

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: ZACHARY CHRISTENSEN, C.N.A.
 Certificate No.: 1401-152703**

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. Zachary Christensen, C.N.A., was present and was not 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. Mr. Christensen was not present nor was he 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. Zachary Christensen, C.N.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-152703 to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia on May 23, 2012. The certificate is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2014.
2. By letter dated February 15, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Mr. Christensen notifying him that an informal conference would be held on February 15, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 8032 Cadys Mill Road, Hanover, Virginia, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. During the course of his employment with Consulate Healthcare Ashland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Ashland, Virginia, on October 28, 2012, Mr. Christensen prepared residents for evening care before the acceptable time, so that he could leave the facility to attend to a friend in the emergency room. At the informal conference, Mr. Christensen stated that he had permission to leave early if his residents were prepared for the evening. In retrospect, Mr. Christensen states he would not have left the facility early. He left approximately

7:30 p.m. There was no resident harm.

4. This was Mr. Christensen's first employment since being certified on May 23, 2012. Mr. Christensen's employment was terminated on October 31, 2012, and he has not worked since.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) of the Code.

ORDER

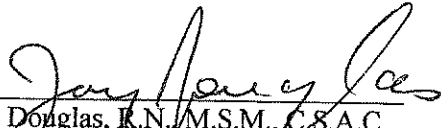
WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Zachary Christensen, C.N.A., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Mr. Christensen shall maintain a course of conduct in his capacity as a nurse aide commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides.

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.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Mr. Christensen may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **July 5, 2013**, notify Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that he 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 BOARD:


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

ENTERED: May 31ST, 2013

This Order shall become final on July 5, 2013; unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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