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NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

July 1, 2014

Kathryn E. Brandt, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant
929 Saddleback Trail Road
Chesapeake, Virginia 23322

CERTIFIED MAIL
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Re: VA License No.: 0002-075963
Expiration Date: May 18, 2010

Dear Ms. Brandt:

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 **August 5, 2014, at 1:00 p.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 indefinitely suspended by Order of the Board entered May 18, 2010, and will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws governing nursing practice in Virginia.

Specifically:

1. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code in that:
 - a. On or about June 4, 2013, you were convicted of concealment, a misdemeanor, in the Norfolk, Virginia, General District Court.
 - b. On or about July 18, 2013, you were convicted of two counts of forgery, a felony, in the Circuit Court of the York County-City of Poquoson, Virginia.

c. On or about December 5, 2013, you were convicted of possession of heroin, a felony, in the Circuit Court of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia.

2. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that you may be unable to safely practice as a practical nurse due to your admitted substance abuse. Further, on or about August 6, 2013, you were convicted of driving under the influence in the Chesapeake, Virginia, General District Court. By your own admission, you had taken too much heroin that morning before getting behind the wheel of the car.

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

The burden of providing evidence satisfactory to the Board that you are prepared to resume the competent practice of practical nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients rests with you.

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 practical 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; or
- 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.

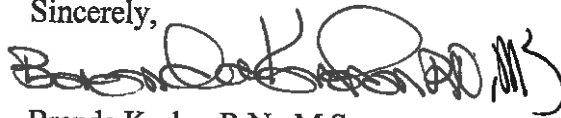
If you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Committee may proceed to hear the case in your absence and may take any of the actions outlined above. At least ten days prior to the scheduled date of the conference, please inform this office at (804) 367-4515, or in writing at the address listed 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 July 29, 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brenda Krohn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S.
Deputy Executive Director

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Enclosures

cc: Anne G. Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division
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