

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: MEGAN ELIZABETH MOEHRING, R.N.
License Number: 0001-233459
Issue Date: September 2, 2011
Expiration Date: March 31, 2017
Case Number: 174764/163628

**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 license to practice professional nursing 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:	December 14, 2016 2:00 P.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. At the conclusion of the proceeding, the Committee is authorized to take any of the following actions:

- Exonerate you;
- Reprimand you;
- Require you to pay a monetary penalty;
- Place you on probation and/or under terms and conditions;
- Refer the matter to the Board of Nursing for a formal administrative hearing;
- Offer you a consent order for suspension or revocation of your license in lieu of a formal hearing.

ABSENCE OF RESPONDENT AND RESPONDENT'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.

RESPONDENT'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:

1. Deadline for filing materials: December 7, 2016. Submit 5 copies of all documents you want the Board to consider to Dawnyel Towles, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. Exhibits may not be sent by facsimile or e-mail.
2. Deadline for filing motions, including requests for continuance or objections to exhibits, in writing, to Dawnyel Towles at the above address: December 7, 2016. NOTE: Failure to object to the distribution prior to the proceeding will not affect your right to contest any information contained in these documents at the proceeding.

REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE

Absent exigent circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after **December 7, 2016**, 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 **December 7, 2016**.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board alleges that:

1. At all times relevant hereto, Megan Elizabeth Moehring, R.N., was licensed to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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

a. On or about July 30, 2015, she signed a Participation Contract with Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") in which she acknowledged her abuse of cocaine, opioids, Xanax, and marijuana.

b. On or about July 6, 2016, the HPMP vacated Ms. Moehring's stay of disciplinary action with respect to the allegations set forth in Allegation No. 3 following a report of a positive alcohol test related to her admitted use of alcohol in June 2016.

c. Ms. Moehring has a diagnosis of bipolar disorder with opiate dependence.

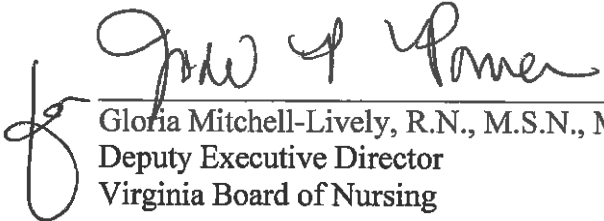
3. During the course of her employment as a travel nurse, while assigned to Chippenham Johnston-Willis Hospital:

a. Ms. Moehring violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5), (6) and (8) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations") in that on or about May 16, 2015, Ms. Moehring exhibited signs and symptoms of impairment at work, including an unsteady gait, incoherence, and sleeping on duty. Further, a for-cause employment drug screen was positive for cocaine, hydromorphone, cannabinoid, and benzodiazepines.

b. Ms. Moehring violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (6) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations in that in or about April and May 2015, by her own admission, Ms. Moehring diverted approximately 37 doses of hydromorphone (C-II) and one dose of fentanyl (C-II) for her personal and unauthorized use.

c. Ms. Moehring violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations in that on or about May 15, 2015, she failed to perform and document assessments on multiple critical patients.

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


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November 18, 2016
Date