

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: KATHARINE SEE, R.N.
License No.: 0001-228547**

ORDER

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on December 3, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia. Katharine See, R.N., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Janet Younger, serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On January 29, 2014, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. See was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Ms. See submitted written comments/objections.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Katharine See, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-228547 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on December 29, 2010. The license is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2015. Ms. See also holds License No. 56014 to practice professional nursing in West Virginia. Ms. See's primary state of residence is West Virginia.
2. By letter dated November 7, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. See notifying her that an informal conference would be held on December 3, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 702 Forest Glen Drive, Moorefield, West Virginia, 26836, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The receipt for the Notice sent

via certified mail was signed by a third party and returned to the Board office on November 13, 2013. The Notice sent via first-class mail was not returned to the Board office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. See, and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. On April 1, 2013, Ms. See was hospitalized in a psychiatric setting following an intentional overdose of Ambien (zolpidem - Schedule IV) and Xanax (alprazolam - Schedule VI). Ms. See remained hospitalized for nine days.

4. Ms. See is currently being treated by a psychiatrist and is in counseling.

5. Ms. See has not worked since her psychiatric hospitalization and her employment at Winchester Medical Center has since been terminated.

6. Ms. See's psychiatrist and counselor both stated to an investigator for the Department of Health Professions ("DHP") in August 2013 that Ms. See was not ready to return to work.

7. Ms. See stated to the DHP investigator that she did not know when or where she will resume her nursing career.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. License No. 0001-228547 of Katharine See, R.N., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. At such time as Ms. See 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 professional nursing. Ms. See 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.

4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.

Since Ms. See failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. See has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. See has thirty (30) days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three (3) days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD

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

Entered: February 21, 2014

Certified True Copy

By *[Signature]*
Virginia Board of Nursing