

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: MICHELE DENISE PRINCE TURNER, R.N.**  
**License Number: 0001-168712**  
**Issue Date: February 22, 2000**  
**Expiration Date: November 30, 2018**  
**Case Number: 174797**

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**NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE  
AND STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

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**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.**

<b>TYPE OF PROCEEDING:</b>	This is an informal conference before a Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board.
<b>DATE AND TIME:</b>	<b>April 4, 2017</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b>
<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. 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; or
- 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:**

Deadline for filing materials: **March 28, 2017**. Submit 5 copies of all documents you want the Board to consider to Melvina Baylor, 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 **March 28, 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 **March 28, 2017**.

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**STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

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The Board alleges that:

1. At all times relevant hereto, Michele Denise Prince Turner, R.N., was licensed to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. Michele Denise Prince Turner, R.N., violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice nursing due to alcohol abuse and mental illness, as evidenced by the following:

a. On or about July 12, 2016, she was voluntarily admitted to Southampton Memorial Hospital, Franklin, Virginia, for alcohol detoxification. She was discharged on or about July 18, 2016, with diagnoses of alcohol withdrawal syndrome, alcoholism, and depressive disorder.

b. Ms. Turner has an admitted lengthy history of alcohol abuse/dependence.

c. Ms. Turner entered into the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") on July 26, 2016, at which time she acknowledged that her alcohol abuse impairs her ability to practice her profession safely. She was dismissed from the HPMP on December 5, 2016, for noncompliance including continued use of alcohol, failure to comply with the toxicology screening program, and failure to submit monthly reports.

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



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Jodi P. Power, R.N., J.D.  
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Virginia Board of Nursing

March 7, 2017  
Date