

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: JESSICA C. MEEKS, R.N.
License No.: 0001-184593

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 January 29, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Jessica C. Meeks, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Amanda E. M. Blount, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Meeks 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. Jessica C. Meeks, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-184593 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on April 1, 2003. Said license expires on March 31, 2014. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. On January 27, October 10, and December 11, 2012, Ms. Meeks was hospitalized due to major depression, recurrent, severe with ongoing suicidal danger, chronic pain disorder from migraine headaches, and substance abuse.
3. Ms. Meeks has not practiced professional nursing for approximately five years.
4. Ms. Meeks testified that she is currently taking Percocet and Phenergan for the migraines she suffers. She also testified that she currently is not in mental health counseling because she did not think she was benefitting from the therapy. She also stated that she is currently not in any treatment for depression.

She testified that she is willing to enroll in the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program in order to return to gainful employment as an RN. She further stated that she really wants to be a nurse and will do anything that is necessary to be able to fulfill that role again.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

ORDER

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

1. License No. 0001-184593 issued to Jessica C. Meeks, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license of Jessica C. Meeks, R.N., will be recorded as SUSPENDED and no longer current. Should Ms. Meeks 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. Meeks shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding 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. Meeks' multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
5. Said suspension shall be STAYED upon proof that Ms. Meeks has entered the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") and upon the condition that she remain compliant with the HPMP and the following terms and conditions:
 - a. Ms. Meeks shall comply with all terms and conditions for the period specified by the HPMP.

b. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for summarily rescinding the stay of indefinite suspension of the license of Jessica C. Meeks, R.N., and an administrative proceeding shall be held to decide whether her license shall be revoked. The stay of indefinite suspension may be summarily rescinded at such time the Board is notified that:

- i. Ms. Meeks is not in compliance with the terms and conditions specified by the HPMP, or has been terminated from participation in the HPMP, or
- ii. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation involving a violation of law, regulation or any term or condition of this Order.

6. Upon receipt of evidence of Ms. Meeks' participation in and successful completion of the terms specified by the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Meeks' appearance before the Board, and conduct an administrative review of this matter, at which time she may be issued an unrestricted license.

7 This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Meeks' multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing. It is further ordered that for the duration of this Order, Ms. Meeks may not work outside of 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 she wishes to work.

8. Ms. Meeks 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 Regulations Governing the Practice of 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



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

February 14th 2014

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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 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. 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.

Certified True Copy

By *Dr. [Signature]*

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