

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: MARILYN M. HONG, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
License No.:0001-145607

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 June 3, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Marilyn M. Hong’s application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia, and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Hong may have violated certain laws governing nursing practice. Ms. Hong 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. Marilyn H. Hong was issued License No. 0001-145607 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on September 22, 1995. Said license was suspended by Order of the Board entered on July 20, 2005, as a result of Ms. Hong’s substance abuse and mental illness.
2. By letter dated May 7, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Hong notifying her that an informal conference would be held on June 3, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 3940 Fairview Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22031-3408, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. Ms. Hong submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing which was received by the Board on January 30, 2013. Ms. Hong’s primary state of residence is Virginia.

4. Ms. Hong suffers from addiction and alcoholism, and has been diagnosed with post traumatic stress syndrome. Ms. Hong's drug of choice is alcohol.

5. Ms. Hong stated that her date of sobriety is May 26, 2010. Her last urine drug screen was April 2013 and it was negative.

6. Ms. Hong stated that following her substance abuse treatment, she moved into an Oxford House and can live there indefinitely if she follows the house rules, which includes random urine screens. It is her plan to remain there for a while.

7. Ms. Hong stated that she attends Alcoholics Anonymous and has completed the 12 Steps. She is in the process of repeating the Steps and is currently on Step 3 of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous.

8. Ms. Hong stated that she has a new sponsor, because her previous sponsor is moving out of state. She stated that she and her previous sponsor agreed that a sponsor that Ms. Hong could see and speak to regularly at meetings would be beneficial. In addition, Ms. Hong has three brothers and a grown nephew to provide family support.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.
2. Otherwise, Ms. Hong meets the requirements for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing.

ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS as follows: reinstate

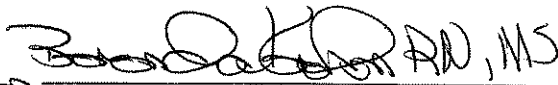
1. The application of Marilyn Hong for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing is APPROVED. Ms. Hong shall be issued an unrestricted license to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth.

2. Ms. Hong shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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. Hong may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **July 29, 2013**, notify Jay P. Douglas, 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:


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

ENTERED: June 24, 2013

This Order shall become final on **July 29, 2013**, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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