

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: TONYA HURT, R.N.
 License No.: 0001-224684**

ORDER

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on May 28, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia. Ms. Hurt was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On July 16, 2014, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Hurt was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Tonya Hurt, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-224684 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on June 10, 2010. The license is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2015. Ms. Hurt's primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated May 1, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Hurt notifying her that an informal conference would be held on May 28, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 5501 Cooper Drive, Dublin, Virginia 24084, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

3. On October 16, 2012, during the course of her employment with Carilion New River

Valley Medical Center, Christiansburg, Virginia, Ms. Hurt attempted to start an IV on a patient without wearing gloves. When questioned by the patient's son about her not wearing gloves, she responded by saying "don't tell me how to do my job," or words to that affect.

4. Ms. Hurt admitted that her response was unprofessional. She stated that she could not feel the patient's veins while wearing gloves, so she removed them for better access.

5. In September 2013, Ms. Hurt incorrectly triaged a patient who had a blood pressure of 80/51, at Level 3, a level of less urgency, instead of Level 2.

6. On September 22, 2013, Ms. Hurt failed to provide care to Patient A who had vomited and defecated on herself while in the emergency department, leaving her in that condition for a period of approximately two to five hours. When questioned about this incident, she stated to her supervisor that this patient was not a priority.

7. Ms. Hurt stated at the informal conference that she did not mean that Patient A was not important, but meant that she had sicker patients to attend too, while this patient was stable. Ms. Hurt stated that the emergency department was extremely busy on September 22, 2013, and she was training a new nurse who was still in orientation.

8. Ms. Hurt was hired at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center on June 12, 2012 and terminated on September 24, 2013. Ms. Hurt has held four nursing positions since June 21, 2010, when she became licensed. On September 25, 2013, she began employment with Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center, Dublin, Virginia.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Findings of Fact Nos. 3, 5 and 6 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

ORDER

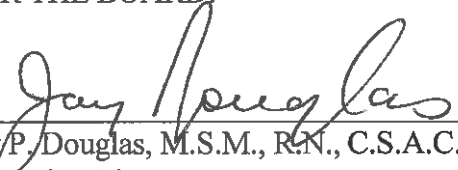
WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Tonya Hurt, R.N. is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Hurt 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 § 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 a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Hurt may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **September 8, 2014**, notify Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that he/she desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

FOR THE BOARD:


Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: August 6TH, 2014

This Order shall become final on September 8, 2014, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

Certified True Copy

By L. Robinson-Hawes
Virginia Board of Nursing

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