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NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

December 29, 2014

Valencia Belle, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant
2040 Laurel Oak Court
Mobile, Alabama 36695

CERTIFIED MAIL
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Re: License No.: 0001-203122
Suspended: February 11, 2009

Dear Ms. Belle:

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 **February 2, 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"), which is comprised of at least two members of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board"), will receive and act upon your application for the reinstatement of your license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which was suspended by an Order of the Board entered February 11, 2009 ("Board's Order") and will inquire into evidence that grounds may exist to deny your application.

Specifically:

1. You may have violated §54.1-3007(4) of the Code in that on or about May 27, 2008, you were convicted of one count of misdemeanor bad check, a crime of moral turpitude, in the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, Durham County, North Carolina.
2. You may have violated §54.1-3007 (7) of the Code in that by Board Order entered on April 21, 2011 ("Mississippi Board Order"), the Mississippi Board of Nursing revoked your license and privilege to practice professional nursing.
3. You may have violated §54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(1)(b) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations") in that:

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a. By Mississippi Board Order you were found to have answered "no" to the question "have you ever been disciplined by or pled no contest to charges filed by any Nursing Board or national certification organization?" on your application for licensure dated March 12, 2009. The Virginia Board of Nursing had suspended your license on February 11, 2009.

b. On your application for reinstatement received by the Board on April 1, 2014, you indicated you left employment with Virginia College, Biloxi, Mississippi, for career advancement and relocation. However, you were terminated from Virginia College on June 30, 2011, due to non-compliance with job requirements and a failure to remedy derogatory information, as required.

c. As evidenced by the Mississippi Board Order, when you applied for licensure in Alabama in January 2008, you failed to disclose that you were under investigation with the Virginia Board of Nursing.

4. You may have violated §§54.1-3007(2) and (5) and 54.1-3008(2) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(1) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in that as evidenced by the Mississippi Board Order, in or about 2010, you were acting as a "nurse imposter," practicing as a nurse in the Mobile, Alabama, area without a current Alabama license.

5. You may have violated §54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations in that on an application for employment with Virginia College, dated May 21, 2010, you answered "no" to the question asking "have you ever been debarred or otherwise sanctioned by any governmental agency or accrediting agency?" Your license to practice nursing in Virginia had been suspended on February 11, 2009.

The burden rests on you to demonstrate that you are prepared to resume the safe and competent practice of nursing.

After the informal conference, the 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 professional nurse 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;
- The Committee may deny your application for reinstatement of your license.

Further, the Committee may refer the case to the Board of Nursing 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.

Valencia Belle, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant

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 January 23, 2015. Your documents may not be submitted by facsimile or email.

You have the right to the information on which the Board 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 Board of Nursing 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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Enclosures

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