

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: SHEREE SHOEMAKER WENTZ
 R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
 a.k.a. Sheree Marie Shoemaker
 a.k.a. Sheree Shoemaker Coleman
 License Number: 0001-077849
 Case Number: 172138**

ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), a Special Conference Committee of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) held an informal conference on August 17, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Sheree Shoemaker Wentz’s application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Sheree Shoemaker Wentz appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated July 25, 2016, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Wentz notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 17, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the Order contained herein.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Sheree Shoemaker Wentz was issued License Number 0001-077849 to practice professional nursing on September 10, 1980. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. On January 31, 2013, the Board, by Consent Order, indefinitely suspended Ms. Wentz's professional nursing license based upon findings that Ms. Wentz suffered from a psychotic disorder and a history of substance abuse. The suspension was stayed contingent upon Ms. Wentz's enrollment and compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP").
3. On September 20, 2013, Ms. Wentz was dismissed from the HPMP for failing to complete substance abuse and psychiatric treatment, failing to comply with the drug screening program, and failing to timely submit monthly progress reports.
4. Based on her non-compliance with her HPMP contract, the Board rescinded the stay of indefinite suspension, resulting in the indefinite suspension of Ms. Wentz's professional nursing license effective February 6, 2014.
5. Ms. Wentz submitted an application for reinstatement of said license to the Board on January 29, 2016.
6. During the informal conference, Ms. Wentz stated that her date of sobriety is November 1, 2014. Ms. Wentz said that she attends Narcotic Anonymous ("NA") at least three times per week, has a sponsor, and has progressed to Step 7 of the 12-Step program. She also sees a grief and substance abuse therapist twice per month and attends Caduceus twice per month. Ms. Wentz reports that she has a good support system through NA, Caduceus, and her son. Her NA sponsor attended the informal conference with her. Ms. Wentz has remained clean and sober despite the death of her son in 2015. She elected to re-enroll in HPMP and is currently compliant.
7. Ms. Wentz is working full time in a non-nursing capacity.
8. Sheree Wentz has demonstrated satisfactory evidence that she is prepared to resume practice in a safe and competent manner.

ORDER


Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Nursing hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The application of Sheree Shoemaker Wentz for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing is APPROVED, contingent upon her continued compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP").
2. Upon receipt of evidence of Sheree Shoemaker Wentz's participation in and successful completion of the terms specified by the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Sheree Shoemaker Wentz's appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter, at which time she may be issued an unrestricted license.
3. This Order is applicable to Sheree Shoemaker Wentz's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the duration of this Order, Sheree Shoemaker Wentz shall not 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 seeks to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.
4. Sheree Shoemaker Wentz shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
5. Any violation of the foregoing terms and conditions of this Order or any statute or regulation governing the practice of professional nursing shall constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, 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 Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2(K), the Board considered whether to disclose or not disclose Ms. Wentz’s health records or health services.

FOR THE BOARD

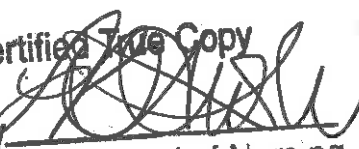


Jay Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED AND MAILED: August 31, 2016ST

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Wentz may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on October 3, 2016, notify Jay 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. This Order shall become final on October 3, 2016, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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