

IN THE MATTER OF * **BEFORE THE MARYLAND**
ANDREA MABINTY KAMARA * **BOARD OF NURSING**
License No.: LP52354 * **OAG Case No.: 23-BP-086**
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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSED PRACTICAL 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 license of **ANDREA MABINTY KAMARA A/K/A ANDREA CONTEH A/K/A ANDREA LONTEH**, (the “Respondent”), License Number **LP52354** to practice licensed practical nursing 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. and 2022 Supp.), which provides:

- (2) 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 (“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 and made known to and available to the Board, the Board has reason to believe that the following facts are true:¹

1. On August 6, 2015, the Respondent was issued a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse (“LPN”) in the State of Maryland, license number LP52354. The Respondent's license is currently “active” and is scheduled to expire on October 28, 2024. The Compact² status of the Respondent’s Maryland LPN license is “Multistate.”

INITIAL APPLICATION FOR LPN BY EXAM

2. The Board received a Maryland Application for Exam of LPN License (“LPN Application”) from the Respondent dated December 7, 2012.³

3. On the LPN Application, the Respondent indicated that she graduated from her Basic Education Program in 2012 and that the degree she received was a “diploma.”

4. The School of Nursing Certification section of the LPN Application was completed and signed by the Director of the Nursing Program (“Director”)⁴ on October 5, 2012, who certified the following:

. . . Andrea Mabinty Conteh received from the [LPN School] located in ... Woodbridge, VA a diploma dated 10/05/2012 which certified that he/she completed in full a 15 months [sic] evening program in nursing that began on 04/04/2011 and ended on 10/05/2012. It is further certified that the program was

¹The allegations set forth in this document are intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable notice of the Board’s action. 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 in connection with this action.

² The Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) is an agreement between Boards of Nursing of party states that allows nurses to have one Multistate nursing license with the ability to practice nursing in both their home state and other party states. In accordance with the Nurse Licensure Compact, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-7A-01.3(h) and § 8-7A-01.3(m) respectively, “Home state” means the party state that is the nurse’s primary state of residence and, “Party state” means any state that has adopted this Compact.

³ The LPN Application was a paper application and not completed online.

⁴ For purposes of ensuring confidentiality, proper names have been omitted and replaced with generic placeholders. Upon written request, the Administrative Prosecutor will provide the information to the Respondent.

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approved by the Virginia Board of Nursing at the time the applicant graduated, and that the applicant demonstrated an oral competence in the ENGLISH language and that his/her academic and professional standing during his/her program was satisfactory to the officers of this school.

5. The LPN Application was signed and dated on December 7, 2012, by the Respondent affirming the following:

I hereby make application for examination and registration in Maryland according to the Nurse Practice Act and the regulations of the Maryland Board of Nursing.

I affirm that the contents of this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LPN SCHOOL

6. On July 21, 2010, the Virginia Board of Nursing approved a Consent Order, ordering that the LPN School be placed on Conditional Provisional Approval for not less than one (1) year, subject to terms and conditions. The Consent Order was signed by LPN School's Program Director ("Director").

7. On May 15, 2012, the Virginia Board of Nursing approved a Consent Order, signed by the Director. The May 15, 2012 - Consent Order orders that:

a. [LPN School's] approval to operate a practical nursing education program in Virginia is WITHDRAWN. [LPN School] shall cease operations no later than June 30, 2013, when all students shall either have graduated or transferred to an approved program.

b. [LPN School] shall not admit any new or transfer students.

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LPN SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

8. The Board received an Official Transcript which listed the school as the LPN School. It is signed by the Program Director (“Director”)⁵ and dated December 7, 2012, and provides the following information:

<u>FIRST QUARTER</u> From: 04/04/2011 To: 06/10/2011		<u>THIRD QUARTER</u> From: 09/19/2011 To 01/06/2012	
<u>Course Description</u>	<u>Contact Hours</u>	<u>Course Description</u>	<u>Contact Hours</u>
Basic Computer	30	Med/Surg I	120
Medical Terminology	60	Med/Surg II	120
Anatomy and Physiology	180	Med/Surg Clinical	200
Total Contact Hours Required	270	Med/Surg Lab	40
		Geriatrics Theory	30
		Geriatrics Clinical	40
		Total Contact Hours Required	550
<u>SECOND QUARTER</u> From: 06/13/2011 To: 09/16/2011		<u>FOURTH QUARTER</u> From: 01/09/2012 To: 10/05/2012	
<u>Course Description</u>	<u>Contact Hours</u>	<u>Course Description</u>	<u>Contact Hours</u>
Diet and Nutrition	60	Pediatric Nursing	90
Pharmacology	120	Pediatric Nursing Clinical	40
Nursing Fundamentals	210	Maternity Nursing	90
Nursing Fundamentals Lab	60	Maternity Clinical	40
Nursing Fundamentals Clinical	40	Mental Health Nursing	30
Total Contact Hours	490	Mental Health Clinical	40
		Professional Development & NCLEX Review	60
		Total Contact Hours Required	390

⁵ On or about July 8, 2021, in the U.S. District Court of Maryland, Director was indicted on charges of Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud; Conspiracy to Commit False Statements Relating to Health Care Matters and False Statements Relating to Health Care Matters. According to the Criminal Complaint, Director conspired with two other individuals and submitted false statements relating to health care matters by working together to sell fraudulent transcripts and diplomas that indicate that various individuals completed necessary courses and clinical hours to obtain nursing degrees and coached these unqualified individuals to pass the nursing board exam.

