

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

PRISCA MUOTOH, L.P.N.

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 August 19, 2008, in Henrico County, Virginia. Ms. Muotoh was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On November 19, 2008, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Muotoh 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. Prisca Muotoh, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-072540 to practice practical nursing in Virginia on November 2, 2005. The license is current and expires August 31, 2010.
2. By letter dated July 17, 2008, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Muotoh notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 19, 2008. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 3329 Southgate Drive, Apt. 8, Alexandria, Virginia 22306, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. During the course of her employment with The Jefferson – Sunrise Senior Living, Arlington, Virginia:

a) On September 20, 2007, at approximately 12:00 p.m., Resident A sustained a skin tear while being transferred. Ms. Muotoh assessed the injury; however, she failed to report the skin tear to the physician and notify the family. During the following shift, at approximately 5:00 p.m., the resident was sent to the emergency room for evaluation and required 16 stitches.

b) Ms. Muotoh falsely represented information on the application for employment dated January 16, 2007, in that she failed to indicate that her employment was terminated from Mt. Vernon Nursing Center.

4. At the informal conference, Ms. Muotoh stated that she did assess Resident A's skin tear. She also tried to call the physician, but did not speak to the physician and forgot to call back. Ms. Muotoh stated that she did not attempt to call the family. Ms. Muotoh admitted that she purposefully omitted the termination from Mt. Vernon Nursing Center on her employment application dated January 16, 2007.

5. Ms. Muotoh is currently employed at HCR Manor Care, Alexandria, Virginia. Ms. Muotoh stated that she has not had any disciplinary action since she began employment in June 2008.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact #3(a) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations").

2. Finding of Fact #3(b) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations.

#### ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Prisca Muotoh, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Muotoh 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.

This Order is subject to appeal to the Board. If Ms. Muotoh desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020 and 2.2-4021 of the Code, she must notify Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233, in writing, within thirty-three (33) days from the date of service of this Order. Upon the filing of a request for the hearing with the Executive Director, this Order shall be vacated.

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.

FOR THE BOARD

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

Entered: December 4, 2008

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Order was mailed this day to Prisca Muotoh, L.P.N., at 3329 Southgate Drive, Apt. 8, Alexandria, Virginia 22306.

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

December 4, 2008  
DATE

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