

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: CLARISSA PATTON, R.M.A.
 Registration No.: 0031-005117**

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 July 24, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia. Clarissa Patton, R.M.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. Patton 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. Clarissa Patton, R.M.A., was issued Registration No. 0031-005117 to practice as a medication aide in Virginia on June 20, 2011. The registration expired on May 31, 2013.
2. By letter dated June 27, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Patton notifying her that an informal conference would be held on July 24, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. On June 29, 2013, the Notice sent by certified mail was accepted by Allen Patton. As of July 24, 2013, the Notice sent by first class mail had not been returned to the Board office. The Agency Subordinate

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

3. On February 1, 2013, during the course of her employment with Hands of Grace Assisted Living, Marion, Virginia (“Hands of Grace”), by her own admission, Ms. Patton handed Resident A a Fentanyl patch (C-II) earlier than the prescribed time. When Resident A reported the Fentanyl patch missing, she gave him a second patch after the resident threatened her. There was no patient harm.

4. Ms. Patton left Residents A and B’s medications in a cup on their bedside tables, in an unlocked room, while they were out of the facility. Further, she documented that she had administered said medications to both residents.

5. On February 2, 2013, Ms. Patton’s eight month employment with Hands of Grace was terminated.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Findings of Fact Nos. 3 and 4 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code of and 18 VAC 90-60-110(A)(2) and 18 VAC 90-60-120(d), (f) (l) and (m) of the Regulations Governing the Registration of Medication Aides.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

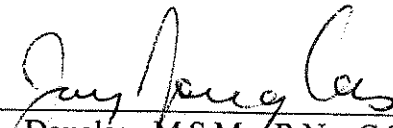
1. Clarissa Patton, R.M.A., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Patton shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a medication aide commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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. Patton failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Patton 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. Patton 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

Entered: September 26th, 2013

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