

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:       MECCA WASHINGTON, R.M.A., C.N.A. APPLICANT**  
**Registration No.: 0031-006277**

**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”), Mecca Washington, R.M.A., who holds Registration No. 0031-006277 which is set to expire on March 31, 2015, 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 January 28, 2015, at 2:00 p.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. Washington will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Washington 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. Washington 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. Washington may have violated certain laws and regulations governing medication aide practice in Virginia and to receive and act upon Ms. Washington’s application for certification by examination to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

With regard to Ms. Washington’s application to practice as a nurse aide, the burden rests upon Ms. Washington, as the applicant, to demonstrate that she meets the requirements of § 54.1-3023 of the Code.

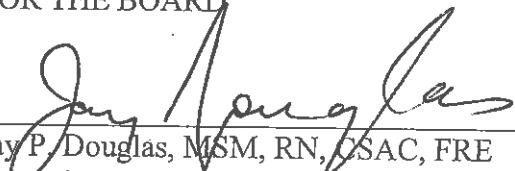
STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that:

1. Mecca Washington, R.M.A., may have violated §54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that she may be unable to safely practice as a medication aide and/or as a nurse aide due to substance abuse and or mental illness, as evidenced by the following: On or about October 30, 2013, Ms. Washington was admitted to Bon Secours, Richmond Community Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, for mental health concerns. During her admission, Ms. Washington tested positive for cocaine and marijuana (THC). At discharge, Ms. Washington was diagnosed with poly-substance dependency, posttraumatic stress disorder and personality disorder with borderline versus antisocial features.

2. Ms. Washington may have violated §54.1-3007(1) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-25-100(1)(b) of the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides in that on her application for certification by examination as a nurse aide, received by the Board on May 8, 2014, Ms. Washington answered “no” to the question asking if she had any mental, physical, or chemical dependency condition that could interfere with her currently ability to practice as a nurse aide.

FOR THE BOARD

  
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