BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

AILEEN M. OCAMPO, R.N.

License Number:

0001-246991

Expiration Date:

September 30, 2018

Case Numbers:

172005, 176535

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 professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

| TYPE OF PROCEEDING: | This is an informal conference before an Agency Subordinate of the Board. |
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| DATE AND TIME: | May 25, 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 professional 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: May 18, 2017. Submit 5 copies of all documents you want the Board to consider to Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, 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 May 18, 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 May 18, 2017.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board alleges that:

- 1. At all times relevant hereto, Aileen M. Ocampo, R.N., was licensed to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 2. Ms. Ocampo violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice as a professional nurse due to mental illness, as evidenced by the following:
- a. On or about February 9, 2016, Ms. Ocampo presented to Henrico Doctors Hospital, Richmond, Virginia ("HDH"), with symptoms of worsening mood, auditory hallucinations and suicidal ideations. She was discharged on or about February 12, 2016, with a diagnosis of major depression with psychotic features.
- b. On or about July 2, 2016, Ms. Ocampo presented to HDH with increasing auditory hallucinations over the prior two hours. She was observed by her coworkers staring off into space and subsequently becoming tearful. She was discharged with a diagnosis of schizophrenia unspecified.
- c. From about 2015 to November, 2016, Ms. Ocampo received mental health treatment with Neuropsychiatric and Counseling Associates, Richmond, Virginia, where she was diagnosed with schizophrenia and major depressive disorder with psychosis. Ms. Ocampo's treatment provider opined that Ms. Ocampo is not currently safe to practice because she has not remained hallucination-free for a period of one month.
- d. From on or about February 25, 2016 to April 7, 2016, Ms. Ocampo received mental health treatment with Discovery Counseling and Consultation, Richmond, Virginia where she

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was diagnosed with generalized anxiety disorder, unspecified schizophrenia spectrum, and other

psychotic disorder.

By her own admission, during Ms. Ocampo's employment with Henrico Doctors e.

Hospital-Forest Campus, Richmond, Virginia, between or about July 2016 and August 2016, she began

experiencing auditory hallucinations that commanded her to harm herself. The hallucinations were so

loud at one point that she could not hear her preceptor.

By her own admission, during her employment with Virginia Cancer Institute, f.

Richmond, Virginia, between or about November 2015 and March 2016, Ms. Ocampo experienced

command auditory hallucinations and thoughts of harming herself and feared providing incorrect

advice to patients.

By her own admission, during her employment with Bon Secours, St. Mary's g.

Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, between or about May 2015 and November 2015, she suffered from a

relapse of her auditory hallucinations.

By her own admission, during her employment with Virginia Commonwealth h.

University Health System, Richmond, Virginia, between or about September 2014 and March 2015,

she experienced an increase in auditory hallucinations that affected her work performance.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2(K), the Board considered whether to disclose or not

disclose Ms. Ocampo's health records or health services.

Jod Power, R.N., J.D.

Deputy Executive Director

Virginia Board of Nursing

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