

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: AMANDA ADAMS, R.N.,
 License No.: 0001-204855**

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”), Amanda Adams, R.N., who prior to its summary suspension by the Board of Nursing on January 13, 2015, held License No. 0001-204855 to practice professional nursing in Virginia which was set to expire on April 30, 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 March 23, 2015, at 9:00 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. Adams will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Adams 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. Adams 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. Adams may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that:

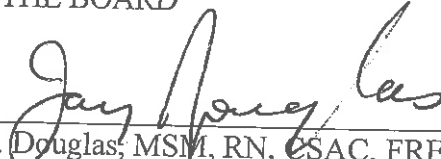
1. During the course of her employment with Chesapeake Regional Medical Center, Chesapeake, Virginia, on or about August 17, 2014:
 - a. Ms. Adams may have violated §54.1-3007(5) and (6) of the Code in that she appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance and was described by her co-workers and supervisors as jittery, unfocused, with rambling speech, trembling at times and pale in appearance. Ms. Adams was caring for patients not assigned to her and while a co-worker was speaking with her about her patients, a bottle of Lidocaine jelly fell from her pocket. When Ms. Adams was asked to empty her pockets there were multiple handfuls of curoc caps in her pockets as well as metoprolol and clonidine tablets; Ms. Adams also discarded two empty syringes in her supervisor's trashcan.
 - b. Ms. Adams may have violated §54.1-3007(2), (5) and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in that she diverted morphine (Schedule II) for her own unauthorized and personal use. Ms. Adams pulled approximately 16 mg of morphine from the Pyxis machine for four patients, two of whom were not assigned to her; however, 14 mg of morphine were unaccounted for. In addition, a co-worker who was replacing Ms. Adams found empty syringes for Zofran and morphine in a plastic bag in a patient's room.
2. Ms. Adams may have violated §54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that she may be unable to safely practice nursing due to substance abuse and/or physical or mental illness, as evidenced by the following:
 - a. By her own admission, on or about August 16, 2014, Ms. Adams took Vicodin (Schedule II), Xanax (Schedule IV) and Ambien (Schedule (IV) during the night prior to working on August 17, 2014. She also indicated she took tramadol (Schedule IV) on August 17, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.
 - b. On or about August 4, 2014, Ms. Adams was charged with one count of misdemeanor

driving under the influence and one count of felony possession of a controlled substance, Schedule II (morphine); a trial and preliminary hearing are set for February 9, 2015, in the Chesapeake, Virginia, General District Court.

c. Between on or about September 11, 2012, and September 11, 2014, Ms. Adams was prescribed tramadol, Ambien, Fentanyl (Schedule II), Percocet (Schedule II) and meperidine hcl (Schedule II) from a total of ten prescribers.

d. Ms. Adams has been recently diagnosed with hereditary angioedema, type 1, for which she is prescribed Zofran, tramadol, Phenergan and Berinert. She has also been diagnosed with anxiety and depression, for which she is prescribed Xanax and Zoloft.

FOR THE BOARD



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