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NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

September 5, 2012

Billie Farmer, R.N. Applicant
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Dear Ms. Farmer:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") will be held, pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(7) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), on **October 2, 2012, at 1:00 p.m.**, in the offices of the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia 23233. You may be represented by an attorney at the informal conference. The informal conference committee, which is comprised of at least two members of the Board, will consider your application for licensure by endorsement as a professional nurse and will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia.

Specifically,

1. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (7) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations") in that by Consent Order entered on or about November 9, 2006, you surrendered your North Carolina professional nursing license to the North Carolina Board of Nursing ("North Carolina Board") for three months and you were placed on probation on or about February 27, 2007, based on findings that on or about May 8, 2006, and April 17, 2006, during the course of your employment with Home Total Care, Winston Salem, North Carolina, and assigned to visit residents who were living independently, you falsely documented visiting two residents.

2. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(7) of the Code in that:

a. By Order of the North Carolina Board entered on March 12, 2009, your license to practice professional nursing in North Carolina was not reinstated, and you were subject to certain terms and conditions.

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b. By Order of the North Carolina Board of Nursing dated April 12, 2012, your license to practice professional nursing was reinstated, and you were placed on probation, subject to certain terms and conditions.

3. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that you may be unsafe to practice professional nursing due to mental illness as evidenced by a psychological evaluation conducted on or about March 6, 2012, and March 7, 2012, which stated that in 2009 and 2010 you suffered from depression and suicidal thoughts.

4. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(1) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(1)(b) of the Regulations in that on your application for licensure by endorsement as a professional nurse received by the Board on May 31, 2012, you answered “No” to the question “ Do you have a mental, physical or chemical dependency condition which could interfere with your current ability to practice nursing? when, in fact, you may suffer from a mental illness that could interfere with your ability to practice professional nursing as evidenced above.

The burden rests on you, as the applicant, to demonstrate that you meet the requirements of § 54.1-3018 of the Code.

After consideration of all information, the committee may:

1. Approve your application for licensure by endorsement; or
2. Recommend to the Board that your application be approved with a reprimand, a monetary penalty, or terms and conditions, which may include placing you on probation; or
3. Recommend to the Board that your application be denied; or
4. Refer the matter to a formal hearing of the Board.

The recommendation of the committee 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 a 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.

Please advise the Board of your intention to be present at the informal conference. This can be done by calling our offices at (804) 367-4515 or sending us a letter at the address listed above.

You have a right to the information that will be relied on by the committee in making a decision. Therefore, I enclose a copy of the documents that will be distributed to the committee and will be considered when discussing the allegations with you and when deliberating upon your case. These documents are enclosed only with the original notice sent by certified mail and must be claimed at the post office.

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To facilitate this proceeding, you should submit five copies of any documents you wish the committee to consider to the Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, by **September 25, 2012**. Your documents may not be submitted by facsimile or e-mail.

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, R.N., M.S.", 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
Committee members
James E. Rutkowski, Adjudication Specialist (Case no. 145644)