



VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: KAREN L. SIVELS, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-086735**

CONSENT ORDER

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

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Karen L. Sivels, L.P.N. was issued License No. 0002-086735 to practice practical nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on March 15, 2012. Said license expired on July 31, 2013 and was renewed on October 9, 2013. Said license shall now expire on July 31, 2015. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. During the course of her employment as a practical nurse at Autumn Care of Chesapeake, Chesapeake, Virginia, between August 1, 2013 and October 8, 2013, Ms. Sivels treated patients while her license was expired.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board Concludes that Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of §§ 54.1-3007(3), 54.1-3008(A)(2), and 54.1-3011(C) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code").

CONSENT

Karen L. Sivels, 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 and Conclusions of Law contained herein waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law 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. Karen L. Sivels, L.P.N. shall pay a MONETARY PENALTY of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) to the Board within 30 days of the entry of this Order.
2. Ms. Sivels 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.
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. Sivels, 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 upon request.

FOR THE BOARD:

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

ENTERED: April 7, 2014

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Karen L. Sivels, Lpn
Karen L. Sivels, L.P.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Chesapeake, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Chelsey Blane, a Notary Public, this 26 day of March, 2014.

My commission expires 09/30/2017.

Registration Number 7255188.

Chelsey Blane
NOTARY PUBLIC

