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NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE BEFORE AN AGENCY SUBORDINATE

July 10, 2009

Amanda Jordan, L.P.N.
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sent by overnight mail

RE: VA License No.: 0002-056411
Expiration Date: March 31, 2011

Dear Ms. Jordan:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") will be held on **July 28, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Richmond, Virginia. In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), this informal conference will be held before an agency subordinate of the Board of Nursing. This informal conference will be convened as a public meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3700 *et seq.* of the Code. The agency subordinate will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia.

Specifically:

1. You may be in violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that you may be unable to safely practice nursing due to mental illness and/or substance abuse, as evidenced by the following:
 - a. In an interview with an investigator for the Department of Health Professions on May 26, 2009, you acknowledged your recent inpatient and outpatient treatment for addiction to prescription medications.

b. On or about December 14, 2008, you were involved in a traffic accident after taking prescribed opiates and benzodiazepines. You were observed to have slurred speech and to be confused. You were admitted to Tucker Pavilion, CJW Medical Center, on a temporary detention order for expressing suicidal ideation following the traffic accident.

c. You have been hospitalized on several other occasions in recent years for mental health-related treatment.

2. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(2) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in that you provided false information on the following employment applications:

a. On an application for employment with Lucy Corr Village dated June 4, 2007, your stated reason for leaving Patient First was "had baby," when your employment was actually terminated for "no call/no show" in January 2006.

b. On an application for employment with The Laurels at Willow Creek/Laurel Health Care in February, 2008, your stated reason for leaving Lucy Corr was "sick," when your employment actually terminated for "no call/no show" in October, 2007, and your reason for leaving Patient First was "had baby," when your employment was actually terminated as stated above.

c. On an application for employment with Nurse Advantage, dated October 30, 2008, your stated reason for leaving Patient First was "pregnant," when your employment was actually terminated as stated above. You also failed to list your employment with the Laurels at Willow Creek, which was terminated on or about August 12, 2008, for failure to document distribution of narcotics.

In its deliberations, the agency subordinate 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 consideration of all information, the agency subordinate may:

- If the agency subordinate finds that there is insufficient evidence to warrant further action or that the charges are without foundation, notify you by mail that your record has been cleared of any charge which might affect your right to practice nursing in the Commonwealth;
- Recommend findings of fact, conclusions of law and a sanction, to include a reprimand, placing you on probation with terms, suspension or revocation of your license, or imposing a monetary penalty pursuant to § 54.1-2401 of the Code.

Further, the agency subordinate may refer this matter for a formal administrative proceeding pursuant to § 2.2-4020 of the Code.

Since the allegations listed above involve impairment, please be advised that you may make application to the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program ("HPIP"), which is available to all health care practitioners licensed in Virginia. A brochure about the HPIP is enclosed. Should you enter into a written agreement with the HPIP prior to your informal conference, the agency subordinate will take that into consideration when making a recommendation in your case.

Board's Review of Agency Subordinate's Recommended Decision

If you **appear in person or by counsel at the informal conference**, the recommendation of the agency subordinate will be presented to a quorum of the Board. The Board may accept or modify the recommendation, or reject the recommendation and move the case to formal hearing. If you do not agree with the decision of the Board, you have the right to a formal administrative hearing before the Board.

If you **fail to appear in person or by counsel at the informal conference**, the recommendation of the agency subordinate will be presented to a quorum of the Board. The Board may accept or modify the recommendation, or reject the recommendation. The Board's decision regarding the agency subordinate's recommendation is a final order that can only be appealed to circuit court as provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

You have the right to information that will be relied upon by the agency subordinate in making a decision. Therefore, I enclose a copy of the documents that will be distributed to the agency subordinate, and will be considered when discussing the allegations with you and when deliberating upon 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.**

To facilitate this proceeding, you should submit five copies of any documents you wish the agency subordinate to consider to the Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23233, by July 23, 2009. Your documents may not be submitted by facsimile or email.

You may be represented by an attorney at the informal conference. If you obtain counsel, you should do so as soon as possible, because absent good cause to support a request for a continuance, the informal conference will be held on July 28, 2009. A request to continue this proceeding must state **in detail** the reason for the request and must establish good cause. Such request must be made, in writing, to me at the address listed on this letter and must be received by 12 noon on July 23, 2008. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent critical circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after July 23, 2009, will not be considered.

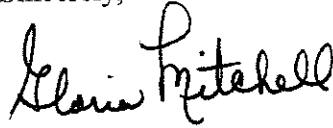
Relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which govern proceedings of this nature, as well as laws relating to the practice of nursing and other healing arts in Virginia cited in this notice can be found on the Internet at <http://leg1.state.va.us>. To access this information, please click on the *Code of Virginia* for statutes and *Virginia Administrative Code* for regulations.

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Please advise the Board, in writing, of your intention to be present. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division, at (804) 367-4474.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gloria Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "M".

Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A.
Deputy Executive Director, Discipline

Enclosures

cc: Sandra Whitley Ryals, Director, Department of Health Professions
Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division
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