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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

REGINA STINNETTE, R.N. License No.: 0001-173986

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### **CONSENT ORDER**

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

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

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Regina Stinnette, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-173986 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on June 19, 2001. Said license is set to expire on January 31, 2014. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
- 2. During the course of her employment with Centra Health Lynchburg General Hospital, Lynchburg, Virginia, between October 2011 and April 2012, Ms. Stinnette diverted morphine, hydromorphone, and fentanyl (all Schedule II controlled substances) from emergency room supplies for her own personal and unauthorized use. She injected herself with these medications while on duty.
- 3. Ms. Stinnette entered Pathways Rehabilitation Center in April 2012 and was discharged to aftercare in May 2012. She signed a Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program on June 1, 2012, and a Recovery Monitoring Contract on July 30, 2012. HPMP placed her on warning status on August 6, 2012, after she admitted using Percocet and Benadryl following her entry into HPMP. She was admitted to Blackberry Ridge Chemical Dependency Center on August 7, 2012, for treatment of drug addiction.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (6) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

### **CONSENT**

Regina Stinnette, 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. 0001-173986 of Regina Stinnette, R.N., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
- 2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

- 3. At such time as Ms. Stinnette 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 professional nursing. Ms. Stinnette 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 in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 5. This suspension shall be STAYED upon proof of Ms. Stinnette's compliance with the HPMP. At such time, the indefinite suspension shall be STAYED and the following terms and conditions shall apply:
- a. Ms. Stinnette 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. Stinnette, 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. She 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. Stinnette's participation in and successful completion of the terms specified by the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive her 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. Stinnette's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Stinnette shall not

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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.

Ms. Stinnette shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse 8. 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: Patricia M. Selig, R.N., F.N.P President, Virginia Board of Nursing ENTERED: SEEN AND AGREED TO:

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Regina M. Stinnette a Notary Public, this 13 day of <u>November</u> 2012.

My commission expires 10.31-3014

Registration Number

Kay F Rowe Commonwealth of Virginia Notary Public My Commission Expires 10-31-1 Certified True Copy

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