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BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE

IN RE: PATRICIA F. LUCAS, R.N., L.N.P.
License No.: 0024-168070, 0017-139322

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine (“Committee of the Joint Boards”) and Patricia F. Lucas, L.N.P., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Lucas’s license to practice as a nurse practitioner and her prescriptive authority in Virginia.

The Committee of the Joint Boards adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Patricia F. Lucas, L.N.P., was issued License No. 0001-189462 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on March 17, 2004. She was issued License No. 0024-168070 to practice as a nurse practitioner in the area of family practice by the Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine on November 6, 2008. Ms. Lucas was also issued License No. 0017-139322 to prescribe medication by the Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine on November 19, 2008. Said licenses are currently active and will expire on June 30, 2015. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated June 25, 2013, Ms. Lucas stated to the Board of Nursing that she had not met the continuing education requirements for her Nurse Practitioner License and her Authority to prescribe. She requested a one-year extension to complete her continuing education. She cited personal family issues.
3. On July 9, 2013, the Board granted Ms. Lucas a six-month extension to complete her requirements.

4. By letter dated February 25, 2014, the Board informed Ms. Lucas that her proof of continuing education was due. Ms. Lucas did not respond.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board Concludes that Findings of Fact Nos. 2 through 4 constitute violations of 18 VAC 90-30-105(B)(2) of the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners and 18 VAC 90-40-55(A), (B), and (C) of the Regulations for Prescriptive Authority for Nurse Practitioners (“Regulations”).

CONSENT

Patricia F. Lucas, L.N.P., 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 an informal fact finding conference before the Committee of the Joint Boards, 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 an informal conference;
5. She admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Committee of the Joint Boards;
6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice as a nurse practitioner with prescriptive authority in Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, The Committee of the Joint Boards, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. License Nos. 0024-168070 and 0017-139322 of Ms. Lucas are INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

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


3. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice as a nurse practitioner and have the authority to prescribe.

4. This suspension shall end upon Ms. Lucas providing the Board with evidence that she has completed at least 40 hours of continuing education in the area of family practice approved by one of the certifying agencies designated in 18 VAC 90-30-90 or by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (“ACCME”) or Continuing Medical Education (“CME”) and 8 hours of continuing education in the area of pharmacology or pharmacotherapeutics. These hours shall be applied toward the deficit for the renewal period from 2011 to 2013. Said hours shall be in addition to the 48 contact hours required for the biennial renewal period from 2013 to 2015. At such time, the indefinite suspension shall end, and Ms. Lucas shall be issued an unrestricted license to practice as a nurse practitioner with prescriptive authority.

5. Ms. Lucas shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a nurse practitioner with prescriptive authority 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 COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS:


Louise Hershkowitz, C.R.N.A., M.S.H.A., Chairperson
Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine

ENTERED: 9/17/14

SEEN AND AGREED TO:


Patricia F. Lucas RN LNP
Patricia F. Lucas, R.N., L.N.P.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Chr. B. Calfee, a Notary Public, this 18 day of July, 2014.

My commission expires May 31, 2015.

Registration Number 7500354.



NOTARY PUBLIC

CHRISTOPHER BRANDON CALFEE
NOTARY PUBLIC
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 31, 2015
COMMISSION # 7500354

Certified True Copy

By L. Robinson-Hawkins
Virginia Board of Nursing