### BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

BRANDI PRYOR, L.P.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT

License Number:

0002-079280

Case Number:

172509

#### **ORDER**

## JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), a Special Conference Committee of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") held an informal conference on October 26, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Brandi Pryor's application for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to inquire into evidence that grounds may exist to deny said application.

Brandi Pryor, L.P.N. appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

#### NOTICE

By letter dated September 2, 2016, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Pryor notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 26, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the Order contained herein.

# FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Brandi Pryor, L.P.N., was issued License Number 0002-079280 to practice practical nursing on October 20, 2008, which was suspended by Order of the Board entered May 20, 2014. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

- 2. By Order of the Board entered May 20, 2014, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of Ms. Pryor's license for indefinite suspension based on findings that she had mental health issues at that time.
  - 3. Ms. Pryor violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that:
- a. On September 29, 2014, in the Circuit Court for the City of Chesapeake,

  Virginia, Ms. Pryor was adjudicated Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity ("NGRI") on a felony charge of
  malicious wounding.
- b. By her own admission, Ms. Pryor suffered from postpartum depression with psychotic features. She received inpatient psychiatric treatment at Central State Hospital, Petersburg, Virginia, between November 14, 2013 and February 12, 2014 under a court order for treatment under a criminal temporary detention order and again between October 21, 2014 and January 28, 2015 following her NGRI plea. Her final discharge diagnosis was major depressive disorder, single episodesevere with postpartum onset; currently in complete remission.
- 4. At the informal conference, Ms. Pryor stated that she now recognizes and manages her triggers. She has a strong support system in her family. Ms. Pryor sees her psychiatrist monthly for medication management and has a therapist she can see as needed.
  - 5. Ms. Pryor is able to resume the safe and competent practice of nursing.
- 5. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2(K), the Board considered whether to disclose or not disclose Ms. Pryor's health records or health services.

#### **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Nursing hereby ORDERS as follows:

- 1. The application of Brandi Pryor, L.P.N., for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing is APPROVED without restriction.
- 2. Brandi Pryor, L.P.N., shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, 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.

FOR THE BOARD

Jay Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E

Executive Director

Virginia Board of Nursing

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## NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Pryor may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on December 12, 2016, notify Jay 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 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. This Order shall become final on December 12, 2016, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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