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NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE BEFORE AN AGENCY SUBORDINATE

April 11, 2013

Jennifer Monterrozo, L.P.N. 1013 Pendleton Drive Waynesboro, Virginia 22980

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Re:

VA License No.: 0002-066343

Expiration Date: December 31, 2013

Dear Ms. Monterrozo:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") will be held on May 7, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, 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 practical nursing in Virginia.

Specifically:

- You may have violated § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) and (k) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations") in that during the course of your employment with Team Nurse, Verona, Virginia, you falsified your timesheet for September 3, 2012, by signing the name of your client and recording that you worked 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. when, in fact, you worked 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- You may have violated § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations in that on your employment application for Team Nurse dated August 6, 2012, you answered no to the question, "Are you currently involved in any pending charges, pleadings of guilt . . . to a felony or a misdemeanor in Virginia . . . ?" when, in fact, on June 29, 2012, you plead guilty to five counts of felony credit card fraud in the Waynesboro, Virginia, Circuit Court, and the disposition of the case is still pending.

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

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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 practical 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.

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 have enclosed 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 <u>only</u> 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 May 1, 2013. 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 May 7, 2013. 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 May 1, 2013. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent critical circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after May 1, 2013, will not be considered.

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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.

Please advise the Board, in writing, of your intention to be present. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact me, at (804) 367-4634.

Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A.

Deputy Executive Director

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Enclosures

cc: Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division

James E. Rutkowski, Adjudication Specialist Kelli Moss, Senior Investigator (Case no. 146640)

Agency Subordinate