

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: BARBARA J. BURNS, R.N.
License No.: 0001-070161

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Barbara Burns, R.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Burns' license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Barbara J. Burns, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-070161 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on September 1, 1978. Said license is set to expire on March 31, 2014. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Ms. Burns is unable to safely practice nursing due to a history of mental illness which requires treatment and medication and for which she has been hospitalized. Her most recent hospitalization was in July 2013 at Tucker Pavilion, Chippenham Medical Center. Her discharge diagnosis included bipolar disorder with psychotic features.
3. Ms. Burns has not practiced nursing in approximately seven years.
4. In interviews with an investigator for the Department of Health Professions in August and October 2013, Ms. Burns indicated that she did not believe she was safe to practice nursing and expressed an interest in surrendering her license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”).

CONSENT

Barbara J. Burns, R.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;
4. She waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. She admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

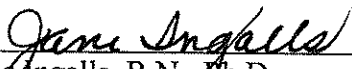
1. The Board ACCEPTS the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of Barbara J. Burns’ license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

3. At such time as Ms. Burns 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 nursing. Ms. Burns 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.

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 upon request.

FOR THE BOARD



Jane Ingalls, R.N., Ph.D.
President, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: Jan. 28, 2014

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Barbara J. Burns
Barbara J. Burns, R.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Richmond TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, A Natalie Weaver, a Notary Public, this 23rd day of December, 2013.

My commission expires January 31 2017

Registration Number 75651840



A Natalie Weaver
NOTARY PUBLIC