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## NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

January 10, 2014

Shirley Melissa Williamson, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant  
522-B Logan Street  
South Boston, VA 24592

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
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Re: VA License No.: 0001-188108  
Expiration Date: September 30, 2009

Dear Ms. Williamson:

This is official notification that an informal conference will be held pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), **on February 10, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia 23233. You may be represented by an attorney at the conference. This informal conference will be convened as a public meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3700 *et seq.* of the Code.

The Special Conference Committee (“Committee”), which is comprised of at least two members of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”), will receive and act upon your application for the reinstatement of your license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which expired on September 30, 2009, and will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia.

Specifically:

1. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that:
  - a. On or about May 27, 2011, in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland, you were convicted of possession or distribution of controlled paraphernalia.
  - b. You may be unable to safely practice professional nursing due to substance abuse and mental illness which requires medication and treatment and for which you were involuntarily hospitalized on May 19, 2012 and March 30, 2012.

c. On or about March 13, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Shenandoah County, Virginia, you pled guilty to possession of a Schedule I or II controlled substance (heroin).

d. On or about November 7, 2013, you entered a Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") wherein you acknowledged impairment from chemical dependency.

2. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(1) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(1)(b) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations") in that on the application for reinstatement dated February 15, 2013, you falsely answered "no" to the question, "do you have a mental, physical or chemical dependency condition which could interfere with your current ability to practice nursing," when, in fact, you have impairing mental and chemical dependency conditions as indicated above.

3. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations in that during the course of your employment with Evergreen Health and Rehabilitation Center, Winchester, Virginia, on or about September 23, 2008, by your own admission:

a. You left your shift early and failed to administer medications or administered medications at times that were not in accordance with the physician's orders.

b. You failed to notify the physician that Resident A sustained a skin tear. Further, you cleansed the skin tear and applied medication without a physician's order.

c. You failed to complete ordered treatments.

Please see Attachment I for the name of the resident referred to above.

After the informal conference, the Committee is authorized by § 54.1-2400(10) of the Code to take any of the following actions:

- The Committee may reinstate your license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth without restriction;
- The Committee may reinstate your license and place you on probation for such time as it may designate and subject to such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate, reprimand you, or impose a monetary penalty; or
- The Committee may deny your application for reinstatement of your license.

Further, the Committee may refer the case to the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof for a formal hearing. If the Committee is of the opinion that suspension or revocation may be justified, the Committee may offer you a Consent Order for suspension or revocation in lieu of a formal hearing.

If you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Committee may proceed to hear the case in your absence and may take any of the actions outlined above. At least ten days prior to the scheduled date of the

conference, please inform this office at (804) 367-4515, or in writing at the address listed above, of your telephone number and whether you intend to appear at the informal conference.

To facilitate this proceeding, you should submit five copies of any documents you wish the Committee to consider to the Department of Health Professions, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, by February 3, 2014. Your documents may not be submitted by facsimile or email.

You have the right to the information on which the Board will rely in making its decision. Therefore, I have 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 any allegations with you and when deliberating on your case. **These documents are enclosed only with the original 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.**

Relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which govern proceedings of this nature, as well as laws relating to the practice of nursing and other healing arts in Virginia cited in this notice, can be found on the Internet at <http://leg1.state.va.us>. To access this information, please click on the *Code of Virginia* for statutes and *Virginia Administrative Code* for regulations.

In the event of inclement weather, please be advised that Board of Nursing hearings will be held unless state offices are closed. Please listen to television or radio announcements to provide information about official state closings or delays. If there is a delayed opening, hearings will begin at the time of the agency opening. A recorded announcement pertaining to closings or delays will also be available by calling the main telephone number for the Department of Health Professions at (804) 367-4400.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: Anne G. Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division  
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