

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: CIERA LARGEN, C.N.A.
 Certificate No.: 1401-152673**

ORDER

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400 (10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on August 14, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia. Ciera Largen, C.N.A., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On September 18, 2013, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Largen was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

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. Ciera Largen, C.N.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-152673 to practice as a nurse aide by the Virginia Board of Nursing on May 23, 2012. Said certificate is set to expire on May 31, 2014.

2. By letter dated July 11, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Largen notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 14, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 816 Lee Highway, Pulaski, Virginia 24301, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The certified mail was returned to the Board's office marked "return to sender, unable to forward." The first class mail was not returned to the Board's office.

The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Largen and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. During the course of her employment with Wheatland Hills, Radford, Virginia, on January 3, 2013, Ms. Largen used excessive force with a resident when transitioning the resident from a chair into a whirlpool. Ms. Largen roughly handled the resident while undressing her and stated “I’ll manhandle her to get it done.” Two witnesses observed the incident. The patient did not suffer any harm. Ms. Largen denied that she was rough when she handled the resident.

4. Wheatland Hills terminated Ms. Largen after five weeks of employment as a result of the above incident. Ms. Largen was also employed at Highland Ridge Rehab Center, Dublin, Virginia, from June 12, 2012, to September 11, 2012, when she was terminated for inappropriate language. She was also employed at Interim Health Care, Roanoke, Virginia, from June 20, 2013, to June 25, 2013, where she was terminated for no call/no show.

5. Ms. Largen affirmatively stated in an interview with an investigator for the Department of Health Professions that she wishes to surrender her certificate. She reaffirmed her desire to surrender her certificate in a letter to the Board dated May 2, 2013, and enclosed her certificate.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007 (2), (5) and (8) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”) and 18 VAC 90-25-100(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

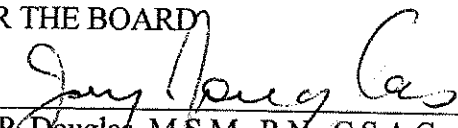
1. The Board ACCEPTS the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for REVOCATION of Ciera Largen’s certificate to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. Certificate No. 1401-152673 of Ms. Largen to practice as a nurse aide is REVOKED
3. The certificate will be recorded as revoked and no longer current.
4. A Finding of Abuse shall be ENTERED against Ms. Largen 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. Largen's 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. Largen failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Largen 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. Largen has thirty (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

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By 
Virginia Board of Nursing

Entered: September 27th, 2013