VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

JEFFREY HUBBLE, R.N. License No.: 0001-186407

**ORDER** 

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended

("Code"), a Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") met

on February 10, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Jeffrey Hubble, R.N., may

have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia. Mr. Hubble was present

and was not represented by counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and

Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jeffrey Hubble, R.N. was issued License No. 0001-186407 to practice professional nursing in

the Commonwealth of Virginia on July 23, 2003. Said license expires on January 31, 2015. Mr. Hubble's

primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated January 14, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference

("Notice") to Mr. Hubble notifying him that an informal conference would be held on February 10, 2014. The

Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 5169 Cypress Avenue, Dublin, Virginia 24084, the address of

record on file with the Board of Nursing.

3. During the course of his employment with Lewis Gale Hospital, Pulaski, Virginia:

- a. On July 7, 2013, Mr. Hubble entered an order for Ativan 1 mg (C-IV) in the Pyxis system for a pediatric patient, who was having seizures, without the knowledge and approval of her treating physician.
- b. On July 22, 2013, Mr. Hubble inserted an external jugular catheter into a patient without the knowledge or approval of his treating physician.
- c. On July 29, 2013, Mr. Hubble administered a digital block to a patient who had an avulsion to her left ring finger without the knowledge or approval of her treating physician.
- 4. Mr. Hubble acknowledged that all of the above allegations were true. Mr. Hubble understood the severity of his actions and stated that he has learned from this experience.
  - 5. Mr. Hubble stated that he is not currently employed as a nurse.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Findings of Fact No. 3(a) through 3(c) constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

## **ORDER**

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS as follows: Reprimand 60 days

- 1. Jeffrey Hubble, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Mr. Hubble shall provide the Board with verification that he has completed the following NCSBN online courses within 60 days of entry of this Order: Ethics of Nursing Practice, Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses and Righting the Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.
- 3. Mr. Hubble shall maintain a course of conduct in his capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 et seq. of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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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 Mr. Hubble 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 on request.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Mr. Hubble may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on April 12, 2014, notify Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that he desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

FOR THE COMMITTEE:

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

ENTERED: <u>March 10, 2014</u>

This Order shall become final on April 12, 2014, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.