

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: LISA VINES, R.N.
 License No.: 0001-148840**

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. Lisa Vines, R.N., was not present nor was she 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. Vines 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. Lisa Vines was issued License No. 0001-148840 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on June 27, 1996. The license is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2015. Ms. Vines' primary state of residence is Virginia. By Order of the Board entered September 28, 2007, Ms. Vines' license to practice professional nursing was suspended with the suspension stayed contingent upon her compliance with the Florida Intervention Project for Nurses ("IPN"). This action was a result of her admitted diversion of narcotic medications while employed at a hospital in Florida. On February 10, 2012, the Board rescinded the stay of indefinite suspension as a result of Ms. Vines' dismissal from the IPN. By Board Order entered May 1, 2012, following a formal hearing before a panel of the Board,

Ms. Vines' license was reinstated without restrictions, and she was issued a reprimand. On March 12, 2013, Ms. Vines' license was mandatorily suspended by Order of the Department of Health Professions, as a result of an action taken against her license by the Florida Board of Nursing ("Florida Board"). On February 20, 2013, the Florida Board suspended Ms. Vines' license for two years as a result of her dismissal from the IPN, which the Virginia Board had already considered in its February 10, 2012 Order. By Consent Order entered May 21, 2013, Ms. Vines' Virginia license was reinstated without restriction, and she was issued a reprimand, consistent with the Board's prior decision on the same underlying matter.

2. By letter dated March 31, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Vines notifying her that an informal conference would be held on April 22, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 4775 Open Greens Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. As of April 22, 2014, the Notice sent by certified mail had not been picked up by Ms. Vines. According to the United States Postal Service, a notice was left for her on April 1, 2014. As of April 22, 2014, the Notice sent by first class mail had not been returned to the Board office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Vines and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. Between November 12, 2012 and November 12, 2013, Ms. Vines received 1,629 dosages of narcotic and sedative medications. By her own admission to an investigator for the Department of Health Professions, she went to various physicians outside of her primary care physician seeking prescriptions for Ambien (zolpidem tartrate, C-IV), of which she received 900 dosage units. Finally, by her own admission, she takes more Ambien than prescribed.

4. Ms. Vines received prescriptions from 16 different health care providers and had them filled at 20 different pharmacies.

5. Ms. Vines failed to tell any of her health care providers of her history of addiction. Ms. Vines had admitted her addiction to opiates in 2004. Ms. Vines is currently being treated for a seizure disorder, pulmonary embolus and deep vein thrombosis. Ms. Vines is being prescribed Tramadol for pain.

6. Ms. Vines has had five employers in five years. Ms. Vines is currently employed with Health Net for Tricare, Hampton, Virginia.

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. License No. 0001-148840 of Lisa Vines to practice professional nursing is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED for a period of not less than two years.

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

3. At such time as Ms. Vines 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. Vines 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.

Since Ms. Vines failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final.

Ms. Vines has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Vines has 30 days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within 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, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three (3) days are added to that period.

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