

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:                   DAWN D. WELLS, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT**  
**License No.: 0001-153747**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) met on December 7, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon the application of Dawn D. Wells for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Wells may have violated certain laws governing professional nursing practice. Ms. Wells was present and was not represented by legal counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Dawn D. Wells was issued License No. 0001-153747 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on June 19, 1997. Said license was suspended by Consent Order of the Board entered on September 16, 2014. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated September 10, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Wells notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 13, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 5225 Kentuck Road, Lot 26, Ringgold, Virginia 24586, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. By letter dated October 20, 2015, the Board notified Ms. Wells that the informal conference was rescheduled and would be held on December 7, 2015.
3. Ms. Wells submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing which was received by the Board on May 22, 2015.

4. By Consent Order of the Board entered on September 16, 2014, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender for indefinite suspension of Ms. Wells' license to practice professional nursing. Said action was based on the following: By Order of the Board entered on May 8, 2014, Ms. Wells' license was indefinitely suspended with said suspension stayed contingent upon her entry into and compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"). Ms. Wells entered the HPMP and on April 2, 2014, requested to resign due to family obligations. The HPMP accepted her resignation effective May 2, 2014.

5. On July 1, 2015, Ms. Wells re-entered the HPMP by signing a Participation Contract in which she acknowledged her opioid abuse.

6. In a report dated December 1, 2015, the HPMP reported that on November 9, 2015, Ms. Wells tested positive for hydromorphone and that the split specimen tested positive for hydromorphone and hydrocodone. The HPMP recommended that Ms. Wells attend an intensive outpatient treatment program.

7. Ms. Wells denied taking hydrocodone. She reported having left-sided pain and consuming Ultram (tramadol, C-IV). Ms. Wells further stated that due to the circumstances, she was rescinding her application for reinstatement.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Findings of Fact Nos. 5 and 6 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.
2. The Committee concludes that Dawn D. Wells has not demonstrated satisfactory evidence that she is prepared to resume practice in a safe and competent manner.

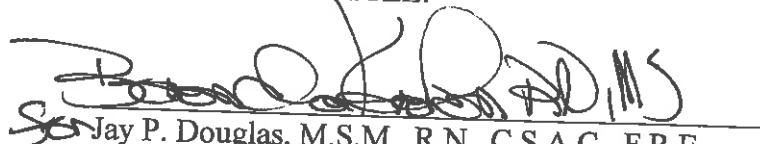
#### ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS that the application of Dawn D. Wells for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia is DENIED.

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 on request.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Wells may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **January 26, 2016**, notify Jay P. 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 COMMITTEE:

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

ENTERED: December 23, 2015

This Order shall become final on **January 26, 2016**, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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