

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: JENNIFER MONTERROZO, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-066343

ORDER

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on May 7, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia. Jennifer Monterrozo, L.P.N., was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Judith Piersall, R.N., B.S.N., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On July 16, 2013, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Monterrozo was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jennifer Monterrozo, L.P.N, was issued License No. 0002-066343 to practice practical nursing in Virginia on June 3, 2003. The license is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2013. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated April 11, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Monterrozo notifying her that an informal conference would be held on May 7, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 1013 Pendleton Drive, Waynesboro, Virginia 22980, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. During the course of her employment with Team Nurse, Verona, Virginia, by her own admission, Ms. Monterrozo falsified her timesheet for September 3, 2012 by signing the name of her

client and recording that she worked 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. when, in fact, she worked 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. As a result, her employment was terminated.

4. On her employment application for Team Nurse dated August 6, 2012, Ms. Monterrozo answered “no” to the question, “Are you currently involved in any pending charges, pleadings of guilt to a felony or a misdemeanor in Virginia . . . ?” when, in fact, on June 29, 2012, she pled guilty to five counts of felony credit card fraud in the Waynesboro, Virginia, Circuit Court. These charges relate to credit cards obtained in her father’s name and are not related to nursing practice. The disposition of the charges is still pending since the matter was taken under advisement and she was placed on probation under court supervision for five years.

5. Mr. Monterrozo’s employment with Team Nurse was terminated in September 2012 for falsifying the timesheet as indicated above. Previously, she was employed at Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail from October 2004, until her termination in May 2010, based upon unbecoming conduct and untruthfulness during an investigation of missing property. At the informal conference, Ms. Monterrozo stated that she has been working at Avante of Waynesboro, Waynesboro, Virginia. She also stated that regarding her guilty plea referred to in Finding of Fact No. 4 above, she has been compliant with her probation, and she is working on a payment plan.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (“Regulations”).
2. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations.

ORDER

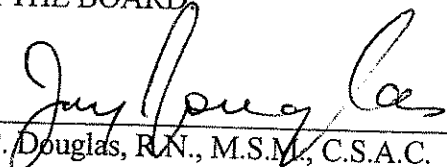
WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Jennifer Monterrozo, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Monterrozo shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed the following 3 NCSBN online courses within 60 days of the entry of this Order: *Ethics of Nursing Practice; Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing;* and *Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.*
3. Ms. Monterrozo 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.
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. Monterrozo, and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

Pursuant to § 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 a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Monterrozo may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on September 9, 2013, notify Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that he 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 BOARD:



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

ENTERED: August 7th, 2013

This Order shall become final on September 9, 2013 unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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