

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: SHARON WALKER, C.N.A.
Certificate No.: 1401-113668

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. Sharon Walker, 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. Walker was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

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. Sharon Walker, C.N.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-113668 to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia on April 30, 2006. The certificate is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2014.
2. By letter dated December 9, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Walker notifying her that an informal conference would be held on January 7, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 3601 Millers Glen Lane, Apt. 103, Richmond, Virginia 23231, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The Notice was also sent to 309 S. Taylor Street, Ashland, Virginia 23005, a secondary address. The certified mailing sent to Ms. Walker's address of record was not returned to the Board. The certified mail receipt for the mailing

sent to the secondary address was received by the Board office on December 16, 2013, containing a signature, but no date. The first class mailings were not returned to the Board office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Walker and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. Ms. Walker was admitted to Tucker Pavilion on August 26, 2013, with provisional diagnoses of Bi-polar Affective Disorder and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (“PTSD”). She was discharged on September 3, 2013, with a diagnosis of Schizoaffective Disorder and PTSD.

4. Documentation received from Ms. Walker’s last reported place of employment, Hermitage at Cedarfield, indicated that her employment was terminated on May 25, 2012, for “unsatisfactory or poor performance or conduct” and “acting in an intimidating or rude manner toward another staff member or supervisor.” She had been employed there since September 7, 2011.

5. When interviewed by an investigator with the Virginia Department of Health Professions, on October 4, 2013, Ms. Walker stated that she was not working due to recent cervical spine surgery. She also reported that she was homeless.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

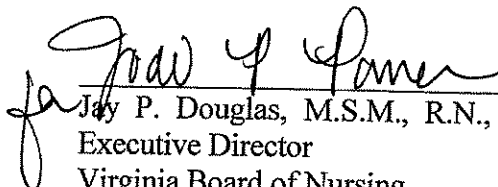
1. Certificate No. 1401-113668 of Sharon Walker, C.N.A., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The certificate will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. At such time as Ms. Walker shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her certificate, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the

safe and competent practice of a nurse aide. Ms. Walker shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the certificate prior to issuance of the certificate to resume practice.

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. Walker failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Walker 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. Walker 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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