VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

KIERRA J. WIGGINS, C.N.A. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT Certificate No.:1401-123042

<u>ORDER</u>

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 3, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Kierra Wiggins' application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia, and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Wiggins may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nurse aide practice. Ms. Wiggins was not 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. Kierra Wiggins, C.N.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-123042 to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia on February 27, 2008. Said certificate expired on February 29, 2012.
- 2. By letter dated March 11, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Wiggins notifying her that an informal conference would be held on April 3, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 182 Thomas Landing Road, Lancaster, Virginia 22503, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. According to the United States Postal Service, the Notice sent by certified mail was delivered on March 21, 2014. As of April 3, 2014, the Notice sent by first class mail had not been returned to the Board office. The Committee Chair concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Wiggins and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

- 3. Ms. Wiggins submitted an application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide which was received by the Board on November 18, 2013.
- 4. In August 2013, during the course of her employment with Bay Aging, Urbanna, Virginia, providing in-home care to Client A, Ms. Wiggins removed a jar of change from Client A's home without his permission.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-25-100(2)(h) of the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

- 1. The application of Kierra Wiggins for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby DENIED.
- 2. At such time as Ms. Wiggins shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her certificate, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice as a nurse aide. Ms. Wiggins shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the certificate prior to issuance of the certificate to resume practice.

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. Wiggins 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

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

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

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