

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

DEBORAH D. KAVANAUGH, L.P.N.

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing, and Deborah D. Kavanaugh, L.P.N., with her consent as evidenced by her signature below, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Kavanaugh's license to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Deborah D. Kavanaugh, L.P.N., holds license number 0002-037946 issued by the Virginia Board of Nursing.
2. Ms. Kavanaugh violated § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code, and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a) of the Regulations of the Board of Nursing, in that, by her own admission, during the course of her employment at Trinity Mission of Charlottesville ("Trinity Mission"), Charlottesville, Virginia, on August 15, 2004, she administered two (2) tablets of nitroglycerin, a Schedule VI controlled substance, to Resident A without a physician's order to do so. In addition, Ms. Kavanaugh failed to adequately check Resident A's vital signs, did not document the incident, and did not notify Resident A's physician. As a result, on August 17, 2004, Ms. Kavanaugh's employment was suspended, pending an investigation. Ms. Kavanaugh resigned her employment on August 23, 2004.
3. Ms. Kavanaugh violated § 54.1-3007(2) of the Code, and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations of the Board of Nursing, in that, on her application for employment at Colonnade Health Care Center, Charlottesville, Virginia, dated

September 3, 2004, she answered "no" to the question: "Were you disciplined during your employment [at Trinity Mission] (*Counseled, suspended, discharged, etc.*)," when, in fact, she was disciplined three (3) times during the course of her employment there. Specifically:

- a. On August 17, 2004, her employment was suspended, pending an investigation into the above allegation that she administered medication to a resident without a physician's order to do so.
- b. On July 10, 1998, she was counseled for inadvertently administering quinidine, a Schedule VI controlled substance, to a resident with an allergy to said medication.
- c. On July 6, 2000, she was counseled for administering Betagan (levobunolol), a Schedule VI controlled substance, from June 1, 2000, to June 12, 2000, without first verifying medication administration times.

CONSENT

Deborah D. Kavanaugh, L.P.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. Ms. Kavanaugh acknowledges that she has been specifically advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. Ms. Kavanaugh acknowledges that she is fully aware 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. Ms. Kavanaugh acknowledges that she has the following rights among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Board, to reasonable notice of said administrative hearing, to representation by counsel, and the right to present witnesses and

evidence on her behalf;

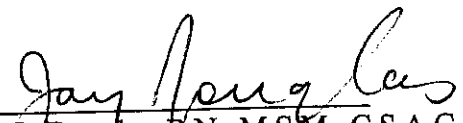
4. Ms. Kavanaugh waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. Ms. Kavanaugh admits to the above Findings of Fact;
6. Ms. Kavanaugh consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her practice of practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Consent Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS that Deborah D. Kavanaugh, L.P.N., who holds License No. 0002-037946 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, be and hereby is REPRIMANDED. The Board expects Ms. Kavanaugh to maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a practical nurse commensurate with the requirements of Title 54.1, Chapter 30, of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

Pursuant to Sections 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the signed original of this Consent 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


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

ENTERED: August 11TH, 2005

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Deborah D. Kavanaugh
Deborah D. Kavanaugh, L.P.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Melissa Butler, a Notary Public, this
2 day of August, 2005.
My commission expires the 31 day of Oct, 2008.

Melissa Butler
NOTARY PUBLIC

Certified True Copy
By DL 8/15/05
Virginia Board of Nursing