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November 13, 2014

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RE: VA License No.: 0024-170259, 0017-140655
Expiration Date: September 30, 2015

SC RN License No.: 17579A with Multistate Privilege
Expiration Date: April 30, 2016

Dear Ms. Pedersen:

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 10, 2014, at 10:30 a.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") comprised of three members of the Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine ("Committee of the Joint Boards") will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nurse practitioner practice in Virginia.

Specifically, you may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code and 18 VAC- 90-20-220(4) and (5) of the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners in that you may be unable to safely practice as a nurse practitioner due to substance abuse, as evidenced by your entering a contract with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"), wherein you acknowledged being unable to safely practice due to chemical dependency and mental health issues. On or about May 6, 2014, you were dismissed from the HPMP due to the following noncompliance:

1. On or about February 19, 2014, you tested positive for alcohol and you admitted to drinking on February 14, and January 17, 2014.

2. You failed to report prescriptions for Vyvanse (lisdexamfetamine, Schedule II), Adderall (amphetamine/dextroamphetamine, Schedule II) and Xanax (alprazolam, Schedule IV).
3. You continued to use tramadol (Schedule IV).
4. You failed to attend substance abuse treatment and 12-step meetings as required.

In its deliberations, the Special Conference Committee may use the Sanction Reference Points System, as contained in the Sanction Reference Manual. The manual, which is a guidance document of the Board, may be accessed at <http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing>. Please click on *Guidance Documents*, then select #90-7. You may also request a paper copy from the Board office by calling (804) 367-4515.

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

- If the Committee finds that there is insufficient evidence to warrant further action or that the charges are without foundation, the Committee shall notify you by mail that your record has been cleared of any charge which might affect your right to practice as a nurse practitioner in the Commonwealth;
- The Committee may place you on probation for such time as it may designate and subject to such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate;
- The Committee may reprimand you; or
- The Committee may impose a monetary penalty.

Further, the Special Conference Committee may refer the case to the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine or a panel thereof for a formal hearing. If the Special Conference Committee is of the opinion that suspension or revocation may be justified, it may offer you a Consent Order for suspension or revocation in lieu of 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) 367-4576, or in writing at the address listed above, of your telephone number and whether you intend to appear at the informal conference.

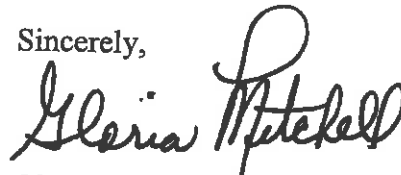
To facilitate this proceeding, you should submit five copies of any documents you wish the Committee to consider to the Department of Health Professions, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, by **December 3, 2014**. Your documents may not be submitted by facsimile or email.

You have the right to the information on which the Special Conference Committee 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 agency 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,



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Deputy Executive Director

Enclosures

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