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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: JOHN NEWSOME, R.N. APPLICANT

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and John Newsome, as evidenced by his signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Mr. Newsome's application for licensure by endorsement to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. John Newsome submitted an application for licensure by endorsement to practice professional nursing to the Virginia Board of Nursing on August 13, 2012. Mr. Newsome holds current professional and practical nursing licenses in the State of Florida. His primary state of residence is Florida.

2. By Order entered on May 20, 2004, the State of Florida Board of Nursing ("Florida Board") approved Mr. Newsome's application for licensure as a practical nurse with the condition that his license be suspended with said suspension stayed upon his entry into, and continued compliance with, the Intervention Project for Nurses ("IPN"). The Florida Board's Order was based on the following substance abuse related incidents: a 1997 conviction of driving under the influence and marijuana possession; a 1989 adjudication withheld on possession cocaine and drug paraphernalia charges; a 1989 conviction for violation of probation; and a driving under the influence charge in 2000.

3. By Order entered October 13, 2011, the Florida Board approved Mr. Newsome's application for licensure as a professional nurse subject to verification by the IPN that Mr. Newsome was active with the IPN. By letter dated November 1, 2011, the Florida Board issued Mr. Newsome a professional nursing license subject to his continued compliance with terms of his contract with the IPN.

4. In a letter to the Board dated February 25, 2013, Mr. Newsome disclosed to the Board that, in addition to the offenses referenced in Finding of Fact No. 2, he was charged with driving under the influence in 1983 while stationed in South Carolina with the Air Force. As a result, he started attending Alcoholics Anonymous and received addiction treatment. After his discharge from the Air Force in August 1984, Mr. Newsome started drinking again and began using marijuana.

5. In a letter dated July 12, 2011, Mr. Newsome's physician noted that Mr. Newsome relapsed in 2007 on alcohol.

6. Moreover, in the July 12, 2011, letter, Mr. Newsome's physician stated that Mr. Newsome completed outpatient treatment after his relapse in 2007. As of the date of the letter, Mr. Newsome's diagnosed substance dependence is in sustained full remission. By letter dated January 18, 2012, the IPN notified Mr. Newsome that he successfully completed the program. As of June 2013, the Florida Board lists Mr. Newsome's professional and practical nursing licenses as "clear/active."

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of §54.1-3007(6) and (7) of the Code.
2. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of §54.1-3007(7) of the Code.
3. Findings of Fact Nos. 4 and 5 constitutes a violation of §54.1-3007(6) of the Code.
4. Mr. Newsome otherwise meets the requirements of §§54.1-3017 and 54.1-3018 of the Code.

CONSENT

John Newsome, by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. He has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. He acknowledges that without his consent, no legal action can be taken against him except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;

3. He acknowledges that he has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact-finding conference before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against him;

4. He waives all such right to an informal conference;

5. He admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives his right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;

6. He consents to the entry of the following Order affecting his application for licensure to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The application of John Newsome for licensure by endorsement as a professional nurse is hereby APPROVED. Mr. Newsome shall be issued a license marked “Valid in Virginia only.”

2. Mr. Newsome is hereby REPRIMANDED.

3. Mr. Newsome shall maintain a course of conduct in his capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Regulations Governing the Practice of 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 upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

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

ENTERED: June 25, 2013

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

John Newsome
John Newsome, R.N. Applicant

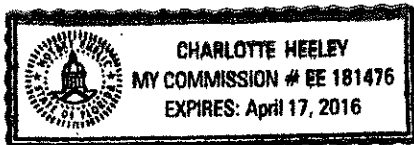
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, State of Florida
COUNTY/CITY OF Pasco, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Charlotte Heeley Notary Public, this 14th day of June, 2013.

My commission expires April 17, 2016.

Registration Number EE181476.

Charlotte Heeley
NOTARY PUBLIC



Certified True Copy

By J. P. Bath
Virginia Board Of Nursing