

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: ELIZABETH S. COOKE, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-050774

ORDER

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on January 9, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia. Elizabeth S. Cooke, L.P.N., was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Janet B. Younger, R.N., P.N.P., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On March 19, 2014, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Cooke was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Elizabeth S. Cooke, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-050774 to practice practical nursing in Virginia on April 26, 1995. The license is scheduled to expire on February 28, 2015. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated December 11, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Cooke notifying her that an informal conference would be held on January 9, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 730 Aintree Place, Staunton, Virginia 24401, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

3. By Order of the Board entered March 8, 2013, Ms. Cooke was reprimanded and ordered to complete the following National Council of State Boards of Nursing ("NCSBN") online courses within 45 days of the date of entry of the Order: *Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know* and *Nurse Practice Act for Virginia*. Said action was due to findings that Ms. Cooke gave multiple hydrocodone tablets to a co-worker from her personal supply without a physician's order and without prescriptive authority to do so.

4. Ms. Cooke failed to complete the courses within 45 days of the date of entry of the Order.

5. Ms. Cooke provided documentation of completion of both courses on January 7, 2014.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of Term No. 2 of the Board Order entered March 8, 2013.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Elizabeth S. Cooke, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.

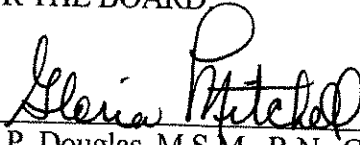
2. Ms. Cooke shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a practical nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

Pursuant to § 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 a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Cooke may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on May 5, 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 BOARD:


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

ENTERED: April 1, 2014

This Order shall become final on May 5, 2014 unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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