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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

ANGELA SCHROEDER, L.P.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") met on February 16, 2010, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Angela Schroeder's application for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in Virginia, and to inquire into evidence that she may have violated certain laws governing practical nursing practice. Ms. Schroeder was present and was not represented by counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Angela Schroeder, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-067101 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on September 12, 2003. Said license was suspended by Order of the Board entered on July 22, 2009.
- 2. Ms. Schroeder submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing which was received by the Board on September 30, 2009.
- 3. On August 14, 2008, Ms. Schroeder was convicted of felony Grand Larceny in the Circuit Court for the City of Newport News, Virginia. On October 3, 2008, Ms. Schroeder was convicted of felony Obtain Drug by Fraud in the Circuit Court of the City of Norfolk, Virginia.
 - 4. Ms. Schroeder was unsafe to practice as a practical nurse due to her admitted substance abuse.

- 5. Ms. Schroeder states that her date of sobriety is October 15, 2008. Ms. Schroeder provided letters of support from Loudon County Community Services Board Supervised Apartment Program, her employer, pastor, sponsor and substance abuse counselor. Ms. Schroeder sees her substance abuse clinician every three weeks for relapse prevention issues and coping skills.
- 6. Ms. Schroeder stated that she attends Narcotics Anonymous meetings almost daily and will attend an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting if a Narcotics Anonymous is not available.
- 7. Ms. Schroeder stated that she owes approximately \$700.00 on her restitution and makes monthly payments in the amount of \$50.00. Ms. Schroeder stated that she is no longer required to report to her probation officer's office, but is self supervised and telephones her probation officer monthly.
- 8. Ms. Schroeder last worked as a practical nurse in January 2007, and admits that she has not obtained any nursing continuing education.
- 9. Ms. Schroeder is currently employed as an area supervisor for Ross Dress for Less department store chain.
- 10. Ms. Schroeder reported that her last drug screen was February 5, 2010, and the screen was negative.
- 11. On June 8, 2009, Ms. Schroeder entered into a Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") [formerly Health Practitioners' Intervention Program].

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code.
- 2. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.
- 3. Based on the above Findings of Fact, the Committee concludes that Ms. Schroeder is properly enrolled in the HPMP.

4. The Committee concludes that Ms. Schroeder has demonstrated satisfactory evidence that she is prepared to resume practice in a safe and competent manner.

ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS as follows:

- 1. The license of Angela Schroeder to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby REINSTATED, contingent upon completion of three NCSBN learning modules, and her continued compliance with the HPMP.
- 2. Prior to being issued a license to practice practical nursing, Ms. Schroeder shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed NCSBN learning modules: *Medication Errors: Detection and Prevention; Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care; and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses.*
- 3. Ms. Schroeder shall continue to comply with all terms and conditions of her Recovery Monitoring Contract ("Contract") with the HPMP for the period specified in the Contract.
- 4. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for revoking the license of Ms. Schroeder, and an administrative proceeding shall be held to decide whether her license should be revoked. Ms. Schroeder shall be noticed to appear before the Board at such time as the Board is notified that:
- a. Ms. Schroeder 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. Schroeder involving a violation of law or regulation or any term or condition of this Order; or
- c. Ms. Schroeder has successfully completed the above-referenced period of participation in the HPMP. However, upon receipt of Ms. Schroeder's participation in and compliance with

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the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Schroeder's appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter.

- 5. This order shall be applicable to Ms. Schroeder's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Schroeder shall not work outside 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 Ms. Schroeder wishes to work. Any request for out of state employment shall be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.
- 6. Ms. Schroeder shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a practical nursing 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 on request.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.

Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: February 25, 2010

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO FORMAL HEARING

If you do not consent to the Committee's decision and desire a hearing before the Board or a panel thereof, you shall notify, in writing, the Executive Director of the Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960

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Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233, within 33 days of the date of entry of this Order. This Order shall become final upon expiration of the 33-day period unless a request for a formal hearing is received within such time. Upon receiving a timely request for a hearing, this Order shall be vacated and the Board or a panel thereof shall proceed with a hearing as provided in § 2.2-4020 *et seq.* of the Code.