

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: JESSICA ADAMS, R.N.
 License No.: 0001-175969**

ORDER

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on July 2, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia. Jessica Adams, R.N., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On September 17, 2014, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Adams was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jessica Adams, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-175969 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on August 3, 2001. The license expired on October 31, 2013. Ms. Adams' primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated June 10, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Adams notifying her that an informal conference would be held on July 2, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 197 Orrix Creek Road, Evington, Virginia, 24550, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The receipt for the Notice sent via certified mail was

signed by Ms. Adams and returned to the Board office on June 24, 2014. The Notice sent via first class mail was not returned to the Board office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Adams and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. On January 12, 2012, the Board entered an Order taking no action against Ms. Adams (“Board’s Order”). Term No. 1 of the Board’s Order made that disposition contingent upon her continued compliance with the Health Practitioners’ Monitoring Program (“HPMP”), which she had entered on January 12, 2009. Said disposition was due to findings that Ms. Adams had diverted hydrocodone (Schedule III), oxycodone (Schedule II), and Propoxy N APAP (Schedule IV) for her personal and unauthorized use during the course of her employment with Centra Lynchburg General Hospital, Lynchburg, Virginia.

4. On July 25, 2013, Ms. Adams was urgently dismissed from the HPMP for failing to comply with the toxicology screening program, for her continued use of opioids and alcohol, and for substituting her urine specimen with the specimen of an acquaintance.

5. Ms. Adams was suspended from work at Centra Lynchburg General Hospital following a hair analysis that was positive for drugs; her employment was terminated following a second positive drug screen.

6. Ms. Adams stated to an investigator for the Department of Health Professions that she was not receiving any substance abuse treatment and that she could not promise that she would not relapse.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code and Term No. 1 of the Board’s Order.

ORDER

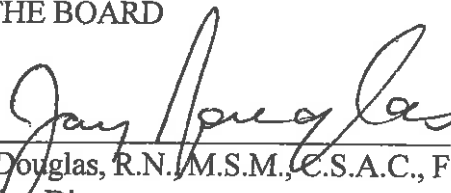
WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Jessica Adams, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.
2. The right of Jessica Adams, R.N., to renew License No. 0001-175969 is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED for a period of not less than two years.
3. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
4. At such time as Ms. Adams shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of professional nursing. Ms. Adams shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.
5. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.

Pursuant to § 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 a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Since Ms. Adams failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Adams has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Adams has thirty (30) days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three (3) days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD



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

Entered: October 3rd, 2014

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