

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: LORI L. WOLLENBERG, R.N.
License No.: 0001-163679

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on July 17, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Lori L. Wollenberg, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by David W. Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Wollenberg was present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Lori L. Wollenberg, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-163679 to practice as a professional nurse on April 29, 1999. Said license was indefinitely suspended on March 26, 2014. Ms. Wollenberg's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. On January 30, 2013, the Board entered an Order indefinitely suspending Ms. Wollenberg's license to practice professional nursing and stayed the suspension. Term No. 5(a) specified that the stay was contingent upon her entry into and compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP").
3. Ms. Wollenberg signed a Participation Contract with HPMP on February 12, 2013, and she signed four Recovery Monitoring Contracts between March 4, 2013, and December 4, 2013.

4. In September 2013, Ms. Wollenberg was hospitalized for more than one week at Poplar Springs Hospital following self mutilation and suicidal ideation, and she was diagnosed with Major Depressive Disorder with psychotic features.

5. Ms. Wollenberg remained compliant with the HPMP treatment recommendations, including individual therapy, until October 31, 2013, when she attempted suicide by overdose. She was hospitalized at Poplar Springs from November 4, 2013, through November 12, 2013.

6. In early 2014, Ms. Wollenberg was hospitalized on two occasions secondary to physical illness, including vomiting, diarrhea, and abnormal cardiac activity. These two hospitalizations sandwiched another psychiatric hospitalization at Poplar Springs from January 17-20, 2014.

7. Her therapist discharged her from care in late January 2014, stating she could not meet the client's needs and could not ethically continue as her therapist.

8. HPMP dismissed Ms. Wollenberg from the program on March 21, 2014, after determining that it could not effectively monitor the client due to the severity of her illness and the multiple hospitalizations.

9. On March 26, 2014, the stay of suspension was rescinded, and Ms. Wollenberg's license to practice professional nursing was indefinitely suspended.

10. Ms. Wollenberg's HPMP case manager testified that Ms. Wollenberg seemed to do her best to follow the requirements of HPMP and was compliant until her dismissal. Her case manager also testified that HPMP is not able to effectively monitor an individual with Ms. Wollenberg's medical and psychiatric conditions.

11. Ms. Wollenberg testified that she has continued in treatment since her dismissal from HPMP. She testified that she does not feel that she is able to reenter HPMP at this time but is willing to do so once she considers herself stable. She stated that she would like to get to a point physically and mentally that she could return to practice. At the hearing, she testified that she could not safely practice at this time. Ms.

Wollenberg stated that she has not practiced since 2010 and requested that the Board place her license on indefinite suspension until she is able to come and ask the Board to reinstate her license when she is capable of practice.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that Finding of Fact No. 8 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code and Term No. 5(a) of the Board's Order.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. License No. 0001-163679 issued to Lori Wollenberg, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license of Ms. Wollenberg will be recorded as SUSPENDED and no longer current. Should Ms. Wollenberg seek reinstatement of her license consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her license prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.
3. At such time as Ms. Wollenberg shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, a hearing will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice of professional nursing.
4. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Wollenberg's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing.

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.

FOR THE BOARD

Glenn Mitchell
for Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

September 5, 2014
ENTERED

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.

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