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October 1, 2014

Christina Lovern, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant
1113 Franklin Road, SW, Apt. 4
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CERTIFIED MAIL
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Re: VA License No.: 0001-213964
Expiration Date: August 31, 2010

Dear Ms. Lovern:

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 October 27, 2014 at 10:30 a.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 March 1, 2011, and will inquire into evidence that grounds may exist to deny your application.

Specifically:

1. You may have violated §54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that you may be unsafe to practice nursing due to substance abuse, mental illness, and/or physical illness. Since 2009 you have received a diagnosis of major depressive disorder and opioid dependence. In addition, you have experienced extensive back problems for many years requiring opioid medication and surgery. You have received in-patient and out-patient substance abuse and mental health treatment from 2009 to 2013.

2. You may have violated §54.1-3007(4) of the Code in that you were convicted on three counts of misdemeanor obtaining prescription drugs by fraud, a crime of moral turpitude, in the City of Salem, Virginia, Circuit Court, on September 16, 2011.

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

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

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 professional nursing 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) 367-4502, or in writing at the address listed above, of your telephone number and whether you intend to appear at the informal conference.

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 October 17, 2014. 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.

Christina Lovern, R.N., Reinstatement Applicant
Notice

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda Krohn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "K".

Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S.
Deputy Executive Director
Nurse Aide Registry Manager

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Enclosures

cc: Anne G. Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division
Special Conference Committee Members
Wendy Deaner, Adjudication Specialist
Joyce Shelton-Jones, Senior Investigator (Case No. 156627)
Peggy Wood, Monitoring Program Coordinator