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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING VA BD OF NURSING

IN RE: DAWN M. ROSSITER, R.N.
License No.: 0001-155049

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Dawn M. Rossiter, R.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Rossiter's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Dawn M. Rossiter, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-155049 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on July 24, 1997. Said license is set to expire on February 28, 2014. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. During the course of her employment with Mary Washington Healthcare, Stafford Hospital, Stafford, Virginia, on December 8, 2012, Ms. Rossiter failed to ensure that the telemetry box for Patient A, who had been admitted for chest pain and palpitations, was operational and connected to the centralized telemetry monitoring system.
3. Ms. Rossiter charted the patient's cardiac rhythm at 21:30 on December 8, 2012, even though the patient was not connected to the telemetry monitoring system and had not had an updated EKG at that time. Further, at 5:00 a.m. on December 9, 2012, she charted that the patient's status was "unchanged" when she did not actually assess his cardiac rhythm.
4. There was no actual harm noted to the patient as a result of Ms. Rossiter's actions and omissions.

5. Ms. Rossiter's employment with Mary Washington Healthcare, Stafford Hospital was terminated on December 30, 2012, as a result of this incident.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations").

2. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations.

CONSENT

Dawn M. Rossiter, R.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;
4. She waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. She admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Dawn M. Rossiter, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Rossiter shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed the NCSBN online course *Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses* within 30 days of the entry of this Order.
3. Ms. Rossiter 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 license of Ms. Rossiter, and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license 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 upon request.

FOR THE BOARD:

Gleim Mitchell
for Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: August 16, 2013

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

D M Rossiter Rn
Dawn M. Rossiter, R.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Stafford, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, MARY E. PALMER, a Notary Public, this 16th day of August, 2013.

My commission expires Jun 30, 2016.

Registration Number 341952.

Mary Palmer
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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2016
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By: [Signature]
Virginia Board of Nursing