

## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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November 18, 2011

Michelle L. Ryan, R.N. 1248 Pechin Ave SE Roanoke, Virginia 24013 CERTIFIED MAIL 71603901984801657841

Re: VA License No.: 0001-170296

Expiration Date: April 30, 2013

Dear Ms. Ryan:

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 14, 2011, at 10:30 a.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 petition for the modification of the terms and conditions of an Order of the Board entered on August 11, 2010 ("Board's Order), and will inquire into allegations that you may be in violation of said Board Order.

## Specifically:

- 1. You may be in violation of Term No. 2(b) of the Board's Order, which required you to inform the Board in writing within ten days of any changes or interruptions in your nursing practice, in that you did not provide the Board with timely notification of your employment termination from Catawba State Hospital, Catawba, Virginia, which was effective August 20, 2010.
- 2. You may have violated Term No. 2(g) of the Board's Order, which required you to provide quarterly self-reports, in that your report for the period ending October 10, 2010, was not received in a timely manner.

3. You may be in violation of Term No. 2(h) of the Board's Order, which required you to return all copies of your license to practice as a professional nurse to the Board office within ten days of the entry of the Board's Order along with a payment of \$5.00, in that you did not return your unrestricted license and pay the \$5.00 fee in a timely manner.

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 continue you on probation for such time as it may designate and subject to such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate;
  - The Committee may reprimand you;
  - The Committee may modify a previous order; or
  - The Committee may impose a monetary penalty.

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) 367-4576, 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 9, 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.

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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,

Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A. Deputy Executive Director, Discipline

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Enclosures

cc: Anne G. Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division

Special Conference Committee Members

Amanda E. M. Blount, Adjudication Specialist

Tonya D. James, Compliance Case Manager (Case no. 139170)