VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

SANDRA CHESTER, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT License No.: 0001-136680

<u>ORDER</u>

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 28, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Sandra Chester's application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Chester may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice. Ms. Chester was present and was not represented by legal counsel.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Sandra Chester was issued License No. 0001-136680 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on March 15, 1994. Said license was suspended by Order of the Board entered on July 31, 2002. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
- 2. By letter dated July 31, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Chester notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 28, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to P.O. Box 17234, Bristol, Virginia 24210, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
- 3. Ms. Chester submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing which was received by the Board on March 23, 2013.

- Ms. Chester stated at the informal conference that her date of sobriety was January 2005. She 4. stated she last had a urine drug screen in 2008 as a precondition of employment. She takes no medications. She sees a counselor quarterly or as needed.
- Ms. Chester is currently attending East Tennessee State University and expects to receive a 5. bachelor's degree in psychology in December 2013.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Committee concludes that Sandra Chester has demonstrated satisfactory evidence that she is prepared to resume the practice of nursing in a safe and competent manner.

ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS that the license of Sandra Chester to practice professional nursing is hereby REINSTATED without restriction.

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. Chester may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on October 15, 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 he/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:

Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.

Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

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This Order shall become final on October 15, 2013, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.