

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: CORINA ROBINSON STEWARD, L.P.N.
a.k.a. Esther Corina Robinson
License Number: 0002-054689
Case Numbers: 170930 & 172415

RATIFICATION AND ORDER

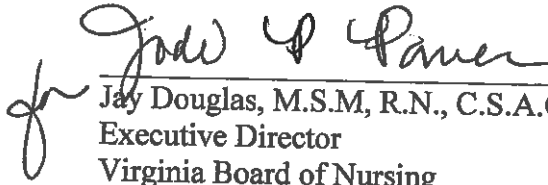
On September 21, 2016, a panel of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Corina Robinson Steward, L.P.N. was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

In consideration whereof, the Board of Nursing ACCEPTS the attached Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Agency Subordinate and ADOPTS the Recommended Order in its entirety.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Steward may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on November 7, 2016, 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 she 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 BOARD



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

ENTERED AND MAILED ON:

October 5, 2016

This Order shall become final on November 7, 2016, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE

Jurisdiction and Procedural History

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), Judith Piersall, R.N., B.S.N., serving as Agency Subordinate of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”), held an informal conference on August 2, 2016 in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Corina Robinson Steward, L.P.N. may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Steward appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Agency Subordinate makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and recommends that the Board adopt the following Order.

Notice

By letter dated July 8, 2016, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Steward notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 2, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

1. Corina Robinson Steward, L.P.N. was issued License Number 0002-054689 to practice as a practical nurse on June 4, 1997, which is scheduled to expire on February 28, 2017. At all times

relevant to the findings herein, said license was in full force and effect. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. On April 8, 2009, based on findings that Ms. Steward had been impaired while on duty and that she was unsafe to practice due to alcohol abuse, the Board of Nursing found Ms. Steward in violation of Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(5) and (6) and indefinitely suspended Ms. Steward's license to practice practical nursing, but stayed the suspension contingent upon her entry into and compliance with the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program ("HPIP").

3. On February 26, 2014, based on findings of multiple hospital admissions for substance abuse treatment and for failure to reveal multiple convictions on her application for reinstatement, the Board of Nursing found Ms. Steward in violation of Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(1), (4) and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(1)(b) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations"), and reinstated her license contingent upon her continued compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP").

4. Ms. Steward violated Term Number 1 of the Board's Order entered February 26, 2014, in that on November 20, 2015, she was dismissed from the HPMP for noncompliance. Specifically, she failed to comply with the toxicology screening program, tested positive for Suboxone, which she was not prescribed, and failed to attend a recommended assessment after the positive drug screen.

5. Corina Robinson Steward, L.P.N. violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations in that during her employment with Fredericksburg Christian Health Center, in January and February of 2016, she documented telephone conversations, which never occurred, with patients regarding treatment.

6. Corina Robinson Steward, L.P.N. violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that, on January 29, 2016, during the course of her employment with Fredericksburg Christian Health Center,

Ms. Steward was observed falling asleep, having slurred speech, being unsteady on her feet, and walking into the walls.

7. Ms. Steward's employment with Fredericksburg Christian Health Center was terminated on February 4, 2016.

8. Ms. Steward violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (6) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) and (e) of the Regulations in that, while a patient with Fredericksburg Christian Health Center, Fredericksburg, Virginia, her former employer, she called in fraudulent prescriptions for herself, as evidenced by the following:

a. On February 19, 2016, Ms. Steward called in a prescription for Gabapentin 600 mg using the name of a medical assistant with the practice who was not working on this date.

b. On March 1, 2016, Ms. Steward called in a prescription for Gabapentin 1200 mg using the name of a nurse who was not employed by the practice.

Recommended Order

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Agency Subordinate recommends that the Board issue an Order as follows:

1. Corina Robinson Steward is REPRIMANDED.
2. The license issued to Corina Robinson Steward to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED for a period of not less than two years from the date of entry of this Order.
3. The license of Corina Robinson Steward will be recorded as SUSPENDED.
4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice practical nursing.
5. Should Corina Robinson Steward seek reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding shall be convened to consider such application. At such time, the burden shall be on Corina

Robinson Steward to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of practical nursing. Corina Robinson Steward shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and/or renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

Reviewed and approved on September 1, 2016
By Judith Piersall, R.N., B.S.N.,
Agency Subordinate

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By *J. Fowler*
Virginia Board of Nursing