

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: DEANNA JENEL GRIGGS, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
License Number: 0001-164618
Expiration Date: February 6, 2006
Case Number: 172137

**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 application for reinstatement of your license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

TYPE OF PROCEEDING:	This is an informal conference before a Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing.
DATE AND TIME:	August 17, 2016 1:00 P.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. The burden rests on you, as the applicant, to demonstrate that you are prepared to resume the safe and competent practice of professional nursing.
3. In considering your application, the Committee will consider evidence that grounds may exist to deny your application for reinstatement of your license to practice professional nursing, as more fully set out in the enclosed Statement of Allegations.
4. At the conclusion of the proceeding, the Committee is authorized to take any of the following actions:
 - Approve your application and issue an unrestricted license to practice professional nursing.
 - Approve your application and issue a restricted license subject to terms and conditions.
 - Deny your application;

- Refer the matter to the Board for a formal administrative 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.

COMMONWEALTH'S EXHIBIT:

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 exhibits: August 10, 2016. Submit 5 copies of all documents you want the Board to consider to Brenda Krohn, 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 Brenda Krohn at the above address: August 10, 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.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board of Nursing alleges that grounds exist to refuse to reinstate the license of Deanna Jenel Griggs, R.N. to practice professional nursing in that:


1. Ms. Griggs violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(4), as evidenced by the following:

a. On December 1, 2011, in the Circuit Court for the County of Orange, Virginia, Ms. Griggs was convicted and sentenced on two counts of prescription fraud, both felonies.

b. On December 3, 2004, in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Ms. Griggs was convicted and sentenced on one count of attempted criminal possession of a weapon, 3rd degree, a felony.

2. Ms. Griggs violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice nursing due to substance abuse, as evidenced by Ms. Griggs' admission that between 2001/2002 and 2010, she abused cocaine, marijuana, alcohol, Vicodin (hydrocodone/acetaminophen, C-III), and Percocet (oxycodone/acetaminophen, C-II).

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



Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S.
Deputy Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

July 25, 2016
Date