

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: SONJA D. WILLIAMS, C.N.A.
REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT**

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"), Sonja D. Williams, who, prior to its suspension by the Board of Nursing on June 22, 2010, held Certificate No. 1401-089238, 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 October 20, 2014, at 1:00 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. Williams will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Williams 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. Williams 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 receive and act upon Ms. Williams' application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia, which was mandatorily suspended on June 22, 2010, and inquire into evidence that Ms. Williams may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nurse aide practice in Virginia, as more fully set out in the Statement of Particulars below.

The burden rests upon Ms. Williams, as the applicant, to demonstrate that she is capable of resuming safe and competent practice as a certified nurse aide in Virginia.

Pursuant to § 54.1-2409 of the Code, reinstatement of Ms. Williams' certificate requires the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board in attendance at the hearing.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that:

1. Sonja D. Williams, C.N.A may have violated §54.1-3007(4) of the Code, in that on or about June 3, 2010 in the Newport News, Virginia, Circuit Court, Ms. Williams was convicted of one count of grand larceny, a felony offense. This conviction formed the basis of the mandatory suspension of Ms. Williams' certificate by the Virginia Department of Health Professions.

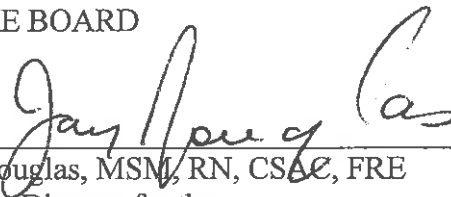
2. Ms. Williams may have violated §54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-25-100(2)(h) of the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides ("Regulations"), in that during the course of her employment with Heart & Soul Assisted Living Facility ("Heart & Soul"), Newport News, Virginia, between October 2008 and May 2009, Ms. Williams took items including video games and a video game console, cash, and a food benefits program card from residents at Heart & Soul.

3. Ms. Williams may have violated §54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-25-100(2)(d) of the Regulations, in that on her employment application to Governor's Inn Retirement Center, Newport News, Virginia, dated June 15, 2009, Ms. Williams failed to list her employment with Heart & Soul between October 2008 and May 2009.

If the Board finds that Sonja D. Williams, C.N.A., is in violation of the above allegation(s) and § 54.1-3007(8) of the Code, the Board shall make a Finding of Abuse, Neglect, or Misappropriation of patient property, which will be entered in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry pursuant to 42 CFR § 483.156(b)(2) and (c)(1)(iv)(D) of the Code of Federal Regulations. According to 42 CFR § 483.13(c)(1)(ii)(B), such a finding

will prohibit Ms. Williams' future employment as a certified nurse aide in any long term care facility which receives Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement.

FOR THE BOARD



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ENTERED: _____

September 25th, 2014