

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: CHRISCELIA EDWARDS, C.N.A.
Certificate No.: 1401-076387

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 August 22, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia. Chriscelia Edwards, C.N.A., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Nancy 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. Edwards was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Ms. Edwards submitted written comments/objections.

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. Chriscelia Edwards, C.N.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-076387 to practice as nurse aide in Virginia on December 19, 1998. The certificate is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2013.
2. By letter dated July 16, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Edwards notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 22, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 322 Hinton Avenue, Chesapeake, Virginia 23323, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The Notice sent by certified mail was returned to the Board on July 25, 2013. On July 29, 2013, the Notice sent by first class mail was returned to the Board. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Edwards and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. During the course of her employment with Favorite Healthcare Staffing, Inc., Overland Park, Kansas, working on a temporary assignment at Cedar Manor Assisted Living, Chesapeake, Virginia, between December 2012, and March 2013, Ms. Edwards stole jewelry from the residents of the facility.

4. Ms. Edwards was video-recorded at the facility going through a resident's jewelry box and desk. Ms. Edwards was also video-recorded at a pawn shop pawning the stolen items.

5. On May 13, 2013, a detective with the Chesapeake Police Department stated to the investigator for the Department of Health Professions that he had secured three felony warrants against Ms. Edwards as a result of her alleged theft. The video evidence that he obtained during the course of his investigation could not be released to the Board. At the time of this proceeding, Ms. Edwards had not been formally charged with a crime.

6. Ms. Edwards did not respond to the Department of Health Professions' investigator.

7. In March 2013, Ms. Edwards' employment with Favorite Healthcare Staffing, Inc. was terminated as a result of the above incident.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 and 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) and (8) of the Code.

2. Finding of Fact No. 3, 4 and Conclusion of Law No. 1 constitute a Finding of Misappropriation of patient property pursuant to 42 CFR § 483.156(b)(2) and (c)(1)(iv)(D) of the Code of Federal Regulations.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Certificate No. 1401-076387 of Chriscelia Edwards to practice as a nurse aide is REVOKED.

2. The certificate will be recorded as revoked and no longer current.


3. A Finding of Misappropriation of patient property shall be ENTERED against Ms. Edwards in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry pursuant to 42 CFR § 483.13(c)(1)(ii)(B) and 42 CFR § 483.156(b)(2) and (c)(1)(iv)(D). This finding prohibits Ms. Edwards' employment as a certified nurse aide in any long-term care facility that receives Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement, according to 42 CFR § 483.13(c)(1)(ii)(B).

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. Edwards failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Edwards 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. Edwards has 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, Richmond, 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

Entered: November 27, 2013

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