

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: CHRISTY LYNN STATES, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT  
License No.: 0001-196201**

**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 8, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Christy Lynn States’ application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia. Ms. States was present and was not represented by counsel.

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

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Christy Lynn States, R.N. was issued License No. 0001-196201 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on June 20, 2005. Said license was suspended by Order of the Board entered on February 3, 2011. This action was the result of Ms. States’ possible diversion of medications from her employer.

2. Ms. States submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing which was received by the Board on May 23, 2013. Ms. States declared Virginia as her primary state of residence.

3. By letter dated September 13, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. States notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 8, 2013. The

Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 705 Banbury Terrace, Winchester, Virginia 22601, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

4. Although the Board found that Ms. State diverted medications, and Ms. States did not appeal that Order, Ms. States stated that she has never diverted medications, and that she does not have a substance abuse problem. Ms. States stated that the problems that occurred at Winchester Medical Center, Winchester, Virginia, were a result of her unfamiliarity with the newly implemented medical records computer program.

5. Ms. States provided evidence of completion of 15 hours of continuing education.

6. Ms. States stated that she has been employed as a child care provider since her license was suspended.

7. Ms. States provided a letter of support from a former supervisor with Winchester Medical Center who stated that she was an outstanding employee and had a genuine concern for her patients. He never received any standard of care complaints about her work performance.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the above Findings of Fact, Ms. States meets the requirements for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

### **ORDER**

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The application of Christy Lynn States for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing is APPROVED.

2. Ms. States shall provide evidence that she has completed the following NCSBN online courses within 60 days of entry of the Order: *Medication Errors: Detection & Prevention* and *Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses*.

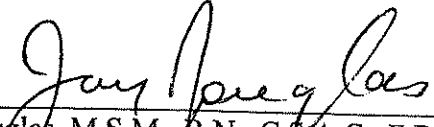
3. Ms. States shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

4. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or of any law or regulation affecting the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the certificate of Ms. States and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such certificate shall be suspended or revoked.

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. States may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **December 2, 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:

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

ENTERED: October 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

This Order shall become final on **December 2, 2013**, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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