

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: KIESHA BARRATT, R.N.
License No.: 0001-225599**

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 February 11, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Kiesha Barratt, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia. Ms. Barratt was present and was represented by Rodney Adams, Esquire.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Kiesha Barratt, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-225599 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on July 6, 2010. Said license expires on October 31, 2015. Ms. Barratt’s primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated January 16, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Barratt notifying her that an informal conference would be held on February 11, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 300 Glade Lane, Charlottesville, Virginia, 22901, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. During the course of her employment with the University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville, Virginia, on February 13, 2013, Ms. Barratt failed to recognize that Patient A, who was in a telemetry unit following cardiac surgery, was no longer connected to a cardiac monitor.

4. Ms. Barratt admitted at the informal conference that she failed to obtain Patient A's cardiac rhythm strip at the nurses' station at the beginning of her shift, which would have revealed that Patient A was no longer connected to cardiac monitoring. This was a breach of the facility's protocol for caring for cardiac patients on the telemetry unit. No patient harm occurred.

5. Ms. Barratt documented that Patient A had been in atrial fibrillation during her shift. Ms. Barratt could not have known that Patient A was in atrial fibrillation because he was not on cardiac monitoring at the time of her alleged assessment.

6. Ms. Barratt's employment with the University of Virginia Medical Center was terminated.

7. Ms. Barratt is currently employed with FastStaff, a travel nurse agency, and is assigned to the emergency department of a New York hospital.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Findings of Fact Nos. 4 and 5 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) and (f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

ORDER

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

1. Kiesha Barratt, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.

2. Ms. Barratt shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed the following NCSBN online courses within 30 days of the date this Order is entered: *Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses* and *Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care*.


3. Ms. Barratt shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

4. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or of any law or regulation affecting the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license of Ms. Barratt and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

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. Barratt may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on April 8, 2014, notify Jay P. Douglas, 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:


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

ENTERED: March 6, 2014

This Order shall become final on April 8, 2014, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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