**VIRGINIA:** 

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

BRITTANI SANDERS, C.N.A.

Certificate No.: 1401-141566

**ORDER** 

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(7) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as

amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board")

on September 10, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia. Brittani Sanders, C.N.A., was present and was not

represented by legal counsel. Nancy K. Durrett, R.N., M.S., 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. Sanders 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. Brittani Sanders, C.N.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-141566 to practice as a nurse

aide in Virginia on December 8, 2010. The certificate is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2013.

2. By letter dated August 15, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal

Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Sanders notifying her that an informal conference would be held on

September 10, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 704 S. Ivy Street, Highland

Springs, Virginia 23075, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing at that time.

3. Ms. Sanders was hospitalized on May 2, 2013, and April 20, 2013, for suicide attempts.

She was also hospitalized on May 20, 2011, for suicidal ideations. On June 19, 2013, Ms. Sanders'

psychiatrist reported that in his professional opinion, Ms. Sanders is not safe to practice as a nurse aide.

- 4. At the informal conference, Ms. Sanders acknowledged that she has a mental illness. She was employed at Senior Bridge, Richmond, Virginia, from March 15, 2012 to February 7, 2013, when she was terminated for insubordination. She has been unemployed since that time.
- 5. Ms. Sanders reported that she is relocating to Kansas City, Missouri to live with a family member because she is currently homeless in Virginia.

## **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. Certificate No. 1401-141566 of Brittani Sanders, C.N.A., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
  - 2. The certificate will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
- 3. At such time as Ms. Sanders shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her certificate, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming safe and competent practice as a nurse aide. Ms. Sanders shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the certificate prior to issuance of the certificate to resume practice.

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.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code Ms. Sanders may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on January 6, 2014, notify Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of

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Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that she desires a formal 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 BOARD:

Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.

Executive Director

Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: December 3, 2013

This Order shall become final on January 6, 2014; unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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