BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

Wayne Leo Cooke, L.P.N. License Number: 0002077171

Expiration Date: November 30, 2015

Case Number:

170747

NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE BEFORE AN AGENCY SUBORDINATE AND STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

You are hereby notified that an informal conference has been scheduled before an Agency Subordinate of the Board of Nursing ("Board") regarding your license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

TYPE OF PROCEEDING:	This is an informal conference before an Agency Subordinate of the Board of Nursing.
DATE AND TIME:	May 26, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
PLACE:	Virginia Department of Health Professions Perimeter Center - 9960 Mayland Drive 2 nd Floor - Virginia Conference Center Henrico, Virginia 23233

LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION:

- 1. This informal conference is being held pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10). This proceeding will be convened as a public meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3700.
- 2. After consideration of all information, the Agency Subordinate is authorized to take any of the following actions:
- If the Agency Subordinate finds that there is insufficient evidence to warrant further action or that the charges are without foundation, notify you by mail that your record has been cleared of any charge which might affect your right to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth;
- Recommend findings of fact, conclusions of law and a sanction, to include a reprimand, placing you on probation with terms, suspension or revocation of your license, or imposing a monetary penalty pursuant to § 54.1-2401 of the Code.

Further, the Agency Subordinate may refer this matter for a formal administrative proceeding pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-4020.

Board's Review of Agency Subordinate's Recommended Decision

If you appear in person or by counsel at the informal conference, the recommendation of the Agency Subordinate will be presented to a quorum of the Board. The Board may accept or modify the recommendation, or reject the recommendation and refer the case to a formal hearing. If you do not agree with the decision of the Board, you have the right to a formal administrative hearing before the Board.

If you fail to appear in person or by counsel at the informal conference, the recommendation of the Agency Subordinate will be presented to a quorum of the Board. The Board may accept or modify the recommendation, or reject the recommendation and refer the case to a formal hearing. The Board's decision regarding the agency subordinate's recommendation is a final order that can only be appealed to circuit court as provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

DEFAULT:

If you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Agency Subordinate may proceed to hear this matter in your absence and may take any of the actions outlined above.

RESPONDENT'S LEGAL RIGHTS:

You have the right to the information on which the Agency Subordinate will rely in making a decision, to be represented by counsel at this proceeding, to subpoena witnesses and/or documents, and to present relevant evidence on your behalf.

COMMONWEALTH'S EXHIBIT:

Enclosed is a copy of the documents that will be considered by the Agency Subordinate when discussing any allegations with you and when deliberating on your case. These documents are enclosed only with the 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.

FILING DEADLINES:

- 1. Deadline for filing exhibits: May 19, 2016. Submit 5 copies of all documents you want the Board to consider to Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. Exhibits may not be sent by facsimile or e-mail.
- 2. Deadline for filing motions, including requests for continuance or objections to exhibits, in writing, to Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk at the above address: May 19, 2016. NOTE: the failure to object to exhibits does not deprive you of the right to contest their contents at the proceeding.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board of Nursing alleges that:

1. At all times relevant hereto, Wayne Leo Cooke, L.P.N. was licensed to practice

practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. Pursuant to an Order of the Board entered June 24, 2015 ("Board's Order"), Mr. Cook

was issued a reprimand and placed on probations subject to terms and conditions.

3. Mr. Cooke violated Term Number 1(b) of the Board's Order, which required him to

complete NCSBN courses: Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care; Ethics of Nursing

Practice; Medication Errors: Detection and Prevention and Professional Accountability and Legal

Liability for Nurses, within 90 days of entry of the Board' Order, in that he failed to complete the

courses.

4. Mr. Cook violated Term Number 1(c) of the Board's Order, which required him to

return all copies of his license along with payment of a duplicate fee to the Board office within ten

days of entry of the Board's Order, in that he failed to return copies of his license to the Board office.

5. Mr. Cook violated Terms 1(d) and (h) of the Board's Order, which required that he

submit quarterly self-reports to the Board office whether he is employed or not in that he failed to

submit any self-reports.

Gloria Mitchell-Lively, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A.

Deputy Executive Director Virginia Board of Nursing

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