first stated that her sobriety date was April 1, 2014, but when questioned by the Board, she changed her date of sobriety to sometime in August 2014, after she misreported the Percocet to her therapist, as noted in Finding of Fact number 3. After further questioning, she decided her sobriety date was August 4, 2014. Ms. Rorrer admitted at the hearing that she cannot take opioids due to her addiction. She testified that she would like to attempt to handle her chronic condition without narcotics and if she is unable to manage her condition without narcotics then she would quit nursing.

6. Ms. Rorrer testified that she attends support group meetings and has a large support system but offered the Board no evidence to support these statements.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code and Term No. 5 of the Order entered September 29, 2011.

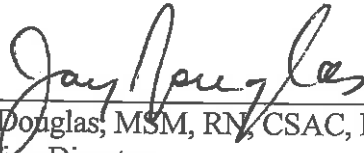
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WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

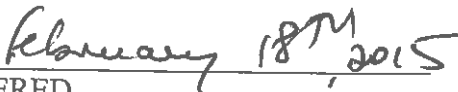
1. License No. 0001-127241 issued to Angela R. Rorrer, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED for a period of not less than two years.
2. The license of Ms. Rorrer will be recorded as SUSPENDED. Should Ms. Rorrer seek reinstatement of her license consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her license prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.
3. At such time as Ms. Rorrer shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice of professional nursing.
4. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Rorrer's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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.

FOR THE BOARD



Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing



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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.

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