

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: ELLEN PAHOULIS, R.N.
License No.: 0001-142657

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) met on October 24, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Ellen Pahoulis, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia and certain terms and conditions imposed on her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia, as set forth in the Order of the Board entered on August 26, 2011. Ms. Pahoulis was not present and was not represented by legal counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Ellen Pahoulis, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-142657 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on April 27, 1995. Said license expired on October 9, 2012, by virtue of the Nurse Licensure Compact Act, when she declared her primary state of residence to be Missouri. Ms. Pahoulis was issued a probationary license to practice professional nursing in the State of Missouri on October 1, 2012.

2. By letter dated October 1, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Pahoulis notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 24, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 422 Carswold Drive, Clayton, Missouri 63105, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. Neither Notice was returned to the Board office. The Committee Chair

concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Pahoulis and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. By Order entered August 26, 2011 (“Board’s Order”), the Board took no action against Ms. Pahoulis contingent upon her continued compliance with the Health Practitioners’ Monitoring Program (“HPMP”). This Order was based on findings that Ms. Pahoulis had diverted narcotics for her personal and unauthorized use and had received treatment for substance abuse.

4. On October 19, 2012, Ms. Pahoulis was dismissed from the HPMP because she was ineligible to continue participation in the program due to the fact that she was no longer a resident of Virginia and no longer held a current Virginia license. In addition, she submitted a letter of resignation to the HPMP.

5. By Order of the Missouri State Board of Nursing entered October 1, 2012, the terms of Ms. Pahoulis’ probation include, among other things, on-site supervision of any nursing employment, performance evaluations, and random drug screens. The probation is scheduled to last for four years.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of Term No. 1 of the Board’s Order.

ORDER

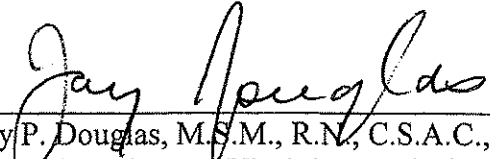
On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS that it shall IMPOSE NO SANCTION against Ellen Pahoulis, R.N.

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.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Pahoulis may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on December 3, 2013, notify Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of 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 COMMITTEE:

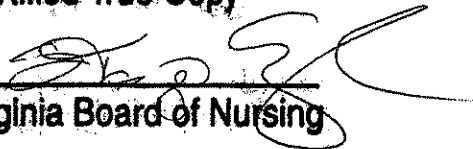


Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: October 31ST 2013

This Order shall become final on December 3, 2013, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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