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VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: SHERYL L. MASON, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-048568

CONSENT ORDER

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

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sheryl L. Mason, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-048568 to practice practical nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on November 29, 1993. Said license was suspended by Order of the Board entered on September 24, 2002, was reinstated by Order of the Board entered April 11, 2011, and is now set to expire on November 30, 2015. The license is valid in Virginia only. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Term No. 1 of the Order of the Board entered April 11, 2011 reinstated Ms. Mason's license contingent upon her entry into and compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"). This Order was based on findings that Ms. Mason was unable to safely practice practical nursing due to substance abuse.
3. Ms. Mason entered into a Participation Contract with the HPMP on April 30, 2011. She entered Recovery Monitoring Contracts on June 20, 2011 and August 23, 2012.
4. Ms. Mason was dismissed from the HPMP on September 20, 2013, for noncompliance. Specifically, she continued to use alcohol and failed to comply with the urine toxicology screening program.

Her diagnoses at the time of her dismissal from the HPMP were alcohol dependence, cocaine dependence, and depressive disorder.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 4 constitute a violation of Term No. 1 of the Order of the Board entered April 11, 2011, and § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”).

CONSENT

Sheryl L. Mason, L.P.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 practical nursing in Virginia.

ORDER

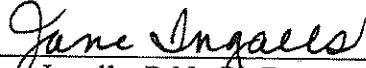
WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Sheryl L. Mason, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.

2. License No. 0002-048568 of Sheryl L. Mason, L.P.N., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
3. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
4. At such time as Ms. Mason 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 practical nursing. Ms. Mason 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.
5. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice practical 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:

Sheryl L. Mason LPN
Sheryl L. Mason, L.P.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Joyce C. Watson, a Notary Public, this 18th day of February, 2014.

My commission expires 1-31-15.

Registration Number 141075.

Joyce C. Watson
NOTARY PUBLIC

