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VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: MAUREEN E. POWELL, R.N.
License No.: 0001-193854**

CONSENT ORDER

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

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Maureen E. Powell, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-193854 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on December 8, 2004. Said license is set to expire on December 31, 2015. Ms. Powell previously held professional nursing licenses Tennessee and Florida, both of which are expired. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. During the course of her employment with HCA John Randolph Medical Center, Hopewell, Virginia, on December 3, 2013, Ms. Powell tested positive for hydromorphone (Schedule II) during an investigation into possible diversion of narcotic medications. A review of Ms. Powell's Virginia Prescription Monitoring Program report revealed that she did not have a prescription for hydromorphone.

3. By e-mail communication to an investigator for the Department of Health Professions dated December 4, 2013, Ms. Powell stated that she had made the decision to surrender her license to practice as a registered nurse.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

CONSENT

Maureen E. Powell, 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. The Board ACCEPTS the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of Maureen E. Powell’s license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

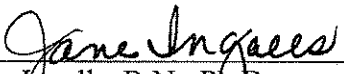
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

3. At such time as Ms. Powell shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of professional nursing. Ms. Powell 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 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 Ingalls, R.N., Ph.D.
President, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: March 18, 2014

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Maureen E. Powell
Maureen E. Powell, R.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Maureen E. Powell, a Notary Public, this 7 day of March, 2014.

My commission expires 12.31.2017.

Registration Number 1567206.

Audra Nicole Maitland
NOTARY PUBLIC

