

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: ANGELA L. WOOLDRIDGE, R.N.**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to § 2.2-4020, § 2.2-4021, § 54.1-110 and § 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (the "Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before the Board of Nursing (the "Board") on May 13, 2003, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon evidence that Angela L. Wooldridge, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Tammie D. Hall, Senior Adjudication Analyst, Department of Health Professions. Howard M. Casway, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Wooldridge was not present and was not represented by 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. Angela L. Wooldridge, R.N., holds license number 0001-129394 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which expired March 31, 2003, due to her failure to renew.
2. Based upon the representations of Tammie D. Hall, Senior Adjudication Analyst, and Commonwealth's Exhibit #1, the presiding officer ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Wooldridge and the hearing proceeded in her absence.
3. On or about April 7, 1998, Ms. Wooldridge entered a Recovery Monitoring Contract with the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program ("HPIP"), pursuant to Chapter 25.1 of Title 54.1 of the Code and 18 VAC 76-10-10, et seq., of the Regulations Governing the HPIP. This was done with the understanding that the program is to assist those persons who have an impairment, defined as "a physical or mental disability, including, but not limited to substance abuse, that substantially alters

the ability of a practitioner to practice his profession with safety to his patients and the public.” On or about December 11, 1998, Ms. Wooldridge was granted a Stay of Disciplinary Action. On or about July 19, 2001, the stay was vacated due to positive drug screens on or about June 5, 2001, June 25, 2001 and July 11, 2001. On or about July 10, 2002, she was dismissed from the HPIP due to continued use of unauthorized drugs, to include cocaine.

4. During the course of her employment with Heritage Hall, Brookneal, Virginia:
  - a) On or about July 18, 2001, her employment was terminated for drug abuse.
  - b) On or about July 11, 2001, she was counseled for using an unacceptable form of behavior modification with a resident.
  - c) On or about May 23, 2001, she was counseled and her employment was suspended for three (3) days without pay, for failing to act in a supervisory capacity concerning an incident between a resident and a nurse aide, wherein the resident dropped to her knees on the floor.
  
5. During the course of her employment with Odd Fellows Home of Virginia, Lynchburg, Virginia:
  - a) On or about April 16, 2002, the Central Virginia Community Services Board, Substance Abuse Services, Arise Counseling Center, Lynchburg, Virginia, notified the facility that she was currently participating in therapy for clinical depression which required that she receive some time off from work.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that:

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (6) of the Code.
2. Finding of Fact No. 4(a) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (6) of the Code.
3. Finding of Fact No. 4(b) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code.

4. Finding of Fact No. 4(c) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code.
5. Finding of Fact No. 5(a) constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

**ORDER**

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS that the right of Angela L. Wooldridge, R.N., to renew License No. 0001-129394 be, and hereby is, INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED for not less than five (5) years. At such time that Ms. Wooldridge petitions the Board for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing, a meeting will be convened to receive evidence satisfactory to the Board that she is able to resume the safe and competent practice of nursing.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of Angela L. Wooldridge, R.N., will be recorded as suspended and no longer current. Consistent with the terms of this Order, in the event that Ms. Wooldridge seeks reinstatement of her license, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of her license prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.

Pursuant to § 2.2-4023 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, 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.

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Wooldridge has thirty (30) days from the service date in which to appeal this decision by filing, in writing, a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 6603 West Broad Street, Fifth Floor, Richmond, Virginia, 23230-1717. The service date shall be defined as the date Ms. Wooldridge actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon her by mail, three (3) days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD

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

Entered: May 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing order was mailed this date to Angela L. Wooldridge, R.N., at 265 Lake Landing Drive, Salisbury, North Carolina 28146.

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

May 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2003  
Date

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