

VIRGINIA

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: WENDY GRIFFITH, C.N.A. APPLICANT

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(7) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, ("Code"), an informal conference was held before an Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing ("Committee") on February 3, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon the application of Wendy Griffith for certification by examination to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to inquire into evidence that she may have violated certain laws governing nurse aide practice in Virginia. Ms. Griffith was present and was not represented by legal counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Committee adopted the following Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Wendy Griffith submitted an application for certification by examination to practice as a nurse aide which was received by the Board on October 23, 2013.
2. By letter dated January 7, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Griffith notifying her that an informal conference would be held on February 3, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 16055 Pouncy Tract Road, Rockville, Virginia 23146, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. On March 21, 2006, in the Arlington County, Virginia, Circuit Court, Ms. Griffith was convicted of grand larceny. Ms. Griffith was sentenced to 2 years and 8 months in jail and ordered to pay \$945.00 in court costs.

4. On July 24, 2003, and on January 22, 2002, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, Circuit Court, Ms. Griffith was convicted of grand larceny. For the July 24, 2003, conviction, Ms. Griffith was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment, with all but 30 days suspended, and ordered to pay \$467.00 in court costs plus attorney's fees. For the January 22, 2002, conviction, Ms. Griffith was sentenced to 60 days in jail, with 30 days suspended, and ordered to pay costs of \$460.00 plus attorney's fees.

5. At the informal conference, Ms. Griffith reported that she has paid all costs related to the above convictions. A letter from her probation officer dated November 8, 2013, stated that Ms. Griffith satisfied her probation obligation from her Alexandria, Virginia, Circuit Court convictions. Since July 22, 2013, Ms. Griffith has been employed at Home Instead Senior Care, Richmond, Virginia, which sent in a letter of support dated November 18, 2013, to the Board. In addition, Ms. Griffith's GED instructor sent to the Board a letter of support and reported Ms. Griffith passed her GED exam in February 2013. Finally, a nurse aide instructor for Ms. Griffith also sent to the Board a letter of support.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Findings of Fact Nos. 3 and 4 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code.
2. Ms. Griffith otherwise meets the qualifications of § 54.1-3023 of the Code.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that the application of Wendy Griffith for certification by examination as a nurse aide is APPROVED. Upon successful completion of the NNAAP examination, Ms. Griffith shall be issued an unrestricted certificate to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth.

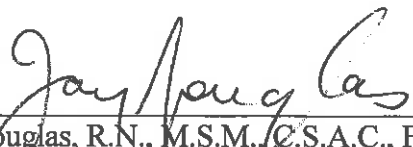
Ms. Griffith shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a nurse aide commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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.

If Ms. Griffith does not consent to the Committee's decision and desires a hearing before the Board or a panel thereof, she shall notify Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, in writing at the Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23233, within thirty-three (33) days from the date of entry of this Order. This Order shall become final upon the expiration of the thirty-three (33) day period unless a request for a formal hearing is received within such time. Upon receiving timely request for a hearing, the Board or a panel thereof shall then proceed with a hearing as provided in §§ 2.2-4020 and 2.2-4021 of the Code.

FOR THE BOARD



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

Entered: February 26th, 2014

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