

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:           CHELSHEA D. BROWN, C.N.A.**  
**Certificate Number: 1401-156542**  
**Expiration Date:   November 30, 2017**  
**Case Number:       177560**

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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 certificate to practice as a nurse aide 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>	April 20, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
<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 as a nurse aide 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 certificate, 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 DEADLINE:**

Deadline for filing materials: **April 13, 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 **April 13, 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 **April 13, 2017**.

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**STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

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The Board alleges that:

1. At all times relevant hereto, Chelshea D. Brown, C.N.A., was certified to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. Ms. Brown violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unable to safely practice as a certified nurse aide due to mental illness and admitted substance abuse, as evidenced by the following:

a. On or about November 6, 2016, Ms. Brown was transported to Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, Roanoke, Virginia, by the Vinton, Virginia, police due to an Emergency Custody Order ("ECO") after threatening suicide, and being observed by the police burning herself with a lighter. Ms. Brown was subsequently transferred, by a Temporary Detention Order ("TDO"), to Poplar Springs Hospital, Petersburg, Virginia, and admitted with a diagnosis of mood disorder, unspecified, rule out post-traumatic stress disorder, and marijuana use, mild.

b. On or about January 6, 2017, Ms. Brown was admitted by ECO to Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital following a suicide attempt, in which she ingested nine tramadol (C-IV). She was transferred by TDO to Carilion Roanoke Rehabilitation for inpatient treatment. Ms. Brown was discharged with a diagnosis of unspecified bipolar disorder and borderline personality disorder.

c. By her own admission, Ms. Brown used marijuana frequently to calm herself down. She admitted using marijuana approximately three hours before reporting to work at Lewis Gale Medical Center, Salem, Virginia.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S.", written over a horizontal line.

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

March 20, 2017  
Date