VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

JAZZLYNE ELLIS, C.N.A. Certificate No.: 1401-159316

<u>ORDER</u>

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 13, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia. Jazzlyne Ellis, C.N.A., was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Nancy Durrett, R.N., M.S., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On May 21, 2014, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Ellis 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. Jazzlyne Ellis, C.N.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-159316 to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia on April 22, 2013. The certificate is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2015.

2. By letter dated February 12, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Ellis notifying her that an informal conference would be held on March 13, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 17921 Joplin Road, Triangle, Virginia 22175, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

3. On September 16, 2013, during the course of her employment with Envoy of Woodbridge, Woodbridge, Virginia, Resident A, who is alert and oriented, stated that Ms. Ellis told her, "You're lazy;

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and you can't do anything for yourself' or words to that effect. Ms. Ellis also locked Resident A out of her bathroom.

- 4. Ms. Ellis denied that she spoke to Resident A in that manner. Ms. Ellis stated that she was speaking to another nurse aide, and was referring to the previous shift, however, the comment was made in front of Resident A.
- 5. Ms. Ellis admitted that she locked Resident A's bathroom door, stating that she thought the resident would fall. Ms. Ellis admitted that she did not check Resident A's care plan, which did not require a locked bathroom.
- 6. Ms. Ellis was hired at Envoy of Woodbridge on May 7, 2013, and her employment was terminated on September 20, 2013.
 - 7. Ms. Ellis stated that she is currently employed with American Home Care.

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. Jazzlyne Ellis, C.N.A. is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 3. Ms. Ellis shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a certified nurse aide 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.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Ellis may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on July

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2, 2014, notify Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that she 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, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.

Executive Director Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: May 30, 2014

This Order shall become final on July 2, 2014; unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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