

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: CHRISTINE K. BELTZ, C.N.A., R.M.A.
Certificate No.: 1401-133972
Registration No.: 0031-005566

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 March 26, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia. Christine K. Beltz, C.N.A., R.M.A., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Nancy K. Durrett, R.N., M.S., 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. Beltz 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. Christine K. Beltz, C.N.A., R.M.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-133972 to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia on December 3, 2009. The certificate is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2013. Ms. Beltz was issued Registration No. 0031-005566 to practice as a medication aide in Virginia on December 15, 2011. The registration is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2013.

2. By letter dated February 15, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Beltz notifying her that an informal conference would be held on March 26, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 14 Jonas Street, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The certified mail was returned to the

Board office marked "unable to forward;" the first class mail was not returned. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Beltz and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. During the course of her employment with Pacifica Senior Living, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on July 14, 2012, after Resident A fell out of her wheelchair while being transported and hit her head on the floor. Resident A has history of taking feet off the wheel chair foot rest and placing them on the ground if she doesn't want to be moved, which is what caused this fall. Ms. Beltz, by her own admission, assessed the resident, which was beyond her scope of practice, and determined there were no injuries. Ms. Beltz failed to notify the nurse on duty, contact the physician on-call or document the fall in the resident's nurse's notes, all of which led to a delay in treatment. Later that day, the resident was noted to have a rug burn and swelling on the right side of her forehead.

4. There was no permanent injury to the resident.

5. In her interview with the Department of Health Professions investigator, Ms. Beltz reported that she completed an incident report and nurse's note and faxed the information to the office of the facility's physician. However, there was no documentation in the nurse's notes.

6. Ms. Beltz' employment was terminated on July 25, 2012 after three months of employment at Pacifica Senior Living for "no call, no show". No information was provided regarding current employment.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code, 18 VAC 90-60-120(a) and (f) of the Regulations Governing the Registration of Medication Aides and 18 VAC 90-25-100(2)(a) of the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides.

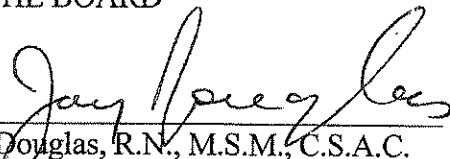
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WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Christine K. Beltz, C.N.A., R.M.A., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Beltz shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a nurse aide and as a medication aide commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code, the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides and the Regulations Governing the Registration of Medication Aides.

Since Ms. Beltz failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Beltz 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. Beltz 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, R.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, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

Entered: May 31st 2019

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