

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: STEPHANIE SISSON, L.P.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
License No.: 0002-046967

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) met on February 11, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Stephanie Sisson’s application for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in Virginia, and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Sisson may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice. Ms. Sisson was present and was not represented by counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Stephanie Sisson, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-046967 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on November 24, 1992. Said license expired on August 31, 1995. By Order of the Board entered April 2, 1996, Ms. Sisson’s license to practice practical nursing was indefinitely suspended. This action was a result of Ms. Sisson diverting medications from her employer. Ms. Sisson’s primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated January 15, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Sisson notifying her that an informal conference would be held on February 11, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 3271 Allegany Springs Road, Shawsville, Virginia 24162, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

3. On November 29, 1999, Ms. Sisson was convicted of issuing a bad check in an amount less than \$200.00, in the Pulaski County, Virginia, General District Court.

4. On August 28, 2000, Ms. Sisson was convicted of issuing a bad check in an amount less than \$200.00, in the Pulaski County General District Court.

5. On October 25, 2004, Ms. Sisson was convicted of six counts of issuing a bad check in an amount less than \$200.00, in the Pulaski County General District Court.

6. On or about April 27, 2005, Ms. Sisson was convicted of three counts of issuing a bad check in an amount less than \$200.00, in the Galax, Virginia, General District Court.

7. On December 12, 1996, Ms. Sisson was convicted of three misdemeanor counts of possession of controlled substance in the Roanoke County, Virginia, General District Court.

8. Ms. Sisson stated that her criminal convictions stem from her long term substance abuse. Ms. Sisson stated that her date of sobriety is January 12, 2007.

9. On October 15, 2012, Ms. Sisson entered the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"). On October 29, 2012, Ms. Sisson had a substance abuse evaluation. Ms. Sisson stated that she had a drug screen on February 8, 2013, and it was negative.

10. Ms. Sisson stated that she has paid all court-ordered restitution and court costs related to her convictions.

11. Ms. Sisson provided evidence of completion of 18 hours of continuing education.

12. Ms. Sisson stated that she is currently employed as a private sitter for a family member. She stated that she plans to enter a LPN to RN bridge program, and needs her license in order to enter the program.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Findings of Fact Nos. 3 through 6 constitute violations of 54.1-3007(4) of the Code.
2. Finding of Fact No. 7 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

3. Based on the above Findings of Fact, the Committee concludes that Ms. Sisson is properly enrolled in the HPMP.

4. The Board concludes that Ms. Sisson has demonstrated satisfactory evidence that she is prepared to resume practice in a safe and competent manner.

ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The application of Stephanie Sisson for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing is APPROVED contingent upon her remaining compliant with the terms and conditions of her contract with the HPMP for the period specified in the Contract.

2. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for revoking the license of Ms. Sisson, and an administrative proceeding shall be held to decide whether her license should be revoked. Ms. Sisson shall be noticed to appear before the Board at such time as the Board is notified that:

a. Ms. Sisson is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the HPMP, or has been terminated from participation in the HPMP;

b. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against Ms. Sisson involving a violation of law or regulation or any term or condition of this Order; or

c. Ms. Sisson has successfully completed the above-referenced period of participation in the HPMP. However, upon receipt of Ms. Sisson's participation in and compliance with the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Sisson's appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter.

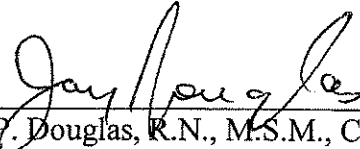
3. Within 60 days of entry of the Order, Ms. Sisson shall enroll in a Board-approved refresher course. Ms. Sisson shall not practice until she has provided written evidence to the Board of satisfactory completion of said course and has received permission from the Board to do so.

4. Ms. Sisson shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a practical nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Sisson may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **April 3, 2013**, notify Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that 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.

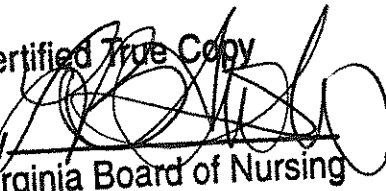
FOR THE COMMITTEE:



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

ENTERED: March 1st, 2013

This Order shall become final on **April 3, 2013**, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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