

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: ANNETTE BONNER, L.P.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
License No.: 0002-035045

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 August 19, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Annette Bonner’s application for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in Virginia and to inquire into evidence that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing practical nursing practice. Ms. Bonner 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. Annette Bonner was issued License No. 0002-035045 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on November 30, 1984. Said license was suspended by Order of the Board entered on December 3, 2010. Ms. Bonner’s primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated July 24, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Bonner notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 19, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 2404 Lloyd Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, 23325, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. By Order dated August 6, 2009, the Board reprimanded Ms. Bonner and ordered her to complete a course on anger management and a course on managing aggressive patients within 90 days of the

entry of that Order. Ms. Bonner failed to complete the courses within the allotted time, and the Board indefinitely suspended her license for not less than one year on December 3, 2010, and until such time as she completed those courses.

4. Ms. Bonner submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing, which was received by the Board on July 30, 2012.

5. Ms. Bonner has an admitted history of substance abuse and previous diagnoses of depression, anxiety, and anger management issues. Ms. Bonner was hospitalized in 2010 and treated for major depressive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and cocaine dependence.

6. Ms. Bonner stated at the informal conference that she has been sober since September 2011.

7. In a letter to the Board dated June 6, 2013, Ms. Bonner's counselor with the City of Chesapeake Community Services Board wrote that Ms. Bonner had no need for continued substance abuse treatment and that she presents with no unresolved SA issues at this time. Her urine drug screen from June 3, 2013, was negative, and her breathalyzer was negative for alcohol.

8. Ms. Bonner submitted letters of recommendation from her church, where she is employed in the children's day care center.

9. Ms. Bonner identified her family, her friends, and her church as her support system.

10. Ms. Bonner provided evidence that she has completed 14 hours of continuing education since her license was suspended, including the courses that she was ordered to take by the Board in its December 2010 Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 5 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

2. The Board concludes that Ms. Bonner has demonstrated satisfactory evidence that she is prepared to resume practice in a safe and competent manner.

ORDER


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

1. License No. 0002-035045 of Annette Bonner is hereby REINSTATED without restriction.
2. Ms. Bonner shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a practical nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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. Bonner may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **October 23, 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:



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

ENTERED: September 20, 2013

This Order shall become final on **October 23, 2013**, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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By _____
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