

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: PRISCILLA PARNELL, R.N.  
License No.: 0001-215323**

**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 14, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Priscilla Parnell, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia. Ms. Parnell was present and was not represented by legal counsel.

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

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Priscilla Parnell, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-215323 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on September 10, 2008. Said license expires on May 31, 2014. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated March 13, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Parnell notifying her that an informal conference would be held on April 14, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 2785 Notta Road, Gloucester, Virginia 23061, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. During the course of her employment with Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center, Williamsburg, Virginia:

- a. On October 20, 2013, Ms. Parnell appeared for her shift in an impaired condition, with dilated pupils and confusion. She was found unconscious in the bathroom and was taken to the emergency department.
  - b. On October 22, 2013, Ms. Parnell reported to a meeting with her supervisor in an impaired condition, with dilated pupils and confusion. On a for-cause drug screen, she tested positive for meperidine (Schedule II), for which she did not have a prescription.
4. Ms. Parnell's employment with Sentara Williamsburg was terminated effective November 7, 2013.
  5. Ms. Parnell was involved in two single-vehicle motor vehicle accidents within four months of each other in 2013. She suffers from migraine headaches, chronic sinusitis, chronic neck pain, and esophageal spasms. She has been prescribed numerous medications for these conditions, including various narcotics and various benzodiazepines, by multiple prescribers.
  6. Ms. Parnell has been employed at Cumberland Children's Hospital since December 2013. Her current employer is not aware of her previous difficulties or the Board's investigation into this matter.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) and (6) of the Code.

#### **ORDER**

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

1. Priscilla Parnell, R.N., shall have both a chemical dependency evaluation and a neurological/psychiatric evaluation by specialists satisfactory to the Board and shall have a written report of the evaluations, including diagnoses, recommended course of therapy, and prognosis sent to the Board within 90 days after the date that this Order is entered. Ms. Parnell shall comply with all treatment recommendations. Upon receipt of the required information, the Board may request that Ms. Parnell reappear

at an informal conference in order to consider the recommendations and to make a final disposition of the matter.

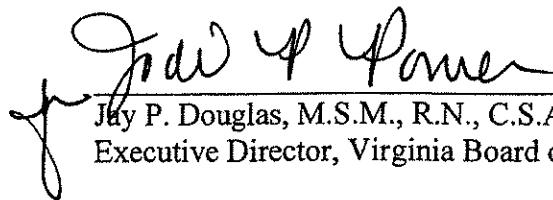
2. Ms. Parnell shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

3. 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. Parnell 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. Parnell may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on May 27, 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:

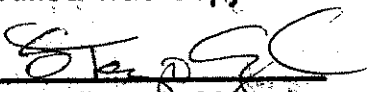


Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.  
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: April 24, 2014

This Order shall become final on May 27, 2014, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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Virginia Board of Nursing