

IN THE MATTER OF
VICTORIA AGYEMANG
License Number: R255763

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BEFORE THE MARYLAND
BOARD OF NURSING

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF REGISTERED NURSE LICENSE
PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-226(c)(2) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEDURE ACT

The Maryland Board of Nursing (the “Board”) hereby orders the **SUMMARY SUSPENSION** of the Registered Nurse license, license number **R255763**, of **VICTORIA AGYEMANG** (the “Respondent”), in the State of Maryland. The Board takes this action pursuant to the authority of Maryland Code Ann., State Government Article (“SG”) § 10-226 (c) (2) (2021 Repl. Vol.), which provides:

- A unit may order summarily the suspension of a license if the unit:
- (i) finds that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action; and
 - (ii) promptly gives the licensee:
 1. Written notice of the suspension, the finding and the reasons that support the finding; and
 2. An opportunity to be heard.

The Board has reason, as set forth below, to find that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action under SG § 10-226 (c) (2).

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**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS AND REASONS IN SUPPORT
OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Based on investigatory information obtained by, received by, made known to and available to the Board, the Board has reason to believe that the following facts are true:¹

1. On September 9, 2022, the Respondent was issued a Registered Nurse (“RN”) license in the State of Maryland. The Respondent’s RN license has a status of “Active-Compact” and is due to expire on December 28, 2023.

MARYLAND APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF RN LICENSE (“RN APPLICATION”)

2019

2. On or about May 14, 2019, the Respondent submitted an on-line RN Application for Endorsement of RN license.² The Respondent indicated on the RN Application that she received her basic nursing education³ from Med-Life Institute, Naples, FL and graduated on March 22, 2016 with an Associate Degree. The Respondent further indicated that Hawaii was her state of original licensure by exam.⁴

¹The statements regarding the Respondent’s conduct identified herein are intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable notice of the asserted facts. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent, a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent.

² This application was not processed by the Board.

³ The Basic Nursing Education question as it appears on the Board’s online application: “Please enter and verify your basic nursing education and school information. The basic nursing education is when you received your initial nursing education.”

⁴ Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.27.01.10 provides, in part:

- A. An Applicant licensed to practice registered nursing ...in another state, territory, or country is eligible for licensure without examination if the applicant:
 - (3) Submits the following verifications directly to the Board from the appropriate authority:
 - (a) That at the time that [the] applicant graduated from the nursing education program, it was approved as a registered nursing education program in that state, territory, or country;
 - (b) That the applicant meet[s] the educational qualifications of this State at the time of the applicant’s graduation from the nursing education program.

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3. On or about August 22, 2022, the Respondent submitted an on-line RN Application for Endorsement of RN license. The Respondent indicated on the RN Application that she received her basic nursing education from Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ and graduated on November 1, 2020 with a Baccalaureate in Nursing degree. The Respondent further indicated that Hawaii was her state of original licensure by exam.
4. On both applications, the Respondent agreed with the following statement: “I affirm that the contents of this document are accurate to the best of my knowledge” and was advised that “providing false or misleading information may result in disciplinary action by the Board and may result in denial of licensure.”

NURSYS⁵

5. NCLEX⁶ registration data shows: the Respondent sat for the NCLEX-RN exam on April 9, 2019; education program: Med-Life Institute – Naples; Applicant made eligible by: Hawaii.⁷
6. On April 22, 2019, the Respondent was issued a RN license by Exam in Hawaii, license number 93503. NURSYS indicates Med-Life Institute, Naples as the RN school connected to the Respondent’s Hawaii RN license.
7. On July 23, 2019, the Respondent was issued a District of Columbia RN license by endorsement. NURSYS indicates Med-Life Institute as the RN school connected to the Respondent’s DC RN license.

⁵ A national database provided through the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), for verification of LPN/RN licensure, disciplinary action, and practice privilege.

⁶ Licensure examination.

⁷ The information provided via NCLEX department combines personal data, supplied by the applicant to the board on 4-9-2019 during the exam eligibility process, with exam registration data taken.

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8. According to NURSYS, the Respondent only holds a RN license in Maryland, Hawaii and the District of Columbia.

BACKGROUND:

U.S District Court for the District of Maryland

9. On July 8, 2021, a Criminal Complaint and Affidavit of Criminal Complaints were filed alleging that Johanah Napoleon and other individuals committed (1) Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud (2) Conspiracy to Commit False Statements Relating to Health Care Matters and (3) False Statements Relating to Health Care Matters.
10. The Affidavit alleged that Napoleon and other individuals worked together to sell fraudulent transcripts and diplomas that indicate that various individuals completed necessary courses and clinical hours to obtain nursing degrees and a number of these unqualified individuals subsequently obtained employment at various healthcare providers in the District of Maryland.

