

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:       LORI J. DEWALD, R.N.  
              License No.: 0001-167207**

**CONSENT ORDER**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), an informal conference was held before a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Nursing (“Board”) on June 4, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Lori J. Dewald, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in Virginia. Ms. Dewald was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Committee adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1.       Lori J. Dewald, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-167207 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on October 19, 1999. Said license expires on March 31, 2014. Ms. Dewald’s primary state of residence is Virginia.
2.       By letter dated January 8, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Dewald notifying her that an informal conference would be held on February 5, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 1232 Ormer Road, Apartment A, Chesapeake, Virginia, 23325, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The receipt for the Notice sent via certified mail was signed by Ms. Dewald on February 4, 2013, and returned to the Board office on February 7, 2013. The Notice sent via first-class mail was not returned. Ms. Dewald requested a continuance, which was granted, and the Board sent a letter to Ms. Dewald notifying her that the informal conference would be held on June 4, 2013. On June 3, 2013, Ms. Dewald sent an e-mail to the Board stating that she would not be attending the hearing on

June 4, 2013. The Committee Chair concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Dewald and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. During the course of her employment with Professional Healthcare Resources, Annandale, Virginia, from September 20, 2011, to December 8, 2011, Ms. Dewald documented home health visits that she did not make and forged the signature of patients and/or caregivers on the Assessment Report forms.

4. During the course of her employment with Hertford-Gates Home Health Agency, Ahoskie, North Carolina, on February 21, 2001, Ms. Dewald documented a home health visit that she did not make.

5. On her February 28, 2012, application for employment with Medi Home Health and Hospice, Ms. Dewald failed to disclose her employment at Excel Professional Healthcare, Norfolk, Virginia, and her reason for leaving.

6. Ms. Dewald's current employment status is unknown.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Findings of Fact Nos. 3 and 4 constitute violations of § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) and (f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (“Regulations”).

2. Finding of Fact No. 5 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations.

#### **CONSENT**

Lori J. Dewald, 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 a formal fact finding hearing 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 a formal hearing;
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.

**ORDER**

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. License No. 0001-167207 of Lori J. Dewald, R.N., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
3. At such time as Ms. Dewald shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of professional nursing. Ms. Dewald 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.

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:

Jane Ingalls  
Jane Ingalls, R.N., Ph.D.  
President, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: Sept. 17, 2013

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Lori J. Dewald  
Lori J. Dewald, R.N.  
Lori Dewald

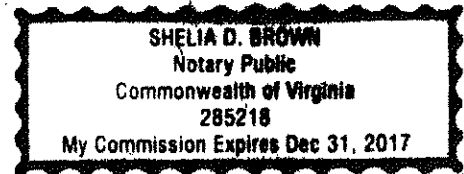
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY/CITY OF Virginia Beach, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Lori J. Dewald R.N., a Notary Public, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2013.  
Shelia Brown

My commission expires 12/31/17.

Registration Number 285218.

Shelia D. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC



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By [Signature]  
Virginia Board of Nursing