

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: KATORA R. T. WALKER, C.N.A. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
Certificate Number: 1401-112947
Expiration Date: February 28, 2017
Case Number: 178363, 181993

**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 reinstatement of your certificate to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

TYPE OF PROCEEDING:	This is an informal conference before a Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board.
DATE AND TIME:	October 3, 2017 9:00 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 a nurse aide.
3. In considering your application, the Committee will consider evidence that grounds exist to deny your application for reinstatement of your certificate to practice as a nurse aide, 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 certificate to practice as a nurse aide.
 - Approve your application and issue a reprimand, a monetary penalty, and/or a restricted certificate 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 certificate of Katora Regina Timberlake Walker, C.N.A. to practice as a nurse aide in that:

1. Ms. Walker violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice as a nurse aide due to substance abuse and/or mental and/or physical illness, as evidenced by the following:
 - a. On or about December 28, 2016, she was admitted to Tucker Pavilion, Chippenham Johnston-Willis Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, where she was diagnosed with depressive disorder, not otherwise specified, and anxiety disorder, not otherwise specified.
 - b. In or about December 2011, she was admitted to the emergency department of Southside Regional Medical Center for treatment of depression.
 - c. On her application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide, Ms. Walker answered yes to the question asking whether she had a mental, physical, or chemical dependency condition which could interfere with her current ability to practice as a nurse aide.

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



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

Sept 12, 2017
Date