

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:        AMY N. ALIFF, R.N.  
              License No.: 0001-207150**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on November 18, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Amy N. Aliff, R.N., may have violated certain terms and conditions imposed on her, as set forth in a Consent Order of the Board on May 21, 2013. The case was presented by Amanda E. M. Blount, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Aliff was not present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Amy N. Aliff, R.N., held License No. 0001-207150 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which was issued on June 15, 2007. Her primary state of residence is Virginia. Said license was suspended by Consent Order of the Board entered May 21, 2013 ("Board's Order"), with the suspension stayed contingent upon Ms. Aliff's entry into and compliance with all terms and conditions for the period specified by the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"). The stay of indefinite suspension was thereafter summarily rescinded on August 23, 2013, pursuant to a notice of Ms. Aliff's dismissal from HPMP on July 19, 2013. Ms. Aliff's license expired July 31, 2013.

2. Based upon the representation of Amanda E. M. Blount, Adjudication Specialist, and Commonwealth's Exhibits #1 and #2, the Notice of Formal Hearing and Statement of Particulars and

Affidavit of Mailing, the presiding officer ruled that adequate notice was provided to the respondent and the hearing proceeded in her absence.

3. Ms. Aliff was dismissed from HPMP on July 19, 2013 for continued use of unapproved over-the-counter and prescribed medications, her continued use of alcohol and drugs, and her repeated failure to comply with the urine toxicology screening program.

4. Ms. Aliff has an admitted history of substance abuse; she told the Department of Health Professions investigator that her longest period of sobriety has been 14 months. She has received diagnoses of polysubstance dependence and generalized anxiety disorder.

5. When interviewed by an investigator with the Virginia Department of Health Professions on September 30, 2013, Ms. Aliff admitted that she last relapsed on September 24, 2013.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Board concludes that Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of Term No. 5 of the Board's Order.

#### **ORDER**

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Amy N. Aliff, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. The right of Amy N. Aliff to renew License No. 0001-207150 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
3. The license privilege of Ms. Aliff will be recorded as SUSPENDED. Should Ms. Aliff seek reinstatement of her license consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her license prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.
4. At such time as Ms. Aliff shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, a hearing will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice of professional

nursing.

5. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Aliff's multistate licensure privileges, if any, 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 on request.

FOR THE BOARD

*Gloria Mitchell*  
pr Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

*December 11, 2013*  
ENTERED

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.

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