

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: DENISE L RANKIN CORBETT, R.N.
License Number: 0001-154526
Issue Date: July 10, 1997
Expiration Date: January 31, 2017
Case Number: 171534

**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:	October 18, 2016 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: October 11, 2016. Submit 5 copies of all documents you want the Board to consider to Dawnyel Towles, 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 Dawnyel Towles at the above address: October 11, 2016. 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 **October 11, 2016**, 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 **October 11, 2016**.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board alleges that:

1. At all times relevant hereto, Denise L Rankin Corbett, R.N., was licensed to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. Denise L Rankin Corbett, R.N., violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(5) and (6) in that during the course of her employment with Augusta Health, Fishersville, Virginia on or about December 16, 2015, she exhibited signs of impairment, including dilated pupils, slurred speech, and making grandiose and bizarre statements. In addition, she tested positive for methadone, for which she did not have a prescription.
3. Ms. Corbett violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice professional nursing due to mental illness, as evidenced by her three hospitalizations between May 2014 and September 2015 for treatment of major depressive disorder after making suicidal statements and/or gestures.

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


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Virginia Board of Nursing

Sept 22, 2016
Date