

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: KEITH O. ADAMS, R.N.

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 July 29, 2010, in Henrico County, Virginia. Keith O. Adams, R.N., was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Nancy K. Durrett, R.N., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On September 15, 2010, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Mr. Adams was not present and was not 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. Keith Adams, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-197873 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on August 17, 2005. The license is set to expire on January 31, 2012. Mr. Adams' primary state of residence is Virginia. Mr. Adams holds the following additional licenses to practice professional nursing: License No. RN134189 issued by the state of Georgia, which expires on January 31, 2011; License No. RN41773 issued by the state of Rhode Island, which expired March 1, 2006; License No. 130493 issued by the state of Tennessee, which expired January 31, 2004; License No. 75907 issued by the state of South Carolina, which expired January 31, 2003; License No. 663828 issued by the state of Texas, which expired January 31, 2002; License No. 099007772RN issued by the state of

Oregon, which expired January 11, 2002; License No. RN110375 issued by the state of Arizona, which expired January 31, 2002; and License No. R031551 issued by the state of South Dakota, which expired January 12, 2002.

2. By letter dated June 25, 2010, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Mr. Adams notifying him that an informal conference would be held on July 29, 2010. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 5066 Old Traveller Lane, Mechanicsville, Virginia 23111, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

3. During the course of his employment in the Emergency Room of Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center, Mechanicsville, Virginia, on October 6, 2009, Mr. Adams triaged Patient A, who was received via ambulance from Ashland Convalescent Center, for possible seizure. When providing report to the primary nurse, Mr. Adams failed to inform her that the patient was transported from a nursing home. Mr. Adams approved the primary nurse’s request to discharge the patient by taxi to the address provided by the patient. When the primary nurse was charting the discharge, she was the ambulance record which indicated the resident was from a nursing home. When the primary nurse reported her mistake to Mr. Adams, he told her not to worry about it as the cab driver would see that he got where he needed to go. As a result, the patient was left at a house without electricity and running water, for approximately two days. Despite the fact that the patient suffered no ill effect, he went without critical medications for the period that he was away from the nursing home.

4. As a result of the above actions, Mr. Adams received a final warning and his employment was suspended for one day.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact #3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) of the Code.

ORDER

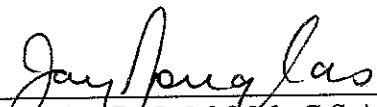
WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Keith Adams, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Mr. Adams shall maintain a course of conduct in his capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

This Order is subject to appeal to the Board. If Mr. Adams desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020 and 2.2-4021 of the Code, he must notify Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233, in writing, within thirty-three (33) days from the date of service of this Order. Upon the filing of a request for the hearing with the Executive Director, this Order shall be vacated.

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.

FOR THE BOARD



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

Entered: September 30th, 2010