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Dawn M. Rice, L.N.P. Reinstatement Applicant  
5500 Creek Crossing Drive  
Midlothian, Virginia 23112

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
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**Re: VA License No.: 0024-165057**

Dear Ms. Rice:

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 April 8, 2015, at 1:00 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") comprised of three members of the Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine ("Committee of the Joint Boards") will receive and act upon your application for the reinstatement of your license to practice as a nurse practitioner in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which was suspended by an Order of the Board entered July 22, 2009, ("Board's Order") and will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nurse practitioner practice in Virginia

Specifically:

1. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-30-220(1), (4) and (5) of the Emergency Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners in that on or about July 22, 2009, your license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia was indefinitely suspended due to diversion and substance abuse.

2. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-30-220(4) of the Emergency Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners in that on or about March 18, 2010, in the General District Court of Chesterfield County, Virginia, you were convicted of petty larceny.

3. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(1) of the Code, 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(1)(b) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing and 18 VAC 90-30-220(4) of the Emergency Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners in that you failed to reveal the above-referenced conviction on the application for reinstatement dated June 10, 2014.

4. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(2) of the Code, 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing and 18 VAC 90-30-220(4) of the Emergency Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners in that on the employment application with ACell Regenerative Medical Equipment dated June 18, 2013, you answered "no" to the question, "Have you ever plead guilty or no contest to, or been convicted of any criminal offense other than the applicable exceptions listed above," when, in fact, you had been convicted of petty larceny as indicated in Allegation No. 2.

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:

- The Committee may reinstate your license to practice as a nurse practitioner in the Commonwealth without restriction;
- The Committee may reinstate your license and place you on probation for such time as it may designate and subject to such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate, reprimand you, or impose a monetary penalty; or
- The Committee may deny your application for reinstatement of your license.

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 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 **April 1, 2015**. 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.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: Anne G. Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division  
Special Conference Committee Members  
Joyce Shelton-Jones, Senior Investigator (Case No. 158385)