

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: NEAL E. WONG, R.N.
License No.: 0001-163242**

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Neal E. Wong, R.N., as evidenced by his signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Mr. Wong's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Neal E. Wong, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-163242 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on March 22, 1999. Said license is set to expire on January 31, 2015. His primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. During the course of Mr. Wong's employment with University of Virginia Health System, Ambulatory Care, Charlottesville, Virginia:
 - a. From May 2012 to July 18, 2013, Mr. Wong phoned in approximately 54 fraudulent prescriptions for various narcotics, including hydrocodone (Schedule III) and oxycodone (Schedule II), using the names of at least three individuals as patients and three physicians from the clinic as prescribers, to obtain medications for his personal and unauthorized use.
 - b. Mr. Wong had medical records created for the individuals whose names he used to obtain the fraudulent prescriptions.
 - c. Mr. Wong's employment was terminated on August 13, 2013.
3. On October 29, 2013, during an interview with an investigator from the Department of Health Professions, Mr. Wong reported that he relapsed in April or May 2012, after the death of his parents. He

underwent a four-day inpatient treatment program to control his withdrawal symptoms and then entered an intensive outpatient treatment program at Rockingham Memorial Hospital. During this interview, Mr. Wong surrendered his license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 2(a) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (3), (5), (6), and (8) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) and (f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (“Regulations”).
2. Finding of Fact No. 2(b) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations.
3. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

CONSENT

Neal E. Wong, R.N., by affixing his signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. He has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. He acknowledges that without his consent, no legal action can be taken against him except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. He acknowledges that he 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 him;
4. He waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. He admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives his right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
6. He consents to the entry of the following Order affecting his 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. The Board ACCEPTS the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of the license of Neal E. Wong, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. At such time as Mr. Wong shall petition the Board for reinstatement of his license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether he is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of professional nursing. Mr. Wong shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.
4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Consent 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.

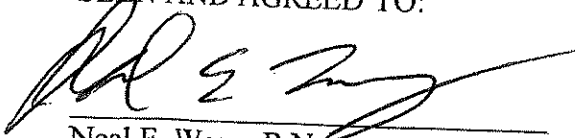
FOR THE BOARD:



Jane R. Ingalls R.N., PhD.
President, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: March 18, 2014

SEEN AND AGREED TO:



Neal E. Wong, R.N.

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

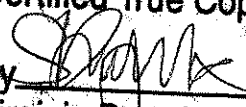
Subscribed and sworn to before me, Beth A White, a Notary Public, this 13th day of March, 2014.

My commission expires June 30, 2017.

Registration Number 210735.

BETH A. WHITE
NOTARY PUBLIC
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2017
COMMISSION # 210735


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By 
Virginia Board of Nursing