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VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: TONYA MATTHEWS, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-070218

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Tonya Matthews, L.P.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Matthews' license to practice practical nursing in Virginia.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Tonya Matthews, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-070218 to practice practical nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on November 4, 2004. Said license is set to expire on July 31, 2016. Ms. Matthews' primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. On November 25, 2013, during the course of her employment with Walter Reed Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center, Gloucester, Virginia, Ms. Matthews documented an order for preventative treatment for Resident A, that she received on November 21, 2013, in his Treatment Administration Record ("TAR"). She then initialed the TAR with her initials and the initials of other nurses, without their knowledge or consent, to reflect that the resident had received the treatments when he had not actually received them.
3. There was no harm to Resident A as a result of Ms. Matthews' actions.
4. On December 6, 2013, Ms. Matthews' employment with Walter Reed Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center was terminated.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) and (f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

CONSENT

Tonya Matthews, L.P.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 practical 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. Tonya Matthews, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.

2. Ms. Matthews shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a practical 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

Gloria 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 2, 2014

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Tonya Matthews
Tonya Matthews, L.P.N.

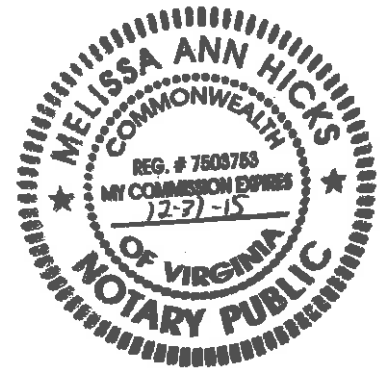
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Gloucester, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Melissa Ann Hicks, a Notary Public, this 26th day of August, 2014.

My commission expires 12-31-15

Registration Number 7503753

Melissa Ann Hicks
NOTARY PUBLIC



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By [Signature]
Virginia Board of Nursing