

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: SHERRI BOWMAN, R.N.
 License No.: 0001-153742**

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on July 16, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Sherri Bowman, R.N., may have violated certain laws governing nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Cynthia E. Gaines, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Bowman was not present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sherri Bowman, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-153742 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on June 19, 1997. Said license expires on February 28, 2014. Ms. Bowman's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Based upon the representations of Cynthia E. Gaines, Adjudication Specialist, and Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 1, the Notice of Formal Hearing and Affidavit of Mailing, the presiding officer ruled that adequate notice was provided to the respondent and the hearing proceeded in her absence.

3. On August 27, 2012, Ms. Bowman was convicted of driving while intoxicated in the Goochland County, Virginia, General District Court. Her blood alcohol concentration ("BAC") was 0.15 percent by weight by volume.
4. On July 9, 2012, Ms. Bowman was convicted of driving while intoxicated in the Northumberland County, Virginia, General District Court. Her BAC was more than 0.15 percent by weight by volume.
5. On June 1, 2012, during the course of her employment with the Parallon Group, Richmond, Virginia, as a Clinical Appeals Specialist, Ms. Bowman was caught three times sleeping at her desk and was difficult to awake.
6. On June 13, 2012, Ms. Bowman was admitted to CJW Medical Center, Tucker Pavilion, Richmond, Virginia, for depression, suicidal ideations, and binge drinking.
7. On May 25, 2012, Ms. Bowman was convicted of contempt of court in the Chesterfield County, Virginia, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. This conviction was a result of her appearing as a witness in a court proceeding while intoxicated.
8. On February 12, 2002, Ms. Bowman was convicted of driving while intoxicated in the Hanover County, Virginia, General District Court.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that Findings of Fact Nos. 3 through 8 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. License No. 0001-153742 issued to Sherri Bowman, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the

Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED for a period of not less than one year.

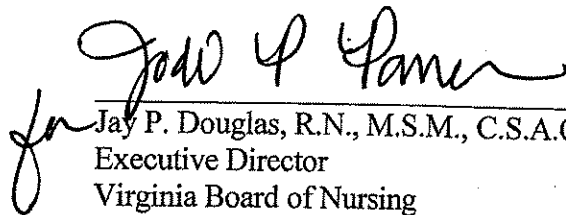
2. The license of Ms. Bowman will be recorded as SUSPENDED and no longer current. Should Ms. Bowman seek reinstatement of her license consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her license privilege prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.

3. At such time as Ms. Bowman shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice of professional nursing.

4. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Bowman's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional 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 on request.

FOR THE BOARD


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

August 2, 2013
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Virginia Board of Nursing

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with 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. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.