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NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

October 27, 2015

Altanice Casimiro, C.N.A. Applicant & R.M.A. Applicant
13204 Wilderness Park Drive
Spotsylvania, Virginia 22551

CERTIFIED MAIL
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Re: Application for Certification and Registration

Dear Ms. Casimiro:

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 1, 2015 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 applications for certification and registration by examination to practice as a certified nurse aide and as a registered medication aide in Commonwealth of Virginia, and will inquire into evidence that grounds may exist to deny your applications.

Specifically, you may not meet the requirements of §§54.1-3023 and 54.1-3042 of the Code and may be in violation of §54.1-3007(4) and (6) of the Code in that on or about May 17, 2013, you were convicted of one count of felony conspiracy of possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, heroin, in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland.

The burden rests on you, as the applicant, to demonstrate that you meet the requirements of §54.1-3023 and 54.1-3042 of the Code.

Since the allegations listed above involve impairment, please be advised that you may make application to the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"), which is available to all health care practitioners licensed in Virginia. Information about the HPMP is enclosed. Should you enter into a written agreement with the HPMP prior to your informal conference, the Committee will take that into consideration when deciding your case.

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

- Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology – Board of Counseling – Board of Dentistry – Board of Funeral Directors & Embalmers
- Board of Long-Term Care Administrators – Board of Medicine – Board of Nursing – Board of Optometry – Board of Pharmacy
- Board of Physical Therapy – Board of Psychology – Board of Social Work – Board of Veterinary Medicine
- Board of Health Professions

- The Committee may approve your application(s) for certification and/or registration;
- The Committee may approve your application(s) and issue a reprimand, impose a monetary penalty or terms and conditions, or place you on probation; or
- The Committee may deny your application(s).

Further, the Committee may refer the case to the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof for 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.

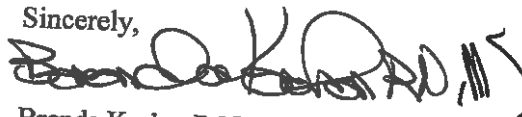
To facilitate this proceeding, you should submit five copies of any documents you wish the Committee to consider to the Department of Health Professions, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, by November 19, 2015. Your documents may not be submitted 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 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.**

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.

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
Wendy Deaner, Adjudication Specialist (Case No. 169365 & 169367)