

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: STACEY L. CARPENTER, R.N.
License No.: 0001-196472**

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Stacey L. Carpenter, R.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Carpenter's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Stacey L. Carpenter, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-196472 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on June 29, 2005. Said license is set to expire on September 30, 2015. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. During the course of her employment with Sentara Obici Ambulatory Surgery, Suffolk, Virginia, between November 2012 and April 2013, Ms. Carpenter accessed confidential health information via the Sentara hospital system's computer network regarding individuals who were not her patients or patients of the surgery center, including her supervisor and a patient's family member. Further, she shared the information about her supervisor with her co-workers.

3. Ms. Carpenter's employment with Sentara Obici Ambulatory Surgery was terminated on April 26, 2013, as a result of her unauthorized access of confidential health information.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code").

CONSENT

Stacey L. Carpenter, R.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 and 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 professional 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. Stacey L. Carpenter, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Carpenter shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed the following National Council of State Boards of Nursing online courses within 45 days of the entry of this Order: *Patient Privacy and Ethics of Nursing Practice*.
3. Ms. Carpenter shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

4. 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. Carpenter 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

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

ENTERED: January 31ST, 2014

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

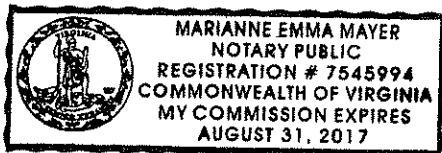
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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Virginia Beach, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Marianne Mayer, a Notary Public, this 21 day of January, 2014.

My commission expires Aug 31, 2017.

Registration Number 7545994.



Marianne Emma Mayer
NOTARY PUBLIC

Certified True Copy

By *[Signature]*
Virginia Board of Nursing