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RE: License No. 0001-086839

Dear Ms. Huff:

This is official notification that an Informal Conference will be held, pursuant to § 2.2-4019, § 2.2-4021, § 54.1-110, § 54.1-2400(10) and § 54.1-3010 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, on **June 26, 2002, at 10:30 a.m.**, in the offices of the Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, Southern States Building, Fourth Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

The Special Conference Committee, which is comprised of at least two members of the Virginia Board of Nursing, will receive and act upon your petition for the reinstatement of your license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which was indefinitely suspended by an Order entered December 5, 1997, and will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of practical nursing in Virginia. Specifically, you may have violated § 54.1-3007(2) and (6) of the Board of Nursing Regulations, in that:

1. On or about January 9, 1998, you signed a Recovery Monitoring Agreement with the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program ("HPIP"), pursuant to Chapter 25.1 of Title 54.1 of the Code, and 18 VAC 76-10-10, et seq., of the Regulations Governing the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program. On or about August 31, 2000, you signed a Recovery Monitoring Contract.
2. From approximately January 23, 1998 through May 21, 1998, you submitted to several urine drug screens were confirmed positive for either Benzodiazepines, Amphetamines and/or Barbiturates.

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3. While attending substance abuse treatment through Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Counseling Center, Gloucester, Virginia:
 - a. On or about March 23, 1998, a progress note stated that you had relapsed on Dilaudid.
 - b. On or about May 12, 1998, a progress note stated that you received "suspension for not bringing in a prescription bottle or doctor's note."
 - c. On or about May 5, 1998, a progress note stated that you were confronted about a positive urine screen and were asked why you had failed to mention taking Phenobarbital.

Since, prior to your Informal Conference, you entered into a written agreement with the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program ("HPIP"), pursuant to Chapter 25.1 of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended, and 18 VAC 76-10-10, et seq., of the Regulations Governing the HPIP, the Committee will take that into consideration.

You may be represented by an attorney at the Informal Conference. After the conference, the conference committee is authorized to take the following actions:

1. The committee may reinstate your license to practice nursing in the Commonwealth without restriction;
2. The committee may deny the reinstatement of your license;
3. The committee may reinstate your license and place you on probation with such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate;
4. The committee may modify a previous Order;
5. The committee may reinstate your license and reprimand you;
6. The committee may reinstate your license and impose a monetary penalty pursuant to § 54.1-2401 of the Code; or
7. The committee may refer the case to the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof for a formal hearing.

If you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Conference Committee may proceed to hear the case in your absence, and may take any of the actions outlined above.

At least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled date of the conference, please inform this office of your telephone number and whether you intend to appear at the conference. This can be done by calling our offices at (804) 662-9950 or by sending us a letter at the address listed above.

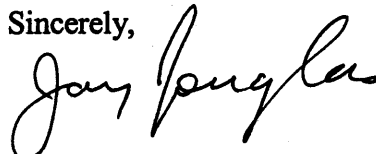
If you have any additional documents to be presented to the Conference Committee, please bring five (5) copies of each document with you.

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You have the right to information that will be relied upon by the Board in making a decision. Therefore, I enclosed a copy of the documents that will be distributed to the members of the Committee and will be considered by the Committee when discussing the allegations with you and when deliberating upon your case. **These documents are enclosed only with the original notice sent by certified mail, and must be claimed at the post office. Please bring these documents with you.**

Enclosed you will find copies of the relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which governs proceedings of this nature, as well as the laws and regulations relating to the practice of nursing in Virginia.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Executive Director

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Enclosures

cc: Robert A. Nebiker, Director, Department of Health Professions
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