

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: Amber Rexrode Hendricks R.N. Reinstatement Applicant
License Number: 0001-198247
Case Number: 170922

RATIFICATION AND ORDER

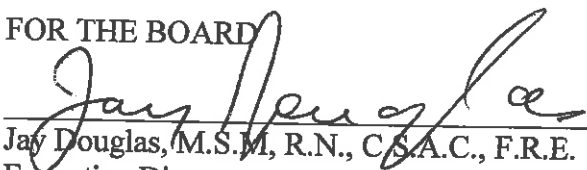
On July 20, 2016, a panel of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Amber Rexrode Hendricks was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

In consideration whereof, the Board of Nursing ACCEPTS the attached Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Agency Subordinate and ADOPTS the Recommended Order in its entirety.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2, 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.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Hendricks may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on September 2, 2016, notify Jay 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.

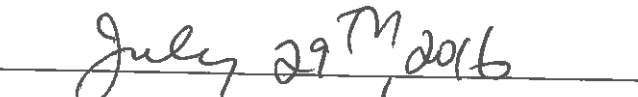
FOR THE BOARD


Jay Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

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By 
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED AND MAILED ON:



This Order shall become final on September 2, 2016, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE

Jurisdiction and Procedural History

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), Jeanne Holmes, serving as Agency Subordinate of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”), held an informal conference on June 15, 2016 in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon the application of Amber Rexrode Hendricks for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to consider evidence that grounds may exist to refuse to reinstate the license.

Ms. Hendricks appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Agency Subordinate makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and recommends that the Board adopt the following Order.

Notice

By letter dated May 3, 2016, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Hendricks notifying her that an informal conference would be held on June 15, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. On June 15, 2016, the Board hand-delivered an Amended Notice to Ms. Hendricks.

Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

1. Amber Rexrode Hendricks was issued License Number 0001-198247 to practice professional nursing on September 15, 2005, which expired on March 31, 2014. Her primary sate of residence is Virginia.

2. By Order of the Board entered on October 6, 2014, Ms. Hendricks was reprimanded and her license was indefinitely suspended due to continued substance abuse, diversion and adulteration of oxycodone (C-II), and noncompliance with probation. Previously by Order of the Board entered December 18, 2012, she was placed on indefinite probation with terms for not less than 2 years based upon her admitted addiction to narcotic pain medication.

3. Ms. Hendricks submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing which was received by the Board on November 24, 2015.

4. Ms. Hendricks violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that:

a. On August 28, 2014, Ms. Hendricks entered the Staunton/Augusta/Waynesboro Drug Court's 18-month substance abuse treatment program, subsequent to incurring felony charges for prescription fraud and possession of a Schedule I/II drug.

b. On May 4, 2015, while participating in the Drug Court, Ms. Hendricks tested positive for tramadol (C-IV), for which she did not have a valid prescription.

5. Ms. Hendricks reported that she completed Drug Court on June 2, 2016, and that the cases were dismissed. She attends Celebration Recovery support group meetings at least once a week and more when she is able to. Ms. Hendrick reported a sobriety date of May 5, 2015.

6. Ms. Hendricks last practiced nursing in December 2013.

Recommended Order

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Agency Subordinate recommends that the Board issue an Order as follows:

1. The application of Amber Rexrode Hendricks for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing is APPROVED contingent upon the following:

a. Entry into the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"). Thereafter, Amber Rexrode Hendricks shall comply with the terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP.

b. Ms. Hendricks shall enroll in and successfully complete a Board-approved refresher course prior to the issuance of her license, and shall provide written evidence to the Board of satisfactory completion of said course.

2. Upon receipt of evidence of Amber Rexrode Hendricks' participation in and successful completion of the terms specified by the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Amber Rexrode Hendricks' appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter, at which time she may be issued an unrestricted license.

3. Amber Rexrode Hendricks shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

4. Any violation of the foregoing terms and conditions of this Order or any statute or regulation governing the practice of professional nursing shall constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.

Reviewed and approved on June 30, 2016
By Jeanne Holmes, Citizen Board Member
Agency Subordinate

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By 
Virginia Board of Nursing