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## NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

November 9, 2011

Jessica A. McGrady, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant 5208 Baskerville Dublin, VA 24084

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> 7160 3901 9849 2204 8207

and

905 Bland Street Pulaski, VA 24301

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Re: VA License No.:

0002-062510

Dear Ms. McGrady:

This is official notification that an informal conference will be held pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), on December 12, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia 23233. You may be represented by an attorney at the conference. This informal conference will be convened as a public meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3700 et seq. of the Code.

The Special Conference Committee ("Committee"), which is comprised of at least two members of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board"), will receive and act upon your application for the reinstatement of your license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which was suspended by an Order of the Board entered April 14, 2004 ("Board's Order"), and will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing practical nursing practice in Virginia.

## Specifically:

- 1. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code in that:
- a. On or about September 23, 2003, in the General District Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, you were convicted of shoplifting, a misdemeanor.

- b. On or about December 15, 2005, in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Virginia, you were convicted of shoplifting from Walmart, a misdemeanor.
- c. On or about July 30, 2008, in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, you were convicted of four counts of felony uttering.
- d. On or about November 18, 2008, in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Virginia, you were convicted of assault and battery of a law enforcement officer, a felony.
- e. On or about February 4, 2009, in the General District Court of Pulaski County, Virginia, you were convicted of three counts of writing bad checks.
  - 2. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(4) and (6) of the Code in that:
- a. On or about October 26, 2005, in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, you were convicted of four counts of felony obtaining drugs by fraud.
- b. On or about January 5, 2006, in the Circuit Court of the City of Radford, Virginia, you were convicted of attempting to obtain drugs by fraud, a felony.
- c. On or about January 9, 2006, in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Virginia, you were convicted of two counts of felony obtaining drugs by fraud.
- 3. You may be in violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that you may be unable to safely practice practical nursing due to substance abuse and mental illness, as you acknowledged on a Recovery Monitoring Contract with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program.

After the informal conference, the Committee is authorized by § 54.1-2400(10) of the Code to take any of the following actions:

- If the Committee finds that there is insufficient evidence to warrant further action or that the charges are without foundation, the Committee shall notify you by mail that your record has been cleared of any charge which might affect your right to practice nursing in the Commonwealth;
- The Committee may reinstate your license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth without restriction;
- The Committee may reinstate your license and place you on probation for such time as it may designate and subject to such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate, reprimand you, or impose a monetary penalty;
  - The Committee may deny your application for reinstatement of your license;

Further, the Committee may refer the case to the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof for a formal hearing. If the Committee is of the opinion that suspension or revocation may be justified, the Committee may offer you a Consent Order for suspension or revocation in lieu of a formal hearing.

If you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Committee may proceed to hear the case in your absence and may take any of the actions outlined above. At least ten days prior to the scheduled date of the conference, please inform this office at (804) 367-4515, or in writing at the address listed above, of your telephone number and whether you intend to appear at the informal conference.

To facilitate this proceeding, you should submit five copies of any documents you wish the Committee to consider to the Department of Health Professions, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, by December 5, 2011. Your documents may not be submitted by facsimile or email.

You have the right to the information on which the Board will rely in making its decision. Therefore, I have enclosed 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 <u>only</u> 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.

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 <a href="http://leg1.state.va.us">http://leg1.state.va.us</a>. To access this information, please click on the *Code of Virginia* for statutes and *Virginia Administrative Code* for regulations.

In the event of inclement weather, please be advised that Board of Nursing hearings will be held unless state offices are closed. Please listen to television or radio announcements to provide information about official state closings or delays. If there is a delayed opening, hearings will begin at the time of the agency opening. A recorded announcement pertaining to closings or delays will also be available by calling the main telephone number for the Department of Health Professions at (804) 367-4400.

Sincerely,

Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S. Deputy Executive Director

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**Enclosures** 

cc: Anne G. Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division Special Conference Committee Members Tammie D. Jones, Adjudication Specialist Patricia Sheehan, Investigator (Case no. 139234) Peggy Wood, Monitoring Program Coordinator