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NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE BEFORE AN AGENCY SUBORDINATE

May 1, 2008

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RE: License No.: 0002-069123
Expiration Date: April 30, 2010

Dear Ms. Collins:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") will be held on **June 5, 2008, at 1:00 p.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 have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia.

Specifically:

1. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Board of Nursing Regulations in that by your own admission, on or about June 5, 2007, during the course of your employment with Francis Marion Manor, Marion, Virginia, you stole 32 Lortab (hydrocodone bitartrate, schedule III) that had been prescribed for Resident A. As a result, your employment was terminated, and you were charged with one felony count of obtaining drugs by false pretenses. You placed on first offender status by the Circuit Court of Smyth County, Virginia, on January 29, 2008, and your charge will be reduced to a misdemeanor provided that you successfully complete three years of supervised probation.

2. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code in that you were convicted of one misdemeanor count of possession of stolen property in the Circuit Court of Smyth County, Virginia, on January 29, 2008.

3. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that you may be unsafe to practice due to your abuse of opiates, as you acknowledged in signing a Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program on December 11, 2007.

4. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Board of Nursing Regulations in that on or about January 10, 2007, during the course of your employment with Edgemont Rehabilitation and Recovery Center, Wytheville, Virginia, you gave a sucker with a plastic stick to Resident B, who was on aspiration precautions. You did not stand next to the resident, who swallowed the sucker. The resident was sent to the emergency room to determine whether he had also swallowed the stick.

Please see Attachment A for the name of the resident referenced above.

In its deliberations, the agency subordinate may use the Sanction Reference Points System, as contained in the Sanction Reference Manual. The manual, which is a guidance document of the Board, may be accessed at <http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing>. Please click on *Guidance Documents*, then select #90-7. You may also request a paper copy from the Board office by calling (804) 367-4515.

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.**

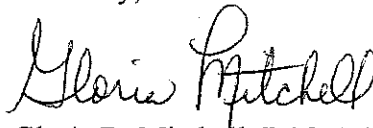
To facilitate this proceeding, you should submit five copies of any documents you wish the Committee to consider to the Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23233, by May 30, 2008. Your documents may not be submitted by facsimile or email.

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 June 5, 2008. 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 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2008. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent critical circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after May 30, 2008, 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

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