

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: SHAUNDA M. BASSANI, C.N.A
Certificate No.: 1401-096255

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4024(F), and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), Shaunda M. Bassani, who holds Certificate No. 1401-096255, which expires on January 31, 2016, is hereby given notice that a formal administrative hearing will be held in the presence of a panel of the Board of Nursing. The hearing will be held on January 28, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., at the offices of the Department of Health Professions, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia 23233, at which time Ms. Bassani will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Bassani has the following rights, among others: the right to representation by counsel; the right to have witnesses subpoenaed and to present witnesses on her behalf; the right to present documentary evidence; and the right to cross-examine adverse witnesses. If Ms. Bassani desires any witnesses to appear on her behalf, she must notify the Director of Administrative Proceedings, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in accordance with the Instructions for Requesting Subpoenas.

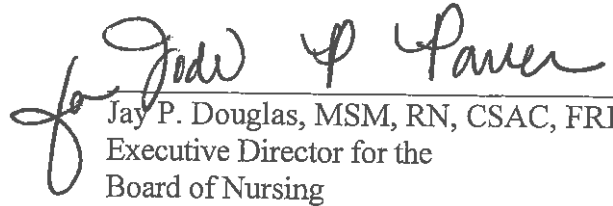
The purpose of the hearing is to inquire into evidence that Ms. Bassani may have violated certain laws governing certified nurse aide practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that:

1. Ms. Bassani may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that she may be unsafe to practice as a nurse aide due to substance abuse and mental health issues, as evidenced by the following:
 - a. At the Tucker Pavilion, CJW Medical Center, Richmond, Virginia, from on or about October 27, 2014 through October 31, 2014 Ms. Bassani received inpatient treatment for suicidal ideations and substance abuse. Her discharge diagnoses included a mood disorder and opiate dependence.
 - b. At the Life Center of Galax, Galax, Virginia, from on or about November 9, 2014 through December 8, 2014, Ms. Bassani received inpatient treatment for chemical dependency issues with diagnoses including opioid dependence.
 - c. By her own admission, Ms. Bassani abused heroin from about 2009 through about 2014, with her use escalating in the latter part of 2014.
2. Ms. Bassani may have violated § 54.1-3007(5) and (6) of the Code in that during the course of her employment with Henrico Doctors' Hospital- Parham Campus, Richmond, Virginia:
 - a. On or about October 23, 2014, Ms. Bassani was sitting with a patient one-on-one, when the patient suffered a fall. When Ms. Bassani's supervisor questioned her about the incident, Ms. Bassani had dilated pupils and was unable to recall what had happened to the patient.
 - b. On or about December 23, 2014, Ms. Bassani's employment was terminated for unsatisfactory work performance after she had failed to perform her duties and disappeared from the floor for extended periods of time during her shifts without clocking in or out from about November 2014 through December 23, 2014.

FOR THE BOARD

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Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director for the
Board of Nursing

ENTERED: December 30, 2015