

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: ALENA FARREN, R.N.
License Number: 0001-260319
Issue Date: July 24, 2015
Expiration Date: July 31, 2017
Case Number: 173022

**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:	February 7, 2017 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. 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: January 31, 2017. Submit five 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.

2. Deadline for filing motions, including requests for continuance or objections to exhibits, in writing, to Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk at the above address: January 31, 2017. 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 **January 31, 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 **January 31, 2017**.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board alleges that:

1. At all times relevant hereto, Alena Farren, R.N., was licensed to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
 2. Ms. Farren violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (6) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (“Regulations”) in that during the course of her employment with Woodbine Rehabilitation and Healthcare, Alexandria, Virginia, from on or about February 26, 2016 to March 31, 2016, Ms. Farren diverted oxycodone (C-II) for her personal and unauthorized use. Ms. Farren accomplished the diversion by removing partial bubble packs of medication for Residents A and B, along with the corresponding narcotic control sheets, upon the arrival of refill medication.
 3. Ms. Farren violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(5) in that during the course of her employment with Lorien Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Columbia, Maryland, on or about April 8, 2015, she roughly moved a resident while the resident was sitting in a wheelchair, and caught the resident’s legs under the wheelchair.
 4. Ms. Farren violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations in that on the application for employment with Cambridge Healthcare System dated September 10, 2015, Ms. Farren falsely indicated that she resigned employment from Lorien Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, when, in fact, her employment was terminated on April 10, 2015.
- See Confidential Attachment I for the names of the residents referenced above.

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Deputy Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

January 6, 2017

Date