

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: ANGELA RORRER, R.N.

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was held before an Agency Subordinate of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on May 5, 2008, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Angela Rorrer, R.N. may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in Virginia. Ms. Rorrer was present and was represented John E. Davidson, Esquire.

By letter dated August 15, 2008, the Board noticed Angela Rorrer, R.N. for a formal hearing. In lieu of proceeding to a formal hearing, the Board and Ms. Rorrer, as evidenced by their signatures affixed below, agree to enter into this Consent Order affecting the license of Ms. Rorrer to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Angela Rorrer, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-127241 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on March 31, 1992. Said license is set to expire on November 30, 2009.
2. On July 28, 2006, during the course of her employment with VCU Medical Center, Richmond, Virginia ("VCU"), Ms. Rorrer failed to conduct a preliminary count of surgical instruments at the beginning of a surgery on Patient A, but documented in the medical record that the count was correct initially as well as at the conclusion of the surgery.
3. On April 26, 2006, during the course of her employment with VCU, Ms. Rorrer failed to properly label a specimen sent to a lab during surgery, and failed to send a specimen in one of the cups

labeled for processing. In addition, this patient had a latex allergy, and Ms. Rorrer failed to hang “Latex-Free Room” signs in the room where the surgery was performed.

4. On June 11, 2007, during the course of her employment with Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital, Richmond, Virginia (“Healthsouth”), Ms. Rorrer documented removing Percocet (oxycodone, a schedule II controlled substance) and other medications for Patient B. The patient compared the pills that Ms. Rorrer gave her with pills that a subsequent nurse gave her, looked at the empty medication wrappers that Ms. Rorrer had left in her trash can, and asserted that Ms. Rorrer had not administered the Percocet that she had requested, but had administered Tylenol (acetaminophen, an over-the-counter medication) instead. In addition, Ms. Rorrer removed and administered to Patient B six times the amount of Tizanidine (a schedule VI medication) as had been ordered by the physician.

5. During the course of her employment with VCU:

a. On March 6, 2006, Ms. Rorrer slurred her words and blinked much more slowly than usual. During her lunch break, she slumped over asleep and dropped some of her lunch on the floor. After she awoke, she had an unsteady gait and walked very slowly.

b. On March 7, 2006, Ms. Rorrer dozed off during a patient’s surgery and did not notice that the patient’s leg fell off the side of the table.

c. On April 24, 2006, Ms. Rorrer took medication for a migraine headache. Afterwards, she was lethargic, sleepy, and unable to retain information told to her during patient surgeries.

6. During the course of her employment with Healthsouth, on or about January 13, 2007, Ms. Rorrer walked up and down the halls with a water pitcher, looked in every room, and did not appear to know where she was going. When confronted, Ms. Rorrer admitted that she was on pain medication for kidney stones.

7. During the course of her employment with VCU, Ms. Rorrer asked a physician there to write her a prescription for narcotics when he was not her treatment provider.

8. Ms. Rorrer told her primary care physician on or about August 11, 2000, that she was worried that she was addicted to narcotics.

9. Two doctors have expressed concerns about Ms. Rorrer's use of narcotics.

10. Ms. Rorrer sought treatment at Poplar Springs Hospital, Petersburg, Virginia for depression and possible overuse of narcotics.

11. On her application for employment at Healthsouth, dated October 19, 2006, Ms. Rorrer stated that her reason for leaving VCU was "horrible orientation and conditions" when, in fact, her employment was terminated. Ms. Rorrer stated that her reason for leaving St. Mary's Hospital, Richmond, Virginia ("St. Mary's") was "needed more time at home with my son" and that her reason for leaving CJW was "salary increase" when, in fact, her employment was terminated at both hospitals.

12. On her application for employment at VCU, dated August 9, 2005, Ms. Rorrer stated that her reason for leaving CJW was "inappropriate preceptorship/inappropriate staff and professionalism" when, in fact, her employment was terminated as a result of her failure to document wastage for multiple narcotics. Ms. Rorrer failed to state a reason for leaving St. Mary's when her employment there had been terminated.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) of the Code.

3. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations.

4. Findings of Fact Nos. 5 and 6 constitute violations of § 54.1-3007(5) and (6) of the Code.

5. Findings of Fact Nos. 7, 8, 9, and 10 constitute violations of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

6. Findings of Fact Nos. 11 and 12 constitute violations of § 54.1-3007(2) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations.

CONSENT

Angela Rorrer, R.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;

2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;

3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to a formal fact finding hearing before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;

4. She waives all such right to a formal hearing;

5. She neither admits nor denies the Findings of Fact contained herein, but waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;

6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. License No. 0001-127241 of Angela Rorrer, R.N. is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

3. This suspension shall be STAYED upon proof of entry into a Recovery Monitoring Contract with the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program ("HPIP") pursuant to Chapter 25.1 of Title 54.1 of the

Code and 18 VAC 76-10-10 *et seq.* of the Regulations Governing the HPIP. At such time, the indefinite suspension shall be STAYED and the following terms and conditions shall apply:

a. Ms. Rorrer shall comply with all terms and conditions for the period specified by the HPIP.

b. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for summarily rescinding the stay of indefinite suspension of the license of Ms. Rorrer, and an administrative proceeding shall be held to determine whether her license shall be revoked. The stay of indefinite suspension may be summarily rescinded at such time the Board is notified that:

i. Ms. Rorrer is not in compliance with the terms and conditions specified by the HPIP;

ii. Ms. Rorrer's participation in the HPIP has been terminated;

iii. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against Ms. Rorrer involving a violation of law, regulation, or any term or condition of this order.


4. This Order is applicable to Ms. Rorrer's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Rorrer shall not work outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Ms. Rorrer wishes to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

5. Upon proof from HPIP that Ms. Rorrer has successfully completed her Recovery Monitoring Contract(s) with HPIP and been discharged from the program, the suspension of Ms. Rorrer's license shall be VACATED and the records of the Board amended to reflect that Ms. Rorrer's license is current and active.

6. Ms. Rorrer shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional 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 upon request.

FOR THE BOARD


Lynne M. Cooper
President, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: September 18, 2008

SEEN AND AGREED TO:


Angela Rorrer, R.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF chesterfield, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Michelle M Davis, a Notary Public, this 11th day of September, 2008.

My commission expires 02-28-11.

Registration Number 7145018.


NOTARY PUBLIC

