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NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE BEFORE AN AGENCY SUBORDINATE

March 21, 2016

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RE: VA License No.: 0002-068384
Expiration Date: May 31, 2016

Dear Ms. Cobbler:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") will be held on **April 20, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, 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 have violated certain terms and conditions of an Order of the Board entered April 10, 2015 ("Board's Order"), and certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia.

Specifically:

1. You may have violated Term No. 2(d) of the Board's Order, which required you to direct your nursing employer to submit quarterly performance reports, in that the Board did not receive the report due June 30, 2015, and the report due September 30, 2015, was received on September 3, 2015.
2. You may have violated Term No. 2(e) of the Board's Order, which required you to provide quarterly self-reports, in that you submitted the self-report due June 30, 2015 on both April 28 and August 24, 2015, and you submitted the report due September 30, 2015 on February 19, 2016.

3. You may have violated Term No. 2(f) of the Board's Order, which required you to conduct yourself as a practical nurse in compliance with the laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing, § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code, and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in that on or about May 7, 2015, during the course of your employment with Greenspring Assisted Living, Springfield, Virginia, you failed to discontinue a patient's order for thyroid medication when a new order was entered, causing the resident to receive an overdose of the medication.

The Board hereby re-offers to enter into the enclosed Consent Order with you in lieu of an informal conference in this matter. Please review this document, and should you consent to its terms, sign it in the presence of a notary public. In order for this Consent Order to become effective, you must return the entire document bearing your witnessed signature to the Board office on or before *April 8, 2016*. Upon its receipt in the Board office, the Consent Order will be entered upon approval by the full Board and the informal conference will be cancelled. You will receive a certified copy of the Consent Order, bearing the date of entry, shortly thereafter. Should the Board not receive this signed Consent Order from you by 5:00 p.m. on *April 8, 2016*, the Board will proceed with the informal conference as scheduled.

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 panel 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 panel 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 April 15, 2016. 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 April 20, 2016. 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 April 15, 2016. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent critical circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after April 15, 2016 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 our office, at (804) 367-4634.

Sincerely,



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cc: Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division
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