

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:           APRIL DENISE STANDFIELD, L.P.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT**  
**License Number:   0002-069238**  
**Suspension Date:   June 1, 2010**  
**Case Number:       177161**

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**AMENDED NOTICE OF FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING  
AND STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

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**You are hereby notified that a Formal Hearing has been scheduled before the Board of Nursing (“Board”) regarding your application for reinstatement of your license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia following its mandatory suspension by the Department of Health Professions.**

<b>TYPE OF PROCEEDING:</b>	This is a formal administrative hearing before a panel of the Board.
<b>DATE AND TIME:</b>	<b>March 20, 2017 1:00 P.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 formal hearing is being held pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4024(F), and 54.1-2400(11). This proceeding will be convened as a public meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3700.
2. The burden rests on you, as the applicant, to demonstrate that you are prepared to resume the safe and competent practice of practical nursing.
3. In considering your application, the Board will consider evidence that grounds exist to deny your application for reinstatement of your license to practice practical nursing, as more fully set out in the enclosed Statement of Allegations.
4. At the conclusion of the proceeding, the Board is authorized to take any of the following actions:
  - Approve your application and issue an unrestricted license to practice practical nursing;
  - Approve your application and issue a reprimand, a monetary penalty, and/or a restricted license subject to terms and conditions; or
  - Deny your application and continue your license on indefinite suspension or revoke your license.

### **ABSENCE OF APPLICANT AND APPLICANT'S COUNSEL:**

If you fail to appear at the formal hearing, the Board may proceed to hear this matter in your absence and may take any of the actions outlined above.

### **APPLICANT'S LEGAL RIGHTS:**

You have the right to the information on which the Board 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.

### **COMMONWEALTH'S EXHIBITS:**

Enclosed is a copy of the documents that will be distributed to the members of the Board and will be considered by the Board 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 formal hearing.**

### **FILING DEADLINES:**

1. Deadline for filing exhibits: **March 7, 2017**. Submit 15 copies of all documents you want the Board to consider to Darlene Graham, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. Exhibits may not be sent by facsimile or e-mail. Please note that any documentation or evidence that you previously submitted for an informal conference that is not already part of the Commonwealth's evidence must be resubmitted as an exhibit if you want the Board to consider it at the hearing.

The Commonwealth must file any objections to your submissions in writing, addressed to Darlene Graham at the Board office, no later than **March 10, 2017**. If no objections have been received by **March 10, 2017**, the evidence will be distributed to the Board members for their review, and will be considered by the Board as evidence when it deliberates upon your case. If the Commonwealth raises objections, you have until **March 14, 2017**, to file your response to the objections, in writing and addressed to Darlene Graham at the Board office. The Chair of the proceeding will rule on the motion.

2. Deadline for filing motions: **March 7, 2017**, addressed to Darlene Graham at the above address.

3. Deadline for filing any objections to the Commonwealth's exhibits, in writing, to Darlene Graham at the above address: **March 7, 2017**. If you do not file objections by this date, the exhibits will be distributed to the Board members for their review prior to your hearing, and will be considered by the Board as evidence when it deliberates on your case. If you do file objections, the Commonwealth has until **March 7, 2017** to file a response to the objections, in writing, and addressed to Darlene Graham at the Board office. The Chair of the proceeding will rule on the motion. NOTE:

failure to object to the distribution of the Commonwealth's exhibits prior to the proceeding will not affect your right to contest any information contained in those exhibits at the proceeding.

**REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE:**

Absent exigent circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after **March 7, 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 7, 2017**.

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409(D), reinstatement of your license requires the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board in attendance at the hearing.

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**STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

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The Board alleges that grounds exist to refuse to reinstate the license of April Denise Standfield, L.P.N. to practice practical nursing in that:

1. Ms. Standfield violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(7) in that by Order entered November 17, 2009, the Maryland Board of Nursing revoked Ms. Standfield's license to practice practical nursing in the State of Maryland based on findings of Ms. Standfield's substance abuse history and criminal history. This revocation formed the basis for the mandatory suspension of her Virginia practical nursing by the Virginia Department of Health Professions.

2. Ms. Standfield violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice practical nursing due to substance abuse, chemical dependency, and/or mental illness, as evidenced by the following:

a. By her own admission, Ms. Standfield has a history of substance abuse including abusing crack cocaine in 2006-2007 and abusing alcohol and marijuana since she was a teenager.

b. Between March 2015 and March 2016, Ms. Standfield received outpatient substance abuse treatment and therapy from Rappahannock Area Community Services Board, Fredericksburg, Virginia. Ms. Stanfield previously received substance abuse treatment at the Community Services Board in early 2011.

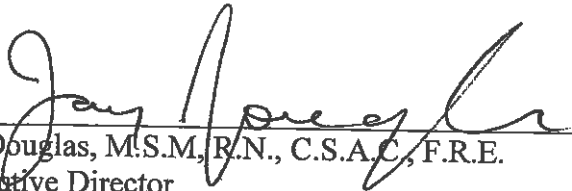
c. Ms. Standfield suffers from mental illness as evidenced by the following: In her assessment for treatment with Rappahannock Area Community Services Board dated March 16, 2015, the assessor wrote that "it is very apparent that despite her denials and lack of insight, [Ms. Stanfield] is experiencing a multitude of mental health symptoms. However, due to her lack of admission and self-reporting, as well as a lack of mental health records, the depth, severity, and type of symptoms are

unclear.” The assessor also wrote that Ms. Stanfield had unusual thought processes and that there was evidence she suffered from a thought disorder. During the assessment, Ms. Stanfield perseverated on battles between God and demons, why people are suicidal, and how people can hear and see things that are not there. Ms. Stanfield also presented thoughts and emotional reactions which were incongruent, her expression of religion was borderline delusional, she expressed paranoid ideation regarding men, and she was tangential and difficult to redirect.

d. On or about September 12, 2008, and on or about November 17, 2012, Ms., Standfield reported to the emergency department at Mary Washington Hospital, Stafford, Virginia and at the emergency department at Mary Washington Hospital, Fredericksburg, Virginia, respectively, because she believed that she had been poisoned and/or drugged by other individuals. However, the emergency department records contain no findings or evidence of such alleged poisoning or drugging.

3. Ms. Standfield violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(1) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(1)(b) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in that, on her application for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing submitted to the Board on November 1, 2016, Ms. Standfield falsely answered “no” to the part of question no. 6 asking if she had a mental, physical or chemical dependency condition which could interfere with her ability to practice nursing, when in fact, Ms. Standfield suffers from a history of substance abuse and from mental illness as more fully set out in Allegation No. 2.

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

  
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Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
Date