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NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE BEFORE AN AGENCY SUBORDINATE

February 12, 2010

Amy K. Mock, R.N.
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Fairfax, VA 22032

CERTIFIED MAIL
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RE: VA License No.: 0001-174833
Expiration Date: November 30, 2011

Dear Ms. Mock:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") will be held on **March 8, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Richmond, Virginia. In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), this informal conference will be held before an agency subordinate of the Board of Nursing. This informal conference will be convened as a public meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3700 *et seq.* of the Code. The agency subordinate will inquire into allegations that you may be in violation of an Order of the Board entered March 12, 2009, ("Board's Order") and inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia.

Specifically:

1. You may be in violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code and Term No. 1 of the Board's Order in that you may be unable to safely practice nursing due to substance abuse. You were ordered to comply with all terms and conditions of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") (*formerly the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program*); however, on or about August 21, 2009, you were dismissed from the HPMP for noncompliance, as evidenced by the following:

- a. On or about July 23, 2009, you failed to submit to a urine toxicology screen.
- b. During May and June, 2009, you failed to take naltrexone three times a week and/or submit documentation that the administration was witnessed.
- c. You failed to complete the outpatient rehabilitation/treatment program at Recovery Center of Richmond and/or submit documentation of attendance.

2. You may be in violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in that during the course of your employment with INOVA Comprehensive Addiction Treatment Services, Falls Church, Virginia, on or about December 15 and 18, 2009, you diverted Midrin (isometheptene/APAP/dichloralphenazone, Schedule IV) and Suboxone (buprenorphine/naloxone, Schedule III) for your personal and unauthorized use.

After consideration of all information, the agency subordinate may:

- If the agency subordinate finds that there is insufficient evidence to warrant further action or that the charges are without foundation, notify you by mail that your record has been cleared of any charge which might affect your right to practice nursing in the Commonwealth;
- Recommend findings of fact, conclusions of law and a sanction, to include a reprimand, placing you on probation with terms, suspension or revocation of your license, or imposing a monetary penalty pursuant to § 54.1-2401 of the Code.

Further, the agency subordinate may refer this matter for a formal administrative proceeding pursuant to § 2.2-4020 of the Code.

Board's Review of Agency Subordinate's Recommended Decision

If you **appear in person or by counsel at the informal conference**, the recommendation of the agency subordinate will be presented to a quorum of the Board. The Board may accept or modify the recommendation, or reject the recommendation and move the case to formal hearing. If you do not agree with the decision of the Board, you have the right to a formal administrative hearing before the Board.

If you **fail to appear in person or by counsel at the informal conference**, the recommendation of the agency subordinate will be presented to a quorum of the Board. The Board may accept or modify the recommendation, or reject the recommendation. The Board's decision regarding the agency subordinate's recommendation is a final order that can only be appealed to circuit court as provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

You have the right to information that will be relied upon by the agency subordinate in making a decision. Therefore, I enclose a copy of the documents that will be distributed to the agency subordinate, and will be considered when discussing the allegations with you and when deliberating upon 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.**

To facilitate this proceeding, you should submit five copies of any documents you wish the agency subordinate to consider to the Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23233, by March 1, 2010. Your documents may not be submitted by facsimile or email.

You may be represented by an attorney at the informal conference. If you obtain counsel, you should do so as soon as possible, because absent good cause to support a request for a continuance, the informal conference will be held on March 8, 2010. A request to continue this proceeding must state **in detail** the reason for the request and must establish good cause. Such request must be made, in writing, to me at the address listed on this letter and must be received by 12 noon on March 1, 2010. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent critical circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after March 1, 2010, will not be considered.

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.

Please advise the Board, in writing, of your intention to be present. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact this office at (804) 367-4576.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division
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