VIRGINIA

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

SHAWN POLLARD, C.N.A. APPLICANT

ORDER

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(7) and (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 8, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia. Shawn Pollard was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. By application received March 15, 2013, Mr. Pollard applied for certification by examination as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 2. From 1997 through 2005, Mr. Pollard was involuntarily hospitalized 14 times at Cherry Hospital, Goldsboro, North Carolina, where he was diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder, bipolar type, and personality disorder, NOS. During his hospitalizations, he reported a history of marijuana and cocaine use and alcohol abuse.
- 3. From April 2004 through July 2013, Mr. Pollard was treated at Hampton/Newport News Community Services Board. He stated that he last used drugs more than ten years ago. He currently takes medication to treat his bipolar disorder, which is well controlled.
- 4. Mr. Pollard is currently employed with Riverside-Pace Home Health, where he works approximately twenty hours per week.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

2. The Committee concludes that Mr. Pollard otherwise meets the requirements of § 54.1-3024 of the Code.

ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing hereby ORDERS that the application of Shawn Pollard for certification by examination is hereby APPROVED. Upon successful completion of the NNAAP examination, Mr. Pollard shall be issued an unrestricted certificate to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth.

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, Mr. Pollard may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **June 16, 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 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:

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

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This Order shall become final on June 16, 2014; unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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