

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: PARIS K. SIRE, C.N.A.

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”), Paris K. Sire, C.N.A., who holds Certificate No. 1401-120075 to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia, which expires on July 31, 2011, 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 17, 2010, at 11:00 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. Sire will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

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

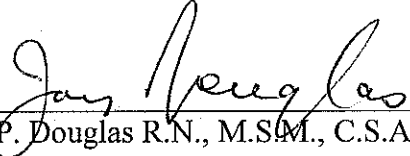
STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that Paris K. Sire, C.N.A., may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that she may be unsafe to practice as a nurse aide due to depression and substance abuse, as evidenced by the following statements she made in an interview with an investigator for the Department of Health Profession on or about September 13, 15 and 16, 2009:

1. In 2006, Ms Sire began taking Ambien (zolpidem tartrate, schedule IV). Ms. Sire later began taking Xanax (alprazolam, schedule IV) because she “liked taking it.” From that time until August, 2009, Ms. Sire went to several doctors in order to obtain prescriptions for these medications.

2. Ms. Sire relapsed on cocaine and was hospitalized as a result on or about August 7, 2009. Ms. Sire was again hospitalized on or about August 23, 2009, due to substance abuse.

FOR THE BOARD


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