

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: LANA SESSOMS, C.N.A.
Certificate No.: 1401-093782

ORDER

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on January 7, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia. Lana Sessoms, C.N.A., was not present, nor was she represented by legal counsel. Nancy K. Durrett, R.N., M.S., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On March 19, 2014, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Sessoms was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Ms. Sessoms submitted written comments/objections.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Lana Sessoms was issued Certificate No. 1401-093782 to practice as a certified nurse aide in Virginia on August 10, 2002. The certificate is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2014.
2. By letter dated December 9, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Sessoms notifying her that an informal conference would be held on January 7, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 617 Mary Robert Lane, Newport News, Virginia 23608, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The certified mail receipt was signed on December 11, 2013. The first class mail was not returned to the Board. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Sessoms and the informal conference

proceeded in her absence.

3. On February 25, 2013, during the course of her employment with Eastern State Hospital, Williamsburg, Virginia, Ms. Sessoms threw a towel at Patient A, which covered the patient's face. Ms. Sessoms admitted that she threw the towel over the resident's face, but stated that she did so in reaction to the resident spitting blood, toothpaste, and saliva in her face.

4. There was no patient injury as a result of Ms. Sessoms' actions. As a result of this incident, Ms. Sessoms' employment was terminated.

5. Ms. Sessoms worked part-time at the Gardens of Warwick Forest since she was first certified in 2002, until she accepted the full-time position at Eastern State Hospital in May, 2011.

6. Ms. Sessoms had no other discipline issues.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Lana Sessoms, C.N.A., is hereby REPRIMANDED.

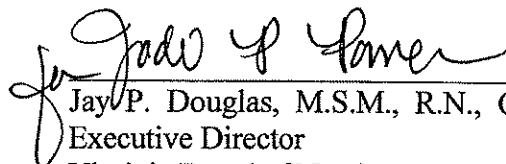
2. Ms. Sessoms shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a nurse aide commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

Pursuant to § 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 a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Since Ms. Sessoms failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Sessoms has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As

provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Sessoms has thirty (30) days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three (3) days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD



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

Entered: March 27, 2014

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