VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

KATHARINE SEE, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT License No.: 0001-228547

<u>ORDER</u>

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 August 5, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Katharine See's application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia and to inquire into evidence that Ms. See may have violated certain laws governing nursing practice. Ms. See 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. Katharine See, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-228547 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on December 29, 2010. Said license suspended by Order of the Board entered on February 21, 2014. This action was a result of Ms. See's admission that she was unable to practice due to mental illness. Ms. See was issued License No. 56014 to practice professional nursing by the West Virginia Board of Nursing on July 23, 1998. Said license expires on October 31, 2014. Ms. See's primary state of residence is West Virginia.
- 2. Ms. See submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing which was received by the Board on March 14, 2014.

- 3. By letter dated July 2, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. See notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 5, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 792 Forest Glenn Drive, Moorefield, West Virginia 26836, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
 - 4. Ms. See was diagnosed with major depressive disorder and borderline personality disorder.
- 5. Ms. See stated that she sees her psychiatrist every other month and her psychologist every two weeks. She is currently taking one medication to manage her illness.
- 6. Ms. See provided documentation from her treating psychiatrist who states that her depression is in remission, and that her current treatment has had an excellent response on her and that her depressive symptoms remain under good control.
- 7. Ms. See stated that she is currently employed with Regional Health Care Center, Petersburg, West Virginia. She provided a letter of support from her current supervisor stating that Ms. See has proven herself to be of good character and spirit.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Committee concludes that Ms. See has demonstrated satisfactory evidence that she is prepared to resume practice in a safe and competent manner.

ORDER

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

- 1. The application of Katharine See for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia is APPROVED. Ms. See shall be issued a license marked "Virginia Only."
- 2. Ms. See shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse 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.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. See may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on October 8, 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 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 COMMITTEE:

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

ENTERED: September 5, 2014

This Order shall become final on October 8, 2014, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

By Virginia Board of Nursing