

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: TANGELA BLANTCH, C.N.A. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
Certificate No.: 1401-039075

ORDER

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 October 6, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Tangela Blanch’s application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Blanch may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nurse aide practice. Ms. Blanch was present and was not represented by counsel.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Tangela Blanch, C.N.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-039075 to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia on July 17, 1993. Said certificate was suspended by Order of the Board entered on July 25, 2013. Ms. Blanch submitted an application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide, which was received by the Board on March 13, 2015.
2. By letter dated September 9, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Blanch notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 6, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 2844 Fairfield Avenue, Apartment F, Richmond, Virginia, 23223, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

3. On July 25, 2013, the Board entered an Order indefinitely suspending Ms. Blantch's certificate to practice as a nurse aide for not less than one year based on findings that she had behaved erratically while at work on multiple occasions, she had tested positive for marijuana on an employment-related reasonable cause drug screen, and she had used marijuana and alcohol on an excessive basis to deal with stress in her life.

4. On March 19, 2013, Ms. Blantch signed a Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") in which she acknowledged her substance abuse and psychiatric issues.

5. In July 2013, Ms. Blantch was dismissed from the HPMP for noncompliance, including failure to sign a Recovery Monitoring Contract. Ms. Blantch stated at the informal conference that she could not afford to continue in the program.

6. Ms. Blantch stated she last used marijuana in March 2013 and last drank alcohol on July 4, 2013. She stated that she is currently prescribed medication for anxiety but rarely takes it.

7. By her own admission, Ms. Blantch is not currently involved in any individual or group mental health counseling or substance abuse counseling or treatment.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Findings of Fact Nos. 4 and 5 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.
2. The Committee concludes that Ms. Blantch has not demonstrated satisfactory evidence that she is prepared to resume nurse aide practice in a safe and competent manner.


ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS that the application of Tangela Blantch, C.N.A., for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia is DENIED.

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. Blanch may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **December 1, 2015**, 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 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.

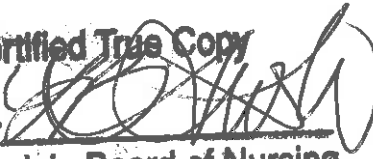
FOR THE COMMITTEE:



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

ENTERED: October 29, 2015

This Order shall become final on **December 1, 2015**, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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By 
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