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September 25, 2008

Jeffrey Strong, R.N.
P.O. Box 162
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CERTIFIED MAIL
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Dear: Mr. Strong:

Enclosed is the Order which was accepted by a quorum of the Virginia Board of Nursing. The Order Indefinitely Suspends your license for a period of not less than two years to practice as a Registered Nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Please be advised that since you failed to appear at the Informal Conference this Order is final.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at, 804/367-4515.

Sincerely,

Gloria Mitchell

Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A.
Deputy Executive Director, Discipline

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VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: JEFFREY STRONG, R.N.

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 June 17, 2008, in Henrico County, Virginia. Mr. Strong was not present nor was he represented by legal counsel. Nancy K. Durrett, R.N, serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On September 17, 2008 a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Mr. Strong 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. Jeffrey Strong was issued License No. 0001-106105 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on August 7, 1987. The license is current.

2. By letter dated May 19, 2008, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Mr. Strong notifying him that an informal conference would be held on June 17, 2008. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to P. O. Box 162, Belspring, Virginia 24058, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The Notice was also sent by certified and first class mail to 6866 Roop Lane, Belspring, Virginia 24058, and 2710 Grand Avenue, Apt. 76, San Diego, California 92109, secondary addresses. A certified green card sent to Mr. Strong's address of record was not returned to the Board; however, information obtained from the United States Postal Service website

indicated that the certified letter was delivered to Mr. Strong's address of record on May 22, 2008. A certified green card sent to the San Diego, California address was returned to the Board unsigned. Information obtained from the United States Postal Service website indicated that the certified letter was undeliverable as addressed to the San Diego, California address, but was delivered to an address in Belspring, Virginia on May 29, 2008. Moreover, the Notices sent to both the address of record and to the secondary addresses by first class mail were not returned to the Board. Therefore, the Agency Subordinate concluded that Mr. Strong received adequate notice and the informal conference proceeded in his absence.

3. By an Order of the Board entered on February 15, 2008, Mr. Strong was placed on probation subject to certain terms and conditions due to errors related to medication administration and documentation.

4. On April 10, 2007, during the course of his employment on the psychiatric unit at Catawba Hospital, Catawba, Virginia, Mr. Strong left his assigned post for approximately 30 minutes without informing unit staff and arranging for coverage. In so doing, he left the nurse's station door and the medication door which housed the medication cart unlocked and accessible to other individuals, including residents. As a result, he resigned his employment in lieu of termination.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact #4 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 Board of Nursing Regulations.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. License No. 0001-106105 of Jeffrey Strong is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED for a period of not less than two years.

2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

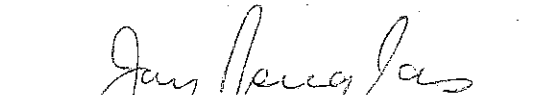
3. At such time as Mr. Strong shall petition the Board for reinstatement of his license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether he is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of nursing. Mr. Strong shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

4 This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.

Since Mr. Strong failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Mr. Strong 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, Mr. Strong has thirty (30) days from the date of service (the date he actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to him, 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.

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.

FOR THE BOARD

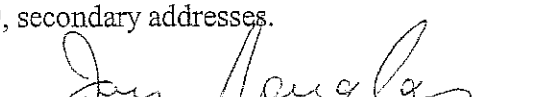


Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.
Executive Director
Board of Nursing

Entered: September 25th, 2008

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Order was mailed this day to Jeffrey Strong, R.N., at P. O. Box 162, Belspring, Virginia 24058 and to 6866 Roop Lane, Belspring, Virginia 24058 and 2719 Grand Avenue, Apt. 76, San Diego, California 92109, secondary addresses.



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Board of Nursing

September 25th, 2008
DATE

Certified True Copy
By B. C.
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