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NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

January 15, 2013

Tora Duong, C.M.T. Applicant 10490 Madison Way North Glenn, Colorado 80233

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Dear Ms. Duong:

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 **February 11, 2013**, at **9:00 a.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 certification by endorsement as a massage therapist and will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws governing the practice of massage therapy in Virginia.

Specifically:

- 1. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code in that on or about July 27, 2007, you pled guilty to and were convicted of conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine (Schedule II) in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division.
- 2. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(7) of the Code in that on or about May 15, 2012, by Order of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, Office of Massage Therapy Registration, your application for registration to practice massage therapy was approved, and you were placed on probation for a period of 18 months. This action was a result of your felony conviction as evidenced above.

The burden rests on you, as the applicant, to demonstrate that you meet the requirements of 54.1-3029 of the Code.

After consideration of all information, the committee may:

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- 1. Approve your application for certification 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.

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 February 4, 2013. 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.

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 Cynthia E. Gaines, Adjudication Specialist (Case No. 147712)