

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: PRISCA MUOTOH, L.P.N.

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 May 19, 2010, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Prisca Muotoh, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing practical nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Tammie D. Jones, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. Howard M. Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Muotoh was 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. Prisca Muotoh, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-072540 to practice practical nursing in Virginia on November 2, 2005. The license is set to expire on August 31, 2010. Ms. Muotoh was issued Certificate No. 1401-068003 to practice as a certified nurse aide on August 9, 1997, which expired on August 31, 2007.

2. Ms. Muotoh has been reprimanded twice by the Board, for findings of fact that included falsification of records. Pursuant to an Order entered December 4, 2008, Ms. Muotoh was reprimanded in her L.P.N. practice for failing to report a resident's skin tear which subsequently required 16 stitches, and for falsifying her employment application at The Jefferson – Sunrise Senior Living. Pursuant to an Order entered March 26, 2007, Ms. Muotoh was reprimanded in her practice as a certified nurse aide for rude conduct, and for falsifying her employment application at Mt. Vernon Nursing Center.

3. During the course of her employment with The Lincolnian Senior Residences, Alexandria, Virginia, on March 27, 2009, Ms. Muotoh noted a new prescription for Cosopt (dorzolamide) eye drops in Resident A's nurses' notes. Ms. Muotoh also indicated that the prescription was faxed to the pharmacy, when, in fact, it was not. Further, Ms. Muotoh altered the resident's medication administration record ("MAR") by changing the date on the previous order for Cosopt from March 9, 2009, to March 27, 2009. She also altered the date on the original prescription from March 9, 2009, to March 27, 2009. The facility became aware of this incident on June 12, 2009, and on June 18, 2009, Ms. Muotoh's employment was terminated. There was no patient harm as the patient received all required doses.

4. During the course of her employment with Leewood Healthcare, Annandale, Virginia, on September 9, 2009, Ms. Muotoh administered Digoxin to Resident B without documenting the heart rate. Further, Ms. Muotoh documented false heart rate data for multiple dates on the patient's MAR although she was not assigned to this patient's care. She made the entries after being questioned by a Virginia Department of Health ("VDH) Medical Facilities Inspector regarding her failure to timely enter heart rate data on the MAR on September 9, 2009. As a result of this incident, Ms. Muotoh's employment was terminated on September 9, 2009.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that Findings of Fact Nos. 3 and 4 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (3), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) and (f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

ORDER

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

1. License No. 0002-072540 issued to Prisca Muotoh, L.P.N., to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED for a period of not less than two years.

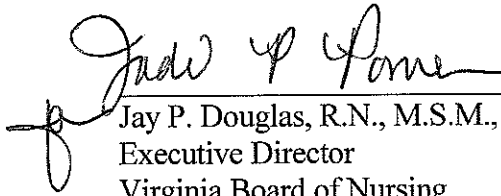
2. The license of Prisca Muotoh, L.P.N., will be recorded as SUSPENDED and no longer current. Should Ms. Muotoh seek reinstatement of her license consistent with this Order, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of her license prior to issuance of her license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

3. At such time as Ms. Muotoh shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, a hearing will be convened to determine whether she is able to return to the safe and competent practice of practical nursing.

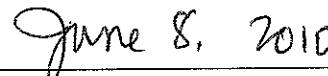
4. This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Muotoh's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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



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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.