

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: MARY ELLEN COTELLESE, R.N.  
License No.: 0001-090106**

**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”), Mary Ellen Cotellese, R.N., who, prior to its suspension by the Board of Nursing on February 5, 2015, held License No. 0001-090106 to practice professional nursing in Virginia, 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 June 10, 2015, at 10:30 a.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. Cotellese will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Cotellese 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. Cotellese 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 Mary Ellen Cotellese, R.N., may have violated certain terms and conditions imposed on her as set forth in the Order of the Board entered on July 17, 2012, and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Cotellese may have violated certain laws governing professional nursing practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that Mary Ellen Cotellese, R.N., may have violated Term No. 4 of the Board's Order, which required her to comply with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"), and § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that on or about January 26, 2015, Ms. Cotellese was dismissed from the HPMP due to the following noncompliance issues:

1. On or about September 4 and 11, 2014, Ms. Cotellese failed to call the drug screen test line.
2. On or about September 11, 2014, Ms. Cotellese failed to submit a drug screen.
3. On or about December 22, 2014, Ms. Cotellese did not attend a group meeting and failed to notify her therapist or case manager.
4. On or about January 12, 2015, Ms. Cotellese resigned from the HPMP and stopped calling the test line.

FOR THE BOARD

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Executive Director for the  
Board of Nursing

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