

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: TERESA HAMILTON, R.N.
License No.: 0001-219786

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Teresa Hamilton, R.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Hamilton's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Teresa Hamilton, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-219786 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on July 8, 2009. Said license is set to expire on August 31, 2014. Ms. Hamilton's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. During the course of her employment with SouthernCare Inc., Harrisonburg, Virginia, on or about January 7, 2014, Ms. Hamilton gave one tablet of her hospice patient's prescribed Norco (Schedule III) to an individual who was not a patient of SouthernCare Inc.
3. Ms. Hamilton's employment with SouthernCare Inc. was terminated on January 8, 2014.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

CONSENT

Teresa Hamilton, R.N., 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 Board, 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 Board;
6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her 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. Teresa Hamilton, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Hamilton 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.

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

Jessica 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 8, 2014

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

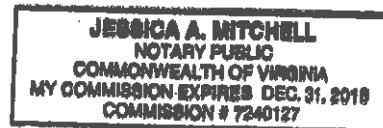
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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Rockingham TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Teresa Hamilton a Notary Public, this 2 day of Sept., 2014.

My commission expires 12-31-18.

Registration Number 7240127



Jessica Mitchell
NOTARY PUBLIC

Certified True Copy

By [Signature]
Virginia Board of Nursing