VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

KADIATU BANGURA, C.N.A.

Certificate No.: 1401-127785

<u>ORDER</u>

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 November 5, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia. Kadiatu Bangura, C.N.A., was not present nor was

she represented by legal counsel. Nancy Durrett, 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. Bangura was not present nor was she represented by legal

counsel.

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. Kadiatu Bangura, C.N.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-127785 to practice as nurse

aide in Virginia on January 12, 2009. The certificate is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2014.

2. By letter dated October 10, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal

Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Bangura notifying her that an informal conference would be held on

November 5, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 7020 South "M" Street,

Tacoma, Washington, 98444, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The Notice sent via

certified mail to the address of record was returned unclaimed to the Board office. 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. Bangura and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

- 3. During the course of her employment with Avante of Alexandria, on June 25, 2013, Ms. Bangura stole Resident A's credit card and used it to make purchases for herself.
- 4. The City of Alexandria Police Department obtained video of Ms. Bangura making purchases with resident's credit card.
- 5. On September 27, 2013, Ms. Bangura entered a plea of guilty in the City of Alexandria General District Court to credit card fraud, less than \$200. She was sentenced to 180 days in jail with 150 days suspended. She was also placed on two years of unsupervised probation.
 - 6. Ms. Bangura's employment with Avante of Alexandria was terminated.
- 7. Ms. Bangura declined to meet with the investigator of the Department of Health Professions.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), and 18 VAC 90-25-100(2)(h) of the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides.
- 2. Finding of Fact No. 3 and Conclusion of Law No. 1 constitute a Finding of Misappropriation of patient property pursuant to 42 CFR § 483.13(c)(1)(ii)(B) and 42 CFR § 483.156(b)(2) and (c)(1)(iv)(D).

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

- 1. Certificate No. 1401-127785 of Kadiatu Bangura, C.N.A., is REVOKED.
- 2. A Finding of Misappropriation of patient property shall be ENTERED against Ms.

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Bangura in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry pursuant to 42 CFR § 483.13(c)(1)(ii)(B) and 42 CFR §

483.156(b)(2) and (c)(1)(iv)(D). This finding prohibits Ms. Bangura's employment as a certified nurse

aide in any long-term care facility that receives Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement, according to 42

CFR § 483.13(c)(1)(ii)(B).

Pursuant to § 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 a public record, and shall be made available for public

inspection and copying upon request.

Since Ms. Bangura failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered

final. Ms. Bangura 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. Bangura has thirty (30) days from the date

of service (the date he/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,

R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland

Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three (3)

days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD

Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.

Executive Director

Virginia Board of Nursing

Entered: Feb. 10, 2014

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