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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

VA BD OF NURSING

**IN RE: CRAIG A. TYSON, R.N.,
License No.: 0001-167923**

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Craig A. Tyson, R.N., as evidenced by his signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Mr. Tyson's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Craig A. Tyson, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-167923 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on May 22, 2000. His primary state of residence is Virginia. He also holds License No. 0024-169876 to practice as a nurse practitioner in the area of psychiatric and mental health, which was issued by the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine on February 13, 2012. He was issued License No. 0017-140962 for prescriptive authority by the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine on March 15, 2013. All licenses are scheduled to expire on November 30, 2014.
2. During the course of his employment as a nurse practitioner with Comprehensive Psychological Services, Chesapeake, Virginia, between November 2012 and March 15, 2013, Mr. Tyson prescribed medications to patients without a valid license for prescriptive authority.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

CONSENT

Craig A. Tyson, R.N., by affixing his signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. He has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. He acknowledges that without his consent, no legal action can be taken against him except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. He acknowledges that he has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference 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 him;
4. He waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. He admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives his right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
6. He consents to the entry of the following Order affecting his 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. Craig A. Tyson, R.N. is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Mr. Tyson shall maintain a course of conduct in his 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:

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

ENTERED: September 22, 2014

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Craig A. Tyson
Craig A. Tyson, R.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Jamal A. Williams a Notary Public, this 18th day of August, 2014.

My commission expires July 31, 2017.

Registration Number 7554567

Jamal A. Williams
NOTARY PUBLIC

Certified True Copy

By *[Signature]*
Virginia Board of Nursing

