VIRGINIA:

# BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

AMY HEIDENREICH, R.N.

License No.: 0001-220065

### **CONSENT ORDER**

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Amy Heidenreich, R.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Heidenreich's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Amy Heidenreich, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-220065 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on July 15, 2009. Said license is set to expire on December 31, 2012. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
- 2. During the course of her employment with Richmond Area High Blood Pressure Center, Richmond, Virginia, between February and April, 2011, Ms. Heidenreich called in prescriptions for hydrocodone (Schedule III) and acetaminophen and codeine phosphate (Schedule III) for herself, using the name of a physician at the Richmond Area High Blood Pressure Center who did not authorize the prescriptions.
- 3. From May, 2010, to April, 2011, Ms. Heidenreich's psychiatrist prescribed Ritalin (methylphenidate hydrochloride, Schedule II) to her to treat attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder ("ADHD"). In January, 2011, Ms. Heidenreich began seeing a second psychiatrist without informing either psychiatrist. From January, 2011, to April, 2011, the second psychiatrist prescribed dextroamphetamine (Schedule II) to Ms. Heidenreich to treat her ADHD.

- 4. In June, 2011, Ms. Heidenreich stated to a Department of Health Professions' investigator that she would take 15 to 20 pills of hydrocodone per day during the time she was fraudulently obtaining the narcotic. Moreover, when she does not have narcotics, she drinks alcohol approximately every other day, 10 to 12 servings of beer at a time. Finally, Ms. Heidenreich admitted that on June 10, 2011, she was prescribed Vicodin (hydrocodone, Schedule III) to treat shingles, and she took all of the prescribed pills that day.
- 5. Ms. Heidenreich entered a Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") on June 21, 2011, and signed a Recovery Monitoring Contract with HPMP on August 8, 2011, in which she acknowledged that her chemical abuse may impair her ability to safely practice professional nursing.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (6) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code") and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.
  - 2. Findings of Fact Nos. 3, 4, and 5 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

#### CONSENT

Amy Heidenreich, R.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

- 1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
- 2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) et seq. of the Code;
- 3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;
  - 4. She waives all such right to an informal conference;

- 5. She admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
- 6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

- 1. The Board shall TAKE NO ACTION at this time contingent on Ms. Heidenreich's continued compliance with all terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP.
- 2. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Order shall be reason for revoking the license of Ms. Heidenreich, and an administrative proceeding shall be held to decide whether her license should be revoked. Ms. Heidenreich shall be noticed to appear before the Board at such time as the Board is notified that:
- a. She is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the HPMP, or has been terminated from participation in the HPMP;
- b. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against her involving a violation of law or regulation or any term or condition of this Order; or
- c. She has successfully completed the above-referenced period of participation in the HPMP. However, upon receipt of Ms. Heidenreich's participation in and compliance with the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive her appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter.

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- 3. This Order is applicable to Ms. Heidenreich's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the duration of this Order, Ms. Heidenreich shall not work outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where she wishes to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.
- 4. Ms. Heidenreich shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 et seq. of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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 upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.

Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

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SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Amy Heigenreich, R.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY CITY OF MEDICAL TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, My reicense ich a Notary Public, this 33 day of My commission expires 930 2012

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By Virginia Board of Nursing