

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: PAMELA S. CASELLA, R.N.
License No.: 0001-107369

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

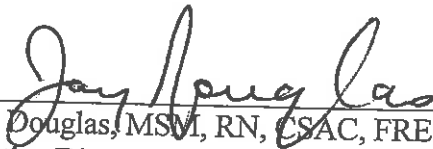
Pursuant to §§ 54.1-110 and § 54.1-2408.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a quorum of the Board of Nursing ("Board") met by telephone conference call on November 18, 2015, after a good faith effort to convene a regular meeting of the Board had failed. The purpose of the meeting was to receive and act upon certain information indicating that Pamela S. Casella, R.N., may have violated certain laws relating to the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as more fully set forth in the attached "NOTICE OF HEARING and STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS," which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

WHEREUPON, pursuant to its authority under § 54.1-2408.1(A) of the Code, the Board concludes that a substantial danger to public health or safety warrants this action and ORDERS that the license of Pamela S. Casella, R.N., License No. 0001-107369, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby SUSPENDED. It is further ORDERED that a hearing be convened forthwith to receive and act upon evidence in this case and that the Executive Director of the Board shall be authorized to execute this Order and all other documents, notices and orders on behalf of the Board necessary to bring this matter to a hearing.

Upon entry of this Order, the certificate of Pamela S. Casella, R.N., will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

Pursuant to § 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying on request.

FOR THE BOARD



Jay P. Douglas, MSN, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

Entered: December 10th, 2015

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Virginia Board Of Nursing

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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”), Pamela Casella, R.N., who, prior to its summary suspension by the Board of Nursing (“Board”) on December 10, 2015, held License No. 0001-107369 to practice professional nursing in Virginia, is hereby given notice that a formal administrative hearing will be held in the presence of a panel of the Board. The hearing will be held on January 25, 2016, at 9:00 a.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. Casella will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Casella 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. Casella 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.

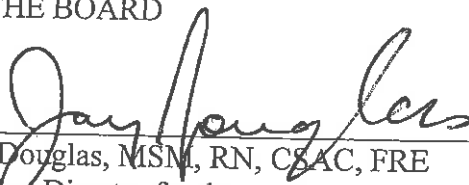
The purpose of the hearing is to inquire into evidence that Ms. Casella may have violated certain laws governing professional nursing practice in Virginia as more fully set out in the Statement of Particulars below.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that Pamela S. Casella, R.N., may be in violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that she may be unable to safely practice nursing due to mental and/or physical illness, as evidenced by the following:

1. From on or about May 11, 2015, through on or about May 20, 2015, Ms. Casella was hospitalized at Southside Regional Medical Center pursuant to a temporary detention order and received inpatient psychiatric treatment. She was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.
2. From on or about June 7, 2015, through on or about July 9, 2015, Ms. Casella was hospitalized at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center following suicidal ideation and a suicide attempt. She was diagnosed with major depressive disorder, recurrent severe with psychotic features, post-traumatic stress disorder, and borderline personality disorder.
3. From on or about September 8, 2015, through on or about September 11, 2015, Ms. Casella was hospitalized at Tucker Pavilion, Richmond, Virginia, pursuant to a temporary detention order issued after she made threats of suicide. She was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, mood disorder, not otherwise specified, and personality disorder, not otherwise specified.

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ENTERED: December 10TH, 2015