

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:**

**ANGELA RORRER, R.N.**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4024(F), and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), Angela Rorrer, who holds License No. 0001-127241 to practice professional nursing in Virginia which expires on November 30, 2009, is hereby given notice that a formal administrative hearing will be held in the presence of a panel of the Board of Nursing. The hearing will be held on September 18, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of the Department of Health Professions, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Richmond, Virginia 23233, at which time Ms. Rorrer will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Rorrer has the following rights, among others: the right to representation by counsel; the right to have witnesses subpoenaed and to present witnesses on her behalf; the right to present documentary evidence; and the right to cross-examine adverse witnesses. If Ms. Rorrer desires any witnesses to appear on her behalf, she must notify the Director of Administrative Proceedings, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233, in accordance with the Instructions for Requesting Subpoenas.

The purpose of the hearing is to inquire into evidence that Ms. Rorrer may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

**STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS**

The Board alleges that:

1. Ms. Rorrer may have violated § 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 in that on or about July 28, 2006, during the course of her employment with VCU Medical Center, Richmond, Virginia (“VCU”), she 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.
2. Ms. Rorrer may have violated § 54.1-3007(5) of the Code in that on or about April 26, 2006, during the course of her employment with VCU, she 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.
3. Ms. Rorrer may be in violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Board of Nursing Regulations in that on or about June 11, 2007, during the course of her employment with Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital, Richmond, Virginia (“Healthsouth”), she 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.

4. Ms. Rorrer may have violated § 54.1-3007(5) and (6) of the Code in that:

a. During the course of her employment with VCU:

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

ii. On or about 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.

iii. On or about 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.

b. 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.

5. Ms. Rorrer may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that:

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

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

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

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

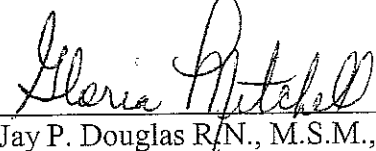
6. Ms. Rorrer may have violated § 54.1-3007(2) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) in that:

a. On her application for employment at Healthsouth, dated October 19, 2006, she 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.

b. 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.

Please see Attachment A for the names of the patients referenced above.

FOR THE BOARD

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

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