

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:           TAKIA CARTER TINSLEY, L.P.N.**  
**License Number:   0002-068271**  
**Expiration Date:   July 31, 2018**  
**Case Number:       175121**

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

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**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.**

<b>TYPE OF PROCEEDING:</b>	This is an informal conference before an Agency Subordinate of the Board.
<b>DATE AND TIME:</b>	<b>August 3, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	Virginia Department of Health Professions Perimeter Center - 9960 Mayland Drive 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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: **July 28, 2017**. Submit 15 copies of all documents you want the Board to consider to Darlene Graham, 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 **July 28, 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 **July 28, 2017**.

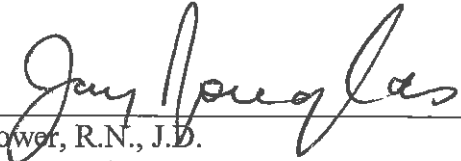
## STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

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The Board alleges that:

1. At all times relevant hereto, Takia Carter Tinsley, L.P.N., was licensed to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. Ms. Tinsley violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice practical nursing due to mental illness and physical illness, as evidenced by the following:
  - a. Between or about July 18, 2016 and July 21, 2016, she received inpatient psychiatric treatment for suicidal threats and abdominal pain at the Centra Health Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg, Virginia. Her discharge diagnoses included depressive disorder, not otherwise specified; personality disorder, not otherwise specified; and fibromyalgia.
  - b. Between or about September 12, 2016 and September 20, 2016, she received inpatient psychiatric treatment for stabilization, medication management, and suicidal ideations at University of Virginia Hospital East, Charlottesville, Virginia. Her discharge diagnoses included major depressive disorder and chronic pain.
  - c. Between or about September 21, 2016 and September 30, 2016, she received residential treatment at the Region Ten Wellness Recovery Center, Charlottesville, Virginia. Her discharge diagnoses included major depressive disorder, recurrent episode, severe and adjustment disorders, with mixed anxiety and depressed mood.
  - d. Beginning on or about June 6, 2016, she received therapy services at New Attitudes Center, Lynchburg, Virginia. Her diagnoses included major depressive disorder, recurrent severe; anxiety disorder; and mood disorder. In a letter dated March 17, 2017, Ms. Tinsley's therapist wrote that she could not fairly assess if she was safe to practice nursing due to her lack of compliance and focus.

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



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Jodi Power, R.N., J.D.  
Deputy Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

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July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Date