

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: TIA KAY MCBRIDE, L.P.N.
License Number: 0002-077168
Expiration Date: March 31, 2019
Case Number: 175549

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE BEFORE AN AGENCY SUBORDINATE
AND STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

You are hereby notified that an informal conference has been scheduled before an Agency Subordinate of the Board of Nursing (“Board”) regarding your license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

TYPE OF PROCEEDING:	This is an informal conference before an Agency Subordinate of the Board.
DATE AND TIME:	September 12, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.
PLACE:	Virginia Department of Health Professions Perimeter Center - 9960 Mayland Drive 2 nd Floor - Virginia Conference Center Henrico, Virginia 23233

LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION:

1. This informal conference is being held pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10). This proceeding will be convened as a public meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3700.

2. After consideration of all information, the Agency Subordinate is authorized to take any of the following actions:

- If the Agency Subordinate finds that there is insufficient evidence to warrant further action or that the charges are without foundation, notify you by mail that your record has been cleared of any charge which might affect your right to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth;
- Recommend findings of fact, conclusions of law and a sanction, to include a reprimand, placing you on probation with terms, suspension or revocation of your license, or imposing a monetary penalty pursuant to § 54.1-2401 of the Code.

Further, the Agency Subordinate may refer this matter for a formal administrative proceeding pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-4020.

Board's Review of Agency Subordinate's Recommended Decision

If you **appear in person or by counsel at the informal conference**, the recommendation of the Agency Subordinate will be presented to a quorum of the Board. The Board may accept or modify the recommendation, or reject the recommendation and refer the case to a formal hearing. If you do not agree with the decision of the Board, you have the right to a formal administrative hearing before the Board.

If you **fail to appear in person or by counsel at the informal conference**, the recommendation of the Agency Subordinate will be presented to a quorum of the Board. The Board may accept or modify the recommendation, or reject the recommendation and refer the case to a formal hearing. The Board's decision regarding the agency subordinate's recommendation is a final order that can only be appealed to circuit court as provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

ABSENCE OF RESPONDENT AND RESPONDENT'S COUNSEL:

If you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Agency Subordinate may proceed to hear this matter in your absence and may take any of the actions outlined above.

RESPONDENT'S LEGAL RIGHTS:

You have the right to the information on which the Agency Subordinate will rely in making a decision, to be represented by counsel at this proceeding, to subpoena witnesses and/or documents, and to present relevant evidence on your behalf.

INFORMAL CONFERENCE MATERIALS:

Enclosed is a copy of the documents that will be considered by the Agency Subordinate when discussing any allegations with you and when deliberating on your case. **These documents are enclosed only with the notice sent by certified mail, which you may be required to claim at the post office. Please bring these documents with you to the informal conference.**

FILING DEADLINES:

Deadline for filing materials: **September 5, 2017**. Submit 5 copies of all documents you want the Board to consider to Melvina Baylor, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. Exhibits may not be sent by facsimile or e-mail.

REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE

Absent exigent circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after **September 5, 2017**, will not be considered. If you obtain counsel, you should do so as soon as possible, as a motion for a continuance due to the unavailability of counsel will not be considered unless received by **September 5, 2017**.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board alleges that:

1. At all times relevant hereto, Tia Kay McBride, L.P.N., was licensed to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. Ms. McBride violated Term Number 2 of the Order of the Virginia Board of Nursing entered February 25, 2016, in that on August 10, 2016, the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") dismissed Ms. McBride for non-compliance with the terms and conditions of her participation contract. Specifically, Ms. McBride failed to commence toxicology screening and failed to maintain contact with the HPMP.

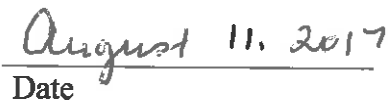
3. Ms. McBride violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice practical nursing due to substance abuse and/or mental illness, as evidenced by the following:

a. Between on or about August 11, 2011, and September 15, 2016, Ms. McBride received treatment with Carilion Pain Management Clinic, Roanoke, Virginia, where she was most recently diagnosed with post-laminectomy syndrome, spondylolisthesis, bipolar 1 disorder, depressed, and attention deficit disorder. A June 23, 2016 progress note and assessment indicates that Ms. McBride's urine drug screen was positive for hydrocodone (C-II) and Xanax metabolites (alprazolam, C-IV), for which she did not have valid prescriptions.

b. Ms. McBride's Virginia prescription monitoring report for the period of February 27, 2016 through February 27, 2017, indicates that she has received 33 prescriptions for opiates including fentanyl and oxycodone, which is equal to a 710-day supply.



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Virginia Board of Nursing


Date