

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: ORA J. EDMOND, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-042719

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 16, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia. Ora J. Edmond, L.P.N., was not present nor was she 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, 2013, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Edmond 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. Ora J. Edmond, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-042719 to practice practical nursing in Virginia on May 23, 1990. The license is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2015. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated September 13, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Edmond notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 16, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to P. O. Box 25722, Alexandria, Virginia 22313, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. Neither the Notice sent by certified mail nor the Notice sent by first class mail was returned to the Board office. The Notice was also

sent to 4519 Cranford Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23234, a secondary address, which was returned to the Board office marked "undeliverable as addressed." By letter dated October 9, 2013, the Board sent an Amended Notice of Informal Conference ("Amended Notice") to Ms. Edmond. The Amended Notice was sent via U.P.S. to 4513 Cranford Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23224, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The Amended Notice was delivered on October 10, 2013. The Amended Notice was also sent to 4519 Cranford Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23224, a secondary address, which was delivered on October 10, 2013. Ms. Edmond spoke to Board staff and reported that she would not be attending the informal conference. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Edmond, and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. On May 5, 2013, and July 18, 2013, Ms. Edmond was involuntarily admitted to Bon Secours Richmond Community Hospital for schizoaffective disorder. Upon her discharge on August 9, 2013, Ms. Edmond's treating psychiatrist noted that Ms. Edmond had a history of worsening psychosis, aggressive behavior, and noncompliance with medication.

4. On September 26, 2013, during an interview with an investigator from the Department of Health Professions, Ms. Edmond reported that she last worked as a Qualified Mental Health Professional with Fairfax County in 2009, and that she relocated to Richmond one year ago to live with her son. A Wage Earnings Statement from the Virginia Employment Commission dated June 20, 2013, indicates that Ms. Edmond has not been employed since April 2009.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

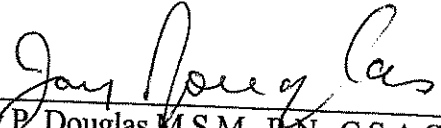
1. License No. 0002-042719 of Ora J. Edmond, L.P.N., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. At such time as Ms. Edmond 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 practical nursing. Ms. Edmond 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 practical nursing.

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.


Since Ms. Edmond failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Edmond has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Edmond has thirty (30) days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three (3) days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD:



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

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Entered: December 9th, 2013