

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: DONNA BROWNING, R.N.
License No.: 0001-089844

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 April 22, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia. Donna Browning, R.N., was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Judith Piersall, R.N., B.S.N., 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. Browning 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. Donna Browning, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-089844 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on August 26, 1983. The license is scheduled to expire on November 30, 2014. Ms. Browning's primary state of residence.
2. By letter dated March 31, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Browning notifying her that an informal conference would be held on April 22, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 1901 Braeburn Drive, Apt. 806, Salem, Virginia 24153, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. On June 19, 2013, Ms. Browning was voluntarily admitted to Lewis Gale Center for

Behavioral Health, Salem, Virginia, where she was diagnosed with major depressive disorder, recurrent without psychotic features, generalized anxiety and panic disorder. Additionally, Ms. Browning has had multiple psychiatric admissions in the past 15 years.

4. Ms. Browning stated that she feels better and is active in therapy. She and her treating physicians feel that she is not ready to practice professional nursing. Ms. Browning stated that once she is ready to return to practice, she would like to work in a low stress practice such as in a doctor's office.

5. Ms. Browning has practiced professional nursing for 31 years without any complaints concerning her nursing practice or discipline. Her most recent employment was at Lewis Gale Medical Center, where she resigned due to her mental health issues after a 12-year long employment.

6. Ms. Browning expressed a desire to voluntarily surrender her license for indefinite suspension until such time as she and her physicians feel that she is safe to return to practice of professional nursing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. The Board ACCEPTS the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of Donna Browning's license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

3. At such time as Ms. Browning shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the

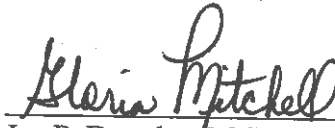
safe and competent practice of professional nursing. Ms. Browning shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.

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. Browning may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **September 1, 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.

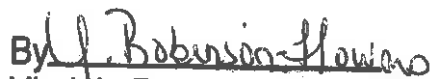
FOR THE BOARD:


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

ENTERED: July 30, 2014

This Order shall become final on September 1, 2014, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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