

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

DENISE PATTERSON, L.P.N.

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Denise Patterson, L.P.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Patterson's license to practice practical nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Denise Patterson, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-049607 to practice practical nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on June 7, 1994. Said license is set to expire on June 30, 2009.
2. Ms. Patterson is unable to practice practical nursing safely due to her history of substance abuse, including crack cocaine and marijuana, for which she has received both inpatient and outpatient treatment.
3. On November 13, 2008, Ms. Patterson signed a Participation Contract with the Virginia Health Practitioners' Intervention Program ("HPIP"). She is currently in compliance with the requirements of the HPIP.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

CONSENT

Denise Patterson, L.P.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;

2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;

3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;

4. She waives all such right to an informal conference;

5. She admits to the Findings of Fact contained herein and waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;

6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice practical nursing in Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The Board shall TAKE NO ACTION at this time contingent on Denise Patterson's continued compliance with her Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program.

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

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

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

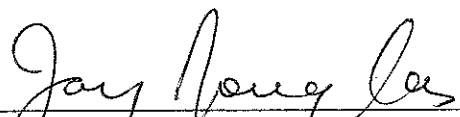
c. She has successfully completed the above-referenced period of participation in the HPIP. However, upon receipt of Ms. Patterson's participation in and compliance with the HPIP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Patterson's appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review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

3. This Order is applicable to Ms. Patterson's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Patterson shall not work outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where she wishes to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

4. Ms. Patterson 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 upon request.

FOR THE BOARD


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

ENTERED: March 11TH, 2009

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

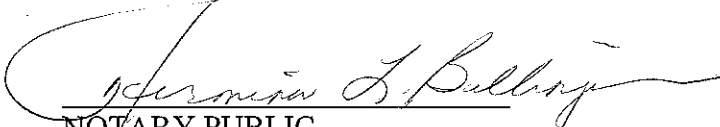

Denise Patterson

State of South Carolina
~~COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,~~
COUNTY/CITY OF Richland, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Hermiona L. Bellinger, a Notary Public, this 20 day of February, 2009.

My commission expires July 23, 2017.

Registration Number 15888950.


NOTARY PUBLIC