

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:       ANGELA P. LUNSFORD, L.P.N.**  
**License No.: 0002-064389**

**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 June 4, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Angela P. Lunsford, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing practical nursing practice in Virginia. Ms. Lunsford was 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. Angela P. Lunsford, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-064389 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on July 24, 2002. Said license expires on December 31, 2014. Ms. Lunsford’s primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated May 8, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Lunsford notifying her that an informal conference would be held on June 4, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 56 Duck Hill Lane, Raphine, Virginia, 24472, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The Notice was also sent to 4138 Borden Grant Trail, Fairfield, Virginia, 24435, a secondary address.
3. On January 12, 2013, Ms. Lunsford was hospitalized at Carilion Stonewall Jackson Hospital following a suicide attempt via drug overdose. After her release from the hospital, she was held at

Rappahanock General Hospital for psychiatric treatment on a temporary detention order. She later sought voluntary treatment at Crossroads and Wellness Recovery Center. Ms. Lunsford stated at the informal conference that a serious respiratory illness in December 2012 exacerbated her depression prior to the suicide attempt.

4. Ms. Lunsford was diagnosed with Mood Disorder, NOS va [sic] Major Depressive Disorder, Adjustment Disorder, with depressed and anxious mood. She is currently seeing a psychiatric nurse practitioner and is currently prescribed Prozac, Valium, Seroquel, Depakote, and Ambien. Ms. Lunsford sees this provider for medication management and is not currently in the care of a therapist or mental health counselor.

5. Ms. Lunsford's Prescription Monitoring Report revealed that between December 1, 2012, and February 23, 2012, she filled 19 different prescriptions for controlled medication at seven different pharmacies: four prescriptions for zolpidem tartrate (Schedule IV), three each for clonazepam (Schedule IV), lorazepam (Schedule IV), and oxycodone/acetaminophen (Schedule II), two for alprazolam (Schedule IV), and one each for hydromorphone (Schedule II), oxycodone/paracetamol (Schedule II), hydrocodone/acetaminophen (Schedule III), and temazepam (Schedule IV).

6. During course of her employment with Golden Living Center, Charlottesville, Virginia, on April 16, 2012, Ms. Lunsford was observed to be sleeping on duty. Ms. Lunsford stated at the informal conference that her physician had been tweaking her migraine medication, and she had been left groggy. She stated that she went to work on the day in question because she believed she would get in trouble for calling out sick.

7. Ms. Lunsford's previous employment with Envoy Nursing Home was terminated. Her employment with Carilion Physicians was terminated following a HIPAA violation when, according to Ms. Lunsford, she inadvertently removed confidential health information from the office.

8. Ms. Lunsford is currently employed with JK Staffing, which was not aware of Ms. Lunsford's appearance before the Board.

9. Ms. Lunsford stated at the informal conference that she forgot to bring a letter from her nurse practitioner stating that she was safe to practice.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Findings of Fact Nos. 3, 4, and 5 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.
2. Finding of Fact No. 6 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) of the Code.

### **ORDER**

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

1. The Committee shall TAKE NO ACTION at this time, contingent upon Angela P. Lunsford's compliance with the following terms and conditions: Ms. Lunsford shall enter into the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"), pursuant to § 54.1-2515 *et seq.* of the Code and 18 VAC 76-10-10 *et seq.* of the Regulations Governing the HPMP, and shall have proof of entry into a Contract with the HPMP provided to the Board within 45 days of the date this Order is entered. Thereafter, Ms. Lunsford shall comply with the terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP.
2. This order shall be applicable to Ms. Lunsford's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice practical nursing. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Lunsford shall not work outside 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 Ms. Lunsford wishes to work. Any request for out of state employment shall be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.
3. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for revoking the license of Ms. Lunsford, and an administrative proceeding shall be held to decide whether her license should

be revoked. Ms. Lunsford shall be noticed to appear before the Board at such time as the Board is notified that:

- a. Ms. Lunsford has failed to make application to the HPMP;
- b. Ms. Lunsford is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the HPMP, or has been terminated from participation in the HPMP;
- c. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against Ms. Lunsford involving a violation of law or regulation or any term or condition of this Order; or
- d. Ms. Lunsford has successfully completed the above-referenced period of participation in the HPMP. However, upon receipt of Ms. Lunsford's participation in and compliance with the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Lunsford's appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter.

4. Ms. Lunsford 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 on request.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Lunsford may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on August 5, 2013, 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* Gloria Mitchell  
Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.  
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: July 3, 2013

This Order shall become final on August 5, 2013 unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

Certified True Copy

By [Signature]  
Virginia Board of Nursing