

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

SHERI CRAUN, L.P.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 October 17, 2008, in Henrico County, Virginia. Ms. Craun was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Janet B. Younger, R.N., P.N.P., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On November 19, 2008, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Craun 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. Sheri Craun, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-047939 to practice as a practical nurse in Virginia on May 24, 1993. The license is set to expire on August 31, 2010.
2. By letter dated September 12, 2008, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Craun notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 17, 2008. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 312 North Magnolia Avenue, Waynesboro, Virginia 22980, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. Ms. Craun is unable to safely practice nursing due to a long history of substance abuse and mental illness issues, for which she has received medication and other treatment. More specifically:

a. During the course of her employment with Ruxton Health of Staunton, Staunton, Virginia (“Ruxton”), between November 19, 2007, and January 5, 2008, Ms. Craun failed to provide patient care while sleeping on duty on at least three occasions.

b. During the course of her employment with Avante, Waynesboro, Virginia, between January 8, 2007, and June 6, 2007, Ms. Craun arrived late to work, left early, and repeatedly slept on the job. She acted as if she was “in another world,” and alternated between “up and down” attitudes.

c. On the night of May 11-12, 2007, during the course of her employment at Avante, Ms. Craun failed to administer medications or tube feedings, failed to perform resident care, and failed to assist an agency nurse, as she had been instructed to do.

d. Ms. Craun relapsed on methamphetamine (schedule II) in April, 2007.

4. On her application for employment with NurseFinders, Charlottesville, Virginia, dated January 9, 2008, Ms. Craun failed to list her employment with Ruxton or Avante. On her employment application for Ruxton, dated November 14, 2007, Ms. Craun failed to mention her employment with Avante.

5. Ms. Craun stated at the informal conference that at the time she was reported to be sleeping on duty, she was on Abilify (aripiprazole, schedule VI), which was causing her to be sleepy. She stated that she has stopped taking Abilify, and has stopped working the night shift.

6. Ms. Craun stated at the informal conference that she had been clean and sober for 18 months and that she was receiving treatment for her mental health condition. Ms. Craun stated that she began participating in NA in 2005, that she continues to attend regularly, and that she has a sponsor.

7. Ms. Craun signed a Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners’ Intervention Program (“HPIP”) and plans to enter into a Recovery Monitoring Contract.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), (6), and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (“Regulations”).

2. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. The Board shall TAKE NO ACTION against Sheri Craun, L.P.N. contingent on the following terms and conditions:

a. Ms. Craun shall have proof of entry into a Recovery Monitoring Contract with the HPIP provided to the Board within 60 days of the date this Order is entered.

b. Ms. Craun shall continue to comply with all terms and conditions of the Recovery Monitoring Contract with the HPIP for the period specified in the Contract.

2. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for revoking the license of Ms. Craun, and an administrative proceeding shall be held to decide whether her license should be revoked. Ms. Craun shall be noticed to appear before the Board at such time as the Board is notified that:

a. Ms. Craun has failed to enter into a Recovery Monitoring Contract with the HPIP;

b. Ms. Craun is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the HPIP, or has been terminated from participation in the HPIP;

c. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against Ms. Craun

involving a violation of law or regulation or any term or condition of this Order; or

d. Ms. Craun has successfully completed the above-referenced period of participation in the HPIP. However, upon receipt of information regarding Ms. Craun's participation in and compliance with the HPIP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Craun's appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter.

3. This Order is applicable to Ms. Craun's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice as a practical nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Craun shall not work outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Ms. Craun wishes to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

4. Ms. Craun shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a practical 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 Ms. Craun desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020 and 2.2-4021 of the Code, she 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*  
for Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.  
Executive Director  
Board of Nursing

Entered: December 3, 2008

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Order was mailed this day to Sheri Craun, L.P.N., at 312 North Magnolia Avenue, Waynesboro, Virginia 22980.

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

December 3, 2008  
DATE

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