

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:       SHARONDA HAWKINS, L.P.N.**  
**License No.: 0002-073426**

**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 February 13, 2012, in Henrico County, Virginia. Sharonda Hawkins, L.P.N., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Janet Younger, R.N., P.N.P., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On May 22, 2013, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Hawkins 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. Sharonda Hawkins, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-073426 to practice practical nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on May 15, 2006. Said license is set to expire on August 31, 2014. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated January 14, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Hawkins notifying her that an informal conference would be held on February 13, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 38 D Lake View Drive, Ruckersville, Virginia 22968, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The certified mail envelope was returned to the Board's office marked "unclaimed." The first class mail was not returned to

the Board's office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Hawkins and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. During the course of her employment with Morningside of Charlottesville, Virginia, on February 3, 2012, Ms. Hawkins allowed two resident care assistants to administer medication to residents even though the assistants were not registered medication aides or otherwise authorized by the Board to administer medications to residents. The assistants had completed the registered medication aide course.

4. There was no harm noted to the residents. Ms. Hawkins' employment with Morningside was terminated as a result of this incident.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(d) and (f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

#### **ORDER**

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

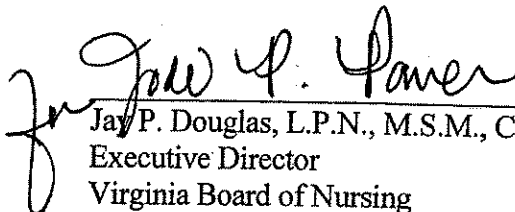
1. Sharonda Hawkins, L.P.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Hawkins shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a practical nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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.

Since Ms. Hawkins failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Hawkins has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Hawkins has thirty (30) days from the date

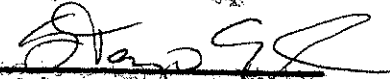
of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, L.P.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three (3) days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD

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

Entered: June 7, 2013

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**Virginia Board of Nursing**