

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: SHELIA M. TINSLEY, R.M.A.
Registration No.: 0031-006951

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 Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") on May 7, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia. Ms. Tinsley was not present nor was she 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. Tinsley 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. Shelia M. Tinsley, R.M.A., was issued Registration No. 0031-006951 to practice as a medication aide in Virginia on July 25, 2013. The registration is set to expire on January 31, 2015.
2. By letter dated April 14, 2014, the Virginia Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Tinsley notifying her that an informal conference would be held on May 7, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 1446 Buffalo Spring Turnpike, Amherst, Virginia 24521, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The certified mail was signed and returned to the Board. The first class mail was not returned to the Board. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Tinsley and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. During her employment at Johnson Senior Center, Amherst, Virginia, in 2013, Ms. Tinsley overdosed Client B by failing to notice that there were multiple orders for Clonidine on the resident’s MAR. Ms. Tinsley admitted to giving the Clonidine two times instead of once, as ordered, and acknowledged that she had administered the medication contrary to the physician’s order. There was no patient harm.

4. Ms. Tinsley was still employed at Johnson Senior Center at the time of the investigation and had no other disciplinary actions.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code, 18 VAC 90-60-120 (2)(b), (l) and (m) and 18 VAC 90-60-110(A)(1) of the Regulations Governing the Registration of Medication Aides (“Regulations”).

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:


1. Shelia M. Tinsley, R.M.A., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Tinsley shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a medication aide commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the 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.

Since Ms. Tinsley failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Tinsley 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. Tinsley has thirty (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


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

Entered: July 22, 2014

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By 
Virginia Board Of Nursing