

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: JAMIE L. REISER, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-084737**

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 April 15, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Jamie L. Reiser, L.P.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing practical nursing practice in Virginia. Ms. Reiser was present and was represented by Anne Lahren, Esquire.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jamie L. Reiser, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-084737 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on May 4, 2011. Said license expires on March 31, 2014. Ms. Reiser’s primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated March 22, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Reiser notifying her that an informal conference would be held on April 15, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 1305 Pierside Court, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23453, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The Notice was also sent to 1060 Sandoval Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23454, a secondary address.
3. On the afternoon of July 15, 2011, during the course of her employment with ConMed Healthcare Management, while assigned to the Virginia Beach Correctional Facility, Ms. Reiser conducted an intake assessment on Inmate A, who had been incarcerated following a contempt of court charge for

allegedly appearing in court while intoxicated. During Inmate A's intake assessment, Ms. Reiser noted that Inmate A reported she was being tested for seizure or tremors. Inmate A denied being on any medication for such a condition.

4. On the Intake Mental Health Screen form, Ms. Reiser failed to note whether Inmate A described thoughts or feelings of despair or hopelessness, whether there was any physical evidence of self-mutilation or self-injury, whether the inmate was able to control behavior, or whether the inmate had any evidence of abuse or trauma. Ms. Reiser also failed to note whether Inmate A had a history of drug or alcohol abuse, whether she appeared intoxicated, or whether she was showing any symptoms of alcohol withdrawal.

5. Ms. Reiser next encountered Inmate A at approximately 5:00 a.m. on July 18, 2011, when Ms. Reiser and another staff nurse accompanied their charge nurse in response to a call from jail deputies to meet with an inmate who was behaving oddly.

6. Upon arrival at the deputy station, Ms. Reiser recognized Inmate A, on whom she had completed the intake assessment the previous Friday. Ms. Reiser observed that Inmate A was more anxious than she had appeared during the Friday intake. Ms. Reiser also reported that the inmate became agitated upon hearing the deputies' key-chains jangling. Ms. Reiser stated at the informal conference that Inmate A reported at the time that she took a "little white pill," but that the inmate did not remember the name of the medication or the name of the prescribing physician. Inmate A stated that her husband regularly dispensed the medication to her at home.

7. Ms. Reiser stated at the informal conference that the nurses met with Inmate A and comforted her. The nurses checked Inmate A's pulse and monitored her respiration. No other vital signs were taken or documented, and neither Inmate A's pulse nor respiration were documented. Ms. Reiser stated that the

reason for not taking the vital signs was the staff's failing to bring the nurse-on-a-stick, a portable device used by medical staff to obtain vital signs.

8. Approximately one hour after the nurses ended their visit with Inmate A, Inmate A was discovered nonresponsive by deputies in an observation cell. Emergency medical staff responded to the observation cell, but were unable to resuscitate Inmate A, who was pronounced dead. The cause of death was determined to be asphyxiation, caused by the blockage of Inmate A's airway by her plastic jail identification bracelet.

9. Ms. Reiser resigned her employment from ConMed on October 12, 2011.

10. Ms. Reiser is currently employed with Care Advantage in a home-health capacity.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 7 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.

ORDER

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

1. Jamie L. Reiser, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.

2. Ms. Reiser shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed the following NCSBN online courses within 60 days of the date this Order is entered: *Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care* and *Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills for Competent Nursing Practice*.

3. Ms. Reiser 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.

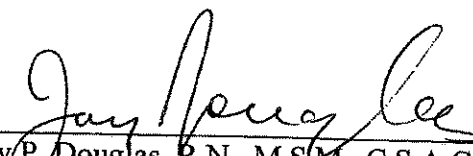
4. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or of any law or regulation affecting the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation

of the license of Ms. Reiser and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

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. Reiser may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on June 12, 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.

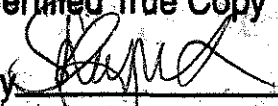
FOR THE COMMITTEE:


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

ENTERED: May 10TH 2013

This Order shall become final on June 12, 2013, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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