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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING VA BD OF NURSING

IN RE:

ANGELA M. COOGAN, C.N.A., R.M.A.
Certificate No.: 1401-139796
Registration No.: 0031-004827

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), an informal conference was held before a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Nursing (“Board”) on June 11, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Angela M. Coogan, C.N.A., R.M.A., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing certified nurse aide and registered medication aide practice of nursing in Virginia. Ms. Coogan was present and was not represented by legal counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Committee adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Angela M. Coogan, C.N.A., R.M.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-139796 to practice as a nurse aide by the Virginia Board of Nursing on September 15, 2010. Said certificate is set to expire on September 30, 2013. She was issued Registration No. 0031-004827 to practice as a medication aide on March 3, 2011. Said registration is set to expire on February 28, 2014.
2. By letter dated May 9, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Coogan notifying her that an informal conference would be held on June 11, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 130 Sequoia Circle, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

3. Ms. Coogan is unable to safely practice as a nurse aide and/or medication aide due to mental illness and substance abuse. In a letter dated November 30, 2012, her physician stated that she carries the diagnoses of depression and panic attacks, that she tested positive for marijuana, and that, in the physician's professional opinion, she was not safe to practice.

4. During the course of her employment as a medication aide with English Meadows Assisted Living, Christiansburg, Virginia, Ms. Coogan made numerous medication errors in September 2012. She was not allowed to pass medication after these incidents. Her employment as a nurse aide was not terminated, but Ms. Coogan stated that her name stopped appearing on the work schedule.

5. Previously, Ms. Coogan's employment as a nurse aide at Warm Hearth Village was terminated in March 2012 for mishandling medications and "poor judgment over time."

6. At the informal conference, Ms. Coogan stated that she was not currently employed in a health-related field. She further stated that she did not wish to continue practicing as a nurse aide or as a medication aide as the work was too stressful and just not a good fit for her.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.
2. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-60-120(3) of the Regulations Governing the Registration of Medication Aides.

CONSENT

Angela M. Coogan, 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 a formal fact finding hearing 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 a formal hearing;

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 as a nurse aide and as a medication aide 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 Angela M. Coogan's certificate to practice as a nurse aide and registration to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. The certificate and registration will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

3. At such time as Ms. Coogan shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her certificate and/or registration, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming safe and competent nurse aide and/or medication aide practice. Ms. Coogan shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the certificate and/or registration prior to issuance of the certificate and/or registration to resume practice.

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

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

ENTERED: Sept. 17, 2013

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

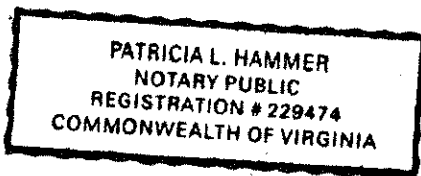
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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY/CITY OF Montgomery, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Patricia L. Hammer, a Notary Public, this 10th day of July, 2013.

My commission expires 4/30/16.

Registration Number 229474.



Patricia L. Hammer
NOTARY PUBLIC

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By [Signature]
Virginia Board of Nursing