

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: JENNY KWON INJA CHOI, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
License Number: 0001-176284
Expiration Date: August 31, 2015
Case Number: 180097

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE
AND STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

You are hereby notified that an Informal Conference has been scheduled before the Board of Nursing ("Board") regarding your application for licensure to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia following its expiration.

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| TYPE OF PROCEEDING: | This is an informal conference before a Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board. |
| DATE AND TIME: | October 3, 2017 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. The burden rests on you, as the applicant, to demonstrate that you are prepared to resume the safe and competent practice of professional nursing.
3. In considering your application, the Committee will consider evidence that grounds exist to deny your application for reinstatement of your license to practice professional nursing, as more fully set out in the enclosed Statement of Allegations.
4. At the conclusion of the proceeding, the Committee is authorized to take any of the following actions:
 - Approve your application and issue an unrestricted license to practice professional nursing.
 - Approve your application and issue a reprimand, a monetary penalty, and/or a restricted license subject to terms and conditions.

- Deny your application;
- Refer the matter to the Board for a formal administrative hearing.

ABSENCE OF APPLICANT AND APPLICANT'S COUNSEL:

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

APPLICANT'S LEGAL RIGHTS:

You have the right to the information on which the Committee will rely in making its 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 distributed to the members of the Committee and will be considered by the Committee 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 26, 2017**. Submit 5 copies of all documents you want the Board to consider to Brenda Krohn, 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 26, 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 26, 2017**.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board alleges that grounds exist to refuse to reinstate the license of Jenny Kwon Inja Choi to practice professional nursing in that:

1. Ms. Choi violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(7) in that on or about June 28, 2011, the Maryland Board of Nursing accepted Ms. Choi's Letter of Surrender of her license to practice registered nursing in the State of Maryland.
2. Ms. Choi violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice professional nursing due to mental and/or physical illness, as evidenced by the following:
 - a. A September 1, 2010, psychiatric evaluation of Ms. Choi ordered by the Maryland Board of Nursing resulted in diagnoses of post-traumatic stress disorder and generalized anxiety disorder. Further, the evaluation noted that she should not practice nursing in a clinical setting "until further treatment and review."
 - b. A December 11, 2010, neurological-psychological evaluation of Ms. Choi ordered by the Maryland Board of Nursing resulted in diagnoses of borderline personality disorder and depressive disorder (with anxiety features) not otherwise specified. Further the evaluation noted that Ms. Choi "fail[ed] to possess the essential skills necessary for providing care in highly demanding environments" and that "nursing care for medically critical patients is not recommended."
 - c. In or about June and July 2017, Ms. Choi failed to cooperate with a psychologist with whom she met in order to obtain that psychologist's opinion "about whether her mental/psychological state was such that she should be 'cleared' to return to nursing." Specifically, Ms. Choi was "unwilling to provide [her] with corroborating reporters, access to the investigator, [or] records regarding the psychiatric and psychological evaluations that were part of the recommendation that she surrender her license."

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2(K), the Board considered whether to disclose or not disclose Ms. Choi's health records or health services.



Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S.
Deputy Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

Sept. 12, 2017

Date