U.S District Court – Southern District of Florida

Information:

11. On June 2, 2022, an Information was filed alleging that Johanah Napoleon committed Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud and Wire Fraud.
12. According to the Information, the Purpose of the Conspiracy was “for the defendant [Johanah Napoleon] and her co-conspirators to unlawfully enrich themselves by, among other things, selling fraudulent nursing diplomas, educational transcripts and other credentials, assisting the purchasers in fraudulently obtaining licensure and ultimately employment in the healthcare field.”

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Affidavit of Johanah Napoleon

13. In a notarized affidavit, signed on June 7, 2022, Johanah Napoleon declared under penalties of perjury the following information was true and correct:

I owned and operated the following schools:

....

Med-Life Institute WPB LLC (“Med-Life”) from September 28, 2015 until it was dissolved on September 23, 2016. Med-Life was located at 2695 N. Military Trail, Suite #17, West Palm Beach, FL 33409. Med-Life continued to issue diplomas and transcripts after its dissolution. Med-Life Institute was licensed by the Florida Commission for Independent Education and the Florida Board of Nursing and was authorized to offer Nursing – Associate in Science Degree. The objective of the program was to “prepare the student to meet the requirements of the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Board of Nursing for Registered Nurse Education and meet eligibility for licensing exam (NCLEX-RN) in order to work as a Registered Nurse in a variety of settings in a safe and effective manner.” Med-Life was authorized to provide instruction on campus to individuals seeking a[n] Associate in Science Degree. This program required students to complete 1665 hours of instruction, which included 720 hours of clinical experience in a health care setting.

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From in or around October 2016 to present, ...Med-Life, ... issued transcripts and diplomas to 4989 individuals listed in Attachment B, who did not complete the required program hours and clinical training necessary to obtain either a practical nursing diploma and transcript or a nursing associate in science degree and transcript.

14. The Respondent’s name is listed in Attachment B of the Affidavit, along with the Respondent’s DOB and SSN.

DISCUSSION

15. In 2019, the Respondent submitted an application for licensure by endorsement and identified Med-Life Institute as her basic education program. In 2022, the Respondent submitted a second application for licensure by endorsement and falsely identified Grand Canyon University as her basic education program.

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16. The Respondent sat for and passed the NCLEX-RN in April 2019 and identified her education program as Med-Life Institute. The Respondent received a RN license by exam in the State of Hawaii based on, among other things, the information she provided to the Hawaii Board of Nursing regarding her education program.
17. On her 2022 application to the Board, the Respondent provided false information about her RN basic education.
18. In a signed affidavit, Johanah Napoleon, owner and operator of Med-Life Institute -WPB, provided a list of individuals who did not complete the required program hours and clinical training at Med-Life Institute, necessary to receive a transcript or a nursing associate in science degree. The Respondent was identified on the list by name, DOB and SSN.
19. The Respondent does not meet the Board's statutory and regulatory requirements for RN licensure in Maryland.
20. The Respondent holds an active, compact RN license and the Respondent's ability and opportunity to practice as an RN in the State of Maryland and/or any compact state on a fraudulently obtained RN license, poses a serious risk and danger to the public health, safety, and welfare.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the foregoing investigative findings and reasons, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action in this case pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Govt. § 10-226 (c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol.).

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ORDER

It is hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Nursing by Maryland Code Ann., State Govt. § 10-226 (c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol.), the Registered Nurse license, license number **R255763**, of **VICTORIA AGYEMANG**, in the State of Maryland is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and be it further

ORDERED that there will be a Show Cause Hearing on **March 22, 2023, at 12:30 PM** before the Board at the Maryland Board of Nursing offices, 4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215; and be it further

ORDERED that if, the suspension of the Respondent's license is continued following a Show Cause Hearing, the Respondent has the right to a full evidentiary hearing before the Board and a hearing will be scheduled before the Board if the Respondent submits a written request for an evidentiary hearing to the Board **no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the Board's written decision issued after the Show Cause Hearing**; and be it further

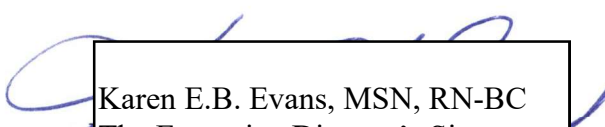
ORDERED that if the Respondent does not submit a timely written request to the Board for an evidentiary hearing within 30 days from the date of the Board's written decision issued after the Show Cause Hearing, the Respondent shall have waived all rights now and in the future to any hearing on the merits of the summary suspension of the Respondent's license and the factual allegations contained in this Order for Summary Suspension; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order for Summary Suspension shall remain in effect and the summary suspension of the Respondent's license shall continue until further Order of the Board; and it is further

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ORDERED that this, "Order for Summary Suspension of Registered Nurse License" is a
PUBLIC RECORD pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provisions § 4-101 *et seq.* & § 4-333
(2019 Repl. Vol.).

3/16/2023
Date


Karen E.B. Evans, MSN, RN-BC
The Executive Director's Signature
Appears on the Original Document
Maryland Board of Nursing