

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: SARAH DEANNE CRESSELL, R.N.
License Number: 0001-224476
Issue Date: June 3, 2010
Suspension Date: April 26, 2016
Case Number: 173558

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE
AND STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

You are hereby notified that a Formal Hearing 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 a formal administrative hearing before a panel of the Board of Nursing.
DATE AND TIME:	July 20, 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 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. At the conclusion of the proceeding, the Board 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;
 - Continue your license on indefinite suspension;
 - Revoke your license.

ABSENCE OF RESPONDENT AND RESPONDENT'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.

RESPONDENT'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 EXHIBIT:

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.**

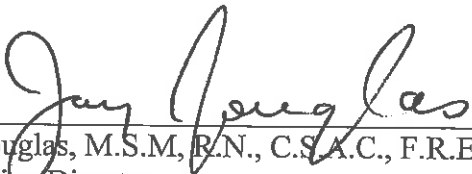
FILING DEADLINES:

1. Deadline for filing exhibits: **July 8, 2016**. 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.
2. Deadline for filing motions, including motions for continuance or objections to exhibits, in writing, to Darlene Graham at the above address: **July 8, 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.

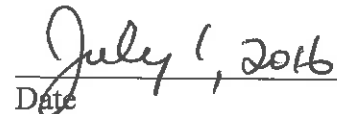
STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board of Nursing alleges that:

1. At all times relevant hereto, Sarah Deanne Cressell, R.N. was licensed to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. Sarah Deanne Cressell, R.N. violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) and Term Number 6 of the Order of the Board entered June 25, 2015 (“Board's Order”), which required her to re-enter into and comply with all conditions of the Health Practitioners’ Monitoring Program (“HPMP”) in that on or about March 18, 2016, Ms. Cressell was dismissed from the HPMP for failure to comply with recommended treatment, continued use of unauthorized substances, failure to respond to HPMP communications, and failure to comply with the toxicology screening program.
3. Ms. Cressell violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that in or about December 2015, by her own admission, she relapsed by taking Xanax (alprazolam, C-IV), for which she did not have a prescription.



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Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing



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