

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: KAREN F. HILL, R.N.
License No.: 0001-150203

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on March 19, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Karen F. Hill, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Tammie D. Jones, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Hill was not present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Karen Hill, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-150203 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on August 13, 1996. Said license is scheduled to expire on February 28, 2015. Ms. Hill also holds License No. 49325 to practice professional nursing in the State of West Virginia, which expired on October 31, 2013. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Based upon the representations of Tammie Jones and Commonwealth's Exhibit #1, the Notice of Formal Hearing and Affidavit of Mailing, and Respondent's Exhibit A, the presiding officer ruled that adequate notice was provided to the respondent and the hearing proceeded in her absence.
3. Ms. Hill was admitted to St. Albans Hospital (Carilion New River Valley Medical Center), Radford, Virginia, on or about April 18, 2013, under a Temporary Detention Order. She was discharged on April 22, 2013, with a diagnosis of adjustment disorder with mixed anxiety, depression, major depressive

disorder, recurrent, severe. Ms. Hill had an appointment with a counselor at the Mt. Rogers Community Services Board on April 25, 2013; however, she reported to the Department of Health Professions investigator that she did not return to see the counselor after April.

4. During the course of her employment at Radford Health and Rehab, Radford, Virginia, on April 13, 2013, Ms. Hill chose to administer 5 units of insulin to Patient A, without consulting a physician, despite a physician's order for 20 units of insulin.

5. Ms. Hill reported the following on employment applications:

a. On the application for Radford Health and Rehab dated February 17, 2013, Ms. Hill indicated that she left Bristol Regional Medical Center because she "desired a change," when, in fact, her employment was terminated.

b. On the application for Grace Healthcare of Abingdon, Abingdon, Virginia, dated April 12, 2013, Ms. Hill indicated that her reason for leaving Bristol Regional Medical Center was "needed a change," when, in fact, her employment was terminated.

6. Between August 2011 and June 2013, Ms. Hill's employment was terminated from Grace Healthcare of Abingdon, Virginia; Amedisys Home Health, Beckley, West Virginia; Radford Health and Rehab; and Bristol Regional Medical Center, Bristol, Tennessee.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that:

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.
2. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations").
3. Finding of Fact No. 5 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations.


ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

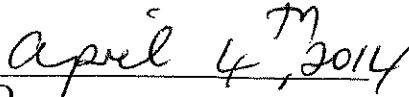
1. License No. 0001-150203 issued to Karen F. Hill, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license of Ms. Hill will be recorded as SUSPENDED and no longer current. Should Ms. Hill seek reinstatement of her license consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her license prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.
3. At such time as Ms. Hill shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice of professional nursing.
4. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Hill's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing.

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.

FOR THE BOARD



Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing



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By 

Virginia Board Of Nursing

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.