

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: PAULA RICE-BRIGGS, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-023113

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Paula Rice-Briggs, L.P.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Rice-Briggs' license to practice practical nursing in Virginia.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Paula Rice-Briggs, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-023113 to practice practical nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on November 30, 1976. Said license was suspended by Order of the Board entered September 23, 1992, reinstated by Order entered August 15, 2002 under certain terms and conditions, and expired on May 31, 2013. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Term No. 2 of the Order of the Board entered August 15, 2002 ("Board's Order") required Ms. Rice-Briggs to submit quarterly self-reports. Ms. Rice-Briggs failed to submit such reports for the quarters ending March 31, September 30, and December 31, 2012, and for the quarter ending March 31, 2013.
3. Term No. 3 of the Board's Order required Ms. Rice-Briggs to enroll in and successfully complete a Board-approved refresher course or extensive orientation and prohibited her from practicing until she had provided written evidence of satisfactory completion of the course and had received written permission from the Board to do so. Ms. Rice-Briggs failed to complete such a course or orientation.
4. By letter received by the Board on June 6, 2013, Ms. Briggs indicated that she had health problems that prevented her from completing the requirements of the Board's Order and that she was turning in her license for suspension.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of Term No. 2 of the Board's Order.
2. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of Term No. 3 of the Board's Order.

CONSENT

Paula Rice-Briggs, L.P.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 practical 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. The Board ACCEPTS the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of Paula Rice-Briggs' right to renew License No. 0002-023113 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended.

3. At such time as Ms. Rice-Briggs shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of practical nursing. Ms. Rice-Briggs shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice practical nursing.

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:

Jane Ingalls
Jane Ingalls, R.N., Ph.D.
President, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: Sept. 17, 2013

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Paula Rice-Briggs
Paula Rice-Briggs, L.P.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Jarrett Rockwell, a Notary Public, this 5th day of August, 2013.

My commission expires 10/31/14.

Registration Number 7335-67.

Jarrett Rockwell
NOTARY PUBLIC

Certified True Copy
By [Signature]
Virginia Board of Nursing