VIRGINIA:

# BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

PATRICIA SHEFTALL, C.N.A. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT Certificate No.: 1401-23525

## **ORDER**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") met on December 12, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Patricia Sheftall's application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia, and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Sheftall may have violated certain laws governing nurse aide practice in Virginia. Ms. Sheftall was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Patricia Sheftall, C.N.A. was issued Certificate No. 1401-123525 to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia on March 29, 2008. Said certificate expired March 31, 2010.
- 2. Ms. Sheftall submitted an application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide which was received by the Board on February 8, 2013.
- 3. By letter dated November 12, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Sheftall notifying her that an informal conference would be held on December 12, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 5245 Goolsby Court, North Chesterfield, Virginia 23234, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. According to the United States Postal Service, as of December 12, 2013, the Notice sent by certified mail had not been claimed at the post office. As of December

- 12, 2013, the Notice sent by first class mail had not been returned to the Board office. The Committee Chair concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Sheftall and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.
  - 4. Ms. Sheftall has been diagnosed with major depression.
- 5. Ms. Sheftall stated to the investigator for the Department of Health Professions that it was recommended that she seek local agencies that could assist her with ongoing mental health and medical services. She stated that she did not pursue any ongoing mental health services.
- 6. Ms. Sheftall stated that she was working on becoming her daughter's residential provider under the Medicaid MR Waiver Program. If she is approved, she will not need to work as a certified nurse aide. Ms. Sheftall has been employed with the Dollar Tree, Richmond, Virginia.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.
- 2. Ms. Sheftall does not meet the requirements for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide.

## <u>ORDER</u>

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS that the application of Patricia Sheftall to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth is DENIED.

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 on request.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Sheftall may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on February 17, 2014, notify Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that she desires a formal

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administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

FOR THE COMMITTEE:

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

ENTERED:

This Order shall become final on February 17, 2014, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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