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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

VICTORIA COBB, R.N. APPLICANT

ORDER

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(7)/(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on August 5, 2009, in Henrico County, Virginia. Victoria Cobb was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Nancy Durrett, R.N., M.S.N., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On September 16, 2009, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Cobb 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. Victoria Cobb submitted an application for licensure by endorsement to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth, which was received by the Board on April 8, 2009.
2. By letter dated June 24, 2009, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Cobb notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 5, 2009. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 11868 Spottswood Trail, Ruckersville, Virginia 22968, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. Ms. Cobb was hospitalized pursuant to a Temporary Detention Order for a one-time episode of anxiety, confusion, and disorientation, on April 1, 2009 and discharged on April 3, 2009. She continues in

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mental health counseling, seeing a psychotherapist once weekly, with diagnoses of bipolar disorder and depression.

4. Ms. Cobb has practiced professional nursing in Georgia and South Carolina for 11 years and has had no disciplinary actions. Trinity Mission of Charlottesville is holding a position for her once she is licensed to practice in Virginia.

5. Ms. Cobb signed a Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program on July 2, 2009, and is scheduled to attend orientation in August.

6. An in-home services worker with the Orange County Department of Social Services stated at the informal conference that Ms. Cobb has shown progress in her ability to maintain stability in her life and in that of her son.

7. Ms. Cobb's sister also attended the informal conference and indicated support for Ms. Cobb's imposed mental health.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that:

1. Finding of Fact #3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.
2. Ms. Cobb otherwise meets the requirements of § 54.1-3018 of the Code.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that the application of Victoria Cobb for licensure by endorsement as a professional nurse is APPROVED. Ms. Cobb shall be issued a license to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth, under the following terms and conditions:

1. Ms. Cobb shall continue to comply with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program for the period specified by the program.

2. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for revoking the license of Ms. Cobb, and an administrative proceeding shall be held to decide whether her license should be revoked. Ms. Cobb shall be noticed to appear before the Board at such time as the Board is notified that:

a. She is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the HPMP, or has been terminated from participation in the HPMP;

b. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against Ms. Cobb involving a violation of law or regulation or any term or condition of this Order; or

c. Ms. Cobb has successfully completed the above-referenced period of participation in the HPMP. However, upon receipt of Ms. Cobb's participation in and compliance with the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Cobb's appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter.

3. This Order is applicable to Ms. Cobb's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Cobb shall not work outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where she wishes to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

4. Ms. Cobb shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.


This Order is subject to appeal to the Board. If Ms. Cobb desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020 and 2.2-4021 of the Code, she must notify Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300,

Richmond, Virginia 23233, in writing, within thirty-three (33) days from the date of service of this Order.

Upon the filing of a request for the hearing with the Executive Director, this Order shall be vacated.

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.

FOR THE BOARD

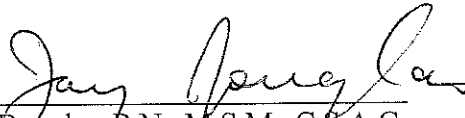


Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.
Executive Director for the
Board of Nursing

Entered: September 23rd, 2009

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Order was mailed on this date to Victoria Cobb at 11868 Spottswood Trail, Ruckersville, Virginia 22968.



Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.
Executive Director for the
Board of Nursing

September 23rd, 2009
DATE