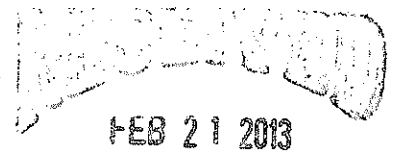


**VIRGINIA:**



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**VA BD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: DEBORAH ZIEGLER, R.N.  
License No.: 0001-198383**

**CONSENT ORDER**

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

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

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Deborah Ziegler, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-198383 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on September 23, 2005. Said license is set to expire on September 30, 2014. Ms. Ziegler previously held a license to practice professional nursing in the State of Ohio, which expired in 2007. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. During the course of her employment with The Orchard long-term care facility, Warsaw, Virginia, on May 30, 2012, Ms. Ziegler reported for her shift at 7:00 a.m. in an intoxicated condition. She exhibited slurred speech and an unsteady gait. A blood test taken at a local hospital revealed a blood alcohol content of .22g/dl. Ms. Ziegler reported having consumed gin that morning, beginning at 5:00 or 5:30a.m.
3. There was no patient harm reported. Ms. Ziegler resigned her employment with The Orchard on June 4, 2012.
4. Ms. Ziegler has not received any substance abuse treatment or participated in any recovery support groups.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) and (6) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”).

**CONSENT**

Deborah Ziegler, 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. License No. 0001-198383 of Deborah Ziegler, R.N. is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

3. At such time as Ms. Ziegler 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. Ziegler 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.

5. This suspension shall be STAYED upon proof that Ms. Ziegler has entered into the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") pursuant to Chapter 25.1 of Title 54.1 of the Code and 18 VAC 76-10-10 *et seq.* of the Regulations Governing the HPMP within 30 days of the date of entry of this Order. At such time, the indefinite suspension shall be STAYED and the following terms and conditions shall apply:

a. Ms. Ziegler shall comply with all terms and conditions for the period specified by the HPMP.

b. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for summarily rescinding the stay of indefinite suspension of the license of Ms. Ziegler, and an administrative proceeding shall be held to determine whether her license shall be revoked. The stay of indefinite suspension may be summarily rescinded at such time the Board is notified that:

i. Ms. Ziegler is not in compliance with the terms and conditions specified by the HPMP;

ii. Her participation in the HPMP has been terminated;

iii. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against her involving a violation of law, regulation, or any term or condition of this order.

6. Upon receipt of evidence of Ms. Ziegler's participation in and successful completion of the terms specified by the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Ziegler's appearance before the


Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter, at which time she may be issued an unrestricted license.

7. This Order is applicable to Ms. Ziegler's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Ziegler 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 she wishes to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

8. Ms. Ziegler shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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

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

ENTERED: March 19, 2013

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Deborah Ziegler, R.N.  
Deborah Ziegler, R.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, KATHERINE SADLER, a Notary Public, this 14<sup>TH</sup> day of Feb., 2013.

My commission expires 9.30.15.

Registration Number 155346.

Katherine Sadler  
NOTARY PUBLIC