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Summary of Clinical Agencies/Facilities and dates for each experience

Clinical Courses	Clinical Agency	Clinical Start Date	Clinical End Date	Total Hours
Nursing Fundamentals	Facility 3	09/12/11	09/16/11	40
Medical-Surgical Nursing	Facility 1 Facility 2	11/07/11	12/09/11	200
Geriatric Nursing	Facility 3	01/03/12	01/07/12	40
Maternity Nursing	Facility 4	04/16/12	04/20/12	40
Pediatric Nursing	Facility 4	04/23/12	04/27/12	40
Mental Health Nursing	Facility 5	05/07/12	05/11/12	40

THE BOARD’S INVESTIGATION

9. In a letter dated September 8, 2021, the Board’s staff was notified by Facility 1, “we regret to inform you that after searching our records, we were unable to locate any school agreement for clinical rotations with [LPN School].”

10. On August 5, 2021, a Board Investigator contacted the General Counsel for Facility 2 and Facility 3, requesting information on any agreements with LPN School. On August 5, 2021, the General Counsel responded by email, stating “I searched our contracts database and do not find any contracts with [LPN School]. Additionally, as a skilled nursing facility, I do not believe we would have hosted clinicals for surgical nursing.”

11. On August 6, 2021, a Board Investigator contacted Facility 4’s Executive Director by phone. Executive Director stated that Facility 4 does not offer OB/GYN or pediatric care and that the program offers services to troubled teens, there are no nurses on staff, and the program does not offer any medical services.

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12. On August 25, 2021, the Board's staff was notified by email that Facility 5 "does not have any affiliation or contracts with any nursing institute for any clinical hours."

13. On or about June 14, 2023, the Board Investigator conducted an interview of the Respondent under oath. The Respondent stated the following during the interview:

- a. From April 2011 to October 2012, the Respondent attended evening classes at the LPN School Monday through Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- b. She paid \$10,000 for the LPN School.
- c. Since obtaining her LPN license she has worked as a charge nurse at a facility.
- d. During her pediatric clinicals she learned how to do drug calculations for children, how to take care of children, common diseases for children, and how to administer meds to a baby "be nice to them, singing for them, mix it with something they like, for flavor."
- e. During her maternity clinicals she learned how to assess and examine a pregnant patient, checked the patient's chart to see what they were coming in for, and observed the doctor do bloodwork and ultrasounds.
- f. During her nursing home clinicals she demonstrated how to inject insulin into an orange; learned how to feed, bathe, and care for residents; she learned how to verify that the medication matches the medication listed on the resident's chart; learned to watch for allergies; and "basically like continuation from GNA."
- g. At Facility 2 (where she allegedly did her medical surgical clinicals) she learned to do fingersticks and to give medication via a g-tube.

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- h. During her mental health clinicals she stated that her clinicals consisted of the following: she wore “white pants and my pant was a little tight and I have like this big butt . . . and residents was chasing me so and they told me like you have to redirect the resident that was the first thing that I learned”; and, they taught her “how they do care for them, they showed us how they are taking care of them, how they are treating them, like when they have like behavior how you are going to be redirecting them and keeping them distracted sometimes they play music for them, you give them cards to play also so that’s what we did at there.”
- i. During her clinicals she stated that she only *physically demonstrated* the following: how to pass medications to one resident, she gave medication in a g-tube, she helped feed patients, bathed patients, and transferred residents.

DISCUSSION

14. The Respondent submitted a Maryland LPN application with fraudulent information about her LPN School, including fraudulent dates of attendance, and submitted a fraudulent transcript, resulting in the Board issuing an LPN license to the Respondent in August 2015. The Respondent did not meet the Board’s statutory and regulatory requirements, didactic and clinical training, for LPN licensure by exam and practiced on the fraudulent LPN license. The Respondent’s continued practice 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. and 2022 Supp.) the license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the State of Maryland (**LP52354**) of **Andrea Kamara A/K/A Andrea Conteh A/K/A Andrea Lonteh** is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and be it further

ORDERED that there will be a Show Cause Hearing on **Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** 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 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 Licensed Practical Nurse License” is a **PUBLIC RECORD** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provisions § 4-101 *et seq.* & § 4-333 (2019).

August 1, 2023
Date

Rhonda Scott, JD, BSN, CRNI, SD-CLTC
The Interim Executive Director's Signature
Appears on the Original Document

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