

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: Katina Coleman, C.N.A.
 a.k.a. Katina Vipperman
 Certificate No.: 1401-107057**

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 June 11, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia. Katina Coleman, C.N.A., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Nancy K. Durrett, R.N., M.S., 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. Coleman 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. Katina Coleman, C.N.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-107057 to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia on December 20, 2004. The certificate is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2013.
2. By letter dated May 8, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Coleman notifying her that an informal conference would be held on June 11, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to P.O. Box 654, Patrick Springs, Virginia 24133, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The certified mail was returned to the Board office unclaimed; the first class mail was not returned. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Coleman and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. During the course of her employment with Blue Ridge Nursing Center, Stuart, Virginia, by her own admission, on December 12, 2012, Ms. Coleman stole three rings belonging to Resident A. As a result, her employment was terminated on December 14, 2012.

4. On December 14, 2012, Ms. Coleman was arrested and charged with grand larceny related to the theft of the rings. An investigator from the Patrick County Sheriff's Office retrieved one ring from a pawn shop and one from Ms. Coleman. Due to the victim's mental capacity and inability to testify, the charges were reduced to trespassing. On February 6, 2013, in the General District Court of Patrick County, Virginia, Ms. Coleman was found guilty of trespassing, a misdemeanor. She was sentenced to 12 months in jail, with 11 months and 22 days suspended. She was also ordered to pay court costs of \$236.00.

5. By her own admission to the Department of Health Investigator, in December 2012, Ms. Coleman was using drugs. In addition, on March 13, 2013, Ms. Coleman was arrested for possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). The case is currently pending before the Patrick County Circuit Court.

6. On March 5, 2013, during an interview with an investigator from the Department of Health Professions, Ms. Coleman reported that in the fall of 2012, she was going through a difficult time and was associated with the wrong crowd; "it was a short, stupid period." She reported that she was no longer using any drugs, that she was not addicted and that she did not obtain any type of treatment. Ms. Coleman expressed remorse for her actions. At the time of her interview, Ms. Coleman was unemployed.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-25-100(2)(h) of the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides.

2. Finding of Fact No. 5 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

3. Finding of Fact No. 3 and Conclusion of Law No. 1 constitute a finding of misappropriation of patient property pursuant to 42 CFR § 483.156(b)(2) and (c)(1)(iv)(D) of the Code of Federal Regulations.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Certificate No. 1401-1070570 of Katina Coleman, C.N.A., is REVOKED.

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

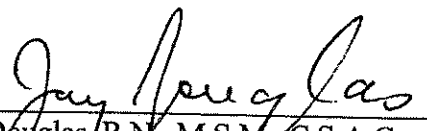
3. A Finding of Misappropriation of patient property shall be ENTERED against Katina Coleman, C.N.A., in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry pursuant to 42 CFR § 483.13(c)(1)(ii)(B) and 42 CFR § 483.156(b)(2) and (c)(1)(iv)(D). This finding prohibits Ms. Coleman's employment as a certified nurse aide in any long-term care facility that receives Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement, according to 42 CFR § 483.13(c)(1)(ii)(B).

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.

Since Ms. Coleman failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Coleman has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Coleman has thirty (30) days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within 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, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three (3) days are added to

that period.

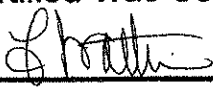
FOR THE BOARD



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

Entered: August 1, 2013

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