

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:       DEBORAH SMITH, R.N.  
              License No.: 0001-159136**

**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”), Deborah Smith, R.N., who holds License No. 0001-159136, which expires on December 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 May 18, 2015, at 10:00 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. Smith will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Smith 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. Smith 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. Smith may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that:

1. Deborah Smith, R.N., may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (“Regulations”) in that during the course of her employment with Danville Regional Medical Center, Danville, Virginia:

a. On or about December 15, 2013, Ms. Smith left her unit on the medical/surgical floor for an extended period of time without authorization, and she failed to provide tracheostomy care and perform hourly rounds as ordered for one of her patients.

b. On or about December 16, 2013, Ms. Smith left her unit on the medical/surgical floor for an extended period of time without authorization.

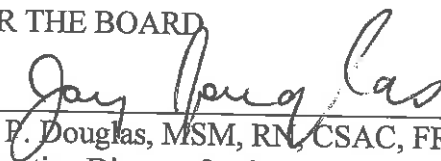
2. Ms. Smith may be in violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that she may be unable to safely practice nursing due to substance abuse and/or mental and/or physical illness, as evidenced by the following:

a. She appeared impaired while on duty on or about December 15, 2013, during the course of her employment with Danville Regional Medical Center;

b. She has a history of narcotic addiction; and

c. On or about December 22, 2010, she signed a Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners’ Monitoring Program (“HPMP”), in which she acknowledged her previous substance abuse treatment.

FOR THE BOARD

  
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Board of Nursing

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