

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:                   KAREN BONILLA, C.N.A. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT**  
**Certificate No.: 1401-072970**

**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 April 7, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Karen Bonilla’s application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia and evidence that Ms. Bonilla may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nurse aide practice. Ms. Bonilla 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. Karen Bonilla was issued Certificate No. 1401-072970 to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia on May 16, 1998. Said certificate expired on May 31, 2004.
2. By letter dated March 10, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Bonilla notifying her that an informal conference would be held on April 7, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 1205 Blue Jay Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23453, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. Ms. Bonilla submitted an application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide which was received by the Board on November 7, 2013.

4. In November 2007, she tested positive for cocaine on a for-cause employment related drug screen following her diversion of Xanax from Beacon Shores Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia, for her personal and unauthorized use.
5. On July 9, 1997, Ms. Bonilla was convicted in the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, of two counts of petit larceny, misdemeanors involving moral turpitude.
6. On March 10, 2008, Ms. Bonilla surrendered her multistate privilege to practice as a nurse in North Carolina for one year.
7. On her November 5, 2007, applications for employment with Beacon Shores Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Heritage Hall, Virginia Beach, Virginia, she failed to disclose that her employment with Magnolia Gardens Extended Care Facility, Spencer, North Carolina, had been terminated. She failed to disclose on her Beacon Shores application that she had previously been convicted of a crime.
8. On her initial application for certification as a nurse aide, dated February 26, 1998, she falsely stated that she had never been convicted of a misdemeanor.
9. On February 11, 2009, Ms. Bonilla's license to practice practical nursing in Virginia was indefinitely suspended by the Board.
10. Ms. Bonilla stated that she contacted the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program several days before the informal conference.
11. Ms. Bonilla expressed interest in working as a nurse aide and to being reinstated as a practical nurse in the future.
12. Ms. Bonilla worked as a home health-care provider between 2004 and 2012. She is currently employed as a supervisor for Refresh Cleaning Services, a business that cleans financial institutions. Ms. Bonilla is bonded as part of her employment with Refresh.

13. Ms. Bonilla made no false statements on her application for reinstatement.
14. She has had no additional criminal convictions since 1997.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-25-100(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides (“Regulations”).
2. Finding of Fact No. 5 constitutes a violation of 54.1-3007(4) of the Code.
3. Finding of Fact No. 6 constitutes a violation of 54.1-3007(7) of the Code
4. Finding of Fact No. 7 constitutes a violation of 54.1-3007(2) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-25-100(2)(d) of the Regulations.
5. Finding of Fact No. 8 constitutes a violation of 54.1-3007(1) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-25-100(1)(b) of the Regulations
6. Finding of Fact No. 9 constitutes a violation of 54.1-3007(2) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-25-100(2)(f) of the Regulations.

### **ORDER**

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

1. The application for certification as a nurse aide by examination is GRANTED and upon the successful completion of the NNAAP examination, Ms. Bonilla shall be issued an unrestricted certificate to practice as a nurse aide.
2. Ms. Bonilla is hereby REPRIMANDED.
3. Ms. Bonilla shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a nurse aide 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. Bonilla may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **June 9, 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 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:

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

ENTERED: *May 7, 2014*

This Order shall become final on **June 9, 2014**, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

Certified True Copy  
By *[Signature]*  
Virginia Board of Nursing