

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: STEPHEN WILLIAM CULLERS, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
License Number: 0001-150134
Suspension Date: July 1, 2014
Case Number: 179770

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE
AND STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

You are hereby notified that an Informal Conference has been scheduled before the Board of Nursing (“Board”) regarding your application for reinstatement of your license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia following its suspension by the Board.

TYPE OF PROCEEDING:	This is an informal conference before a Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board.
DATE AND TIME:	August 21, 2017 9:00 A.M.
PLACE:	Virginia Department of Health Professions Perimeter Center - 9960 Mayland Drive 2 nd Floor - Virginia Conference Center Henrico, Virginia 23233

LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION:

1. This informal conference is being held pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10). This proceeding will be convened as a public meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3700.
2. The burden rests on you, as the applicant, to demonstrate that you are prepared to resume the safe and competent practice of professional nursing.
3. In considering your application, the Committee will consider evidence that grounds exist to deny your application for reinstatement of your license to practice professional nursing, as more fully set out in the enclosed Statement of Allegations.
4. At the conclusion of the proceeding, the Committee is authorized to take any of the following actions:
 - Approve your application and issue an unrestricted license to practice professional nursing.
 - Approve your application and issue a reprimand, a monetary penalty, and/or a restricted license subject to terms and conditions.

- Deny your application;
- Refer the matter to the Board for a formal administrative hearing.

ABSENCE OF APPLICANT AND APPLICANT'S COUNSEL:

If you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Committee may proceed to hear this matter in your absence and may take any of the actions outlined above.

APPLICANT'S LEGAL RIGHTS:

You have the right to the information on which the Committee will rely in making its decision, to be represented by counsel at this proceeding, to subpoena witnesses and/or documents, and to present relevant evidence on your behalf.

INFORMAL CONFERENCE MATERIALS:

Enclosed is 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 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.**

FILING DEADLINES:

Deadline for filing materials: **August 14, 2017**. Submit 5 copies of all documents you want the Board to consider to Brenda Krohn, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. Exhibits may not be sent by facsimile or e-mail.

REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE


Absent exigent circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after **August 14, 2017**, will not be considered. If you obtain counsel, you should do so as soon as possible, as a motion for a continuance due to the unavailability of counsel will not be considered unless received by **August 14, 2017**.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

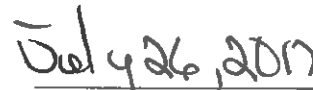
The Board alleges that grounds exist to refuse to reinstate the license of Stephen William Cullers, R.N., to practice professional nursing in that:

1. Mr. Cullers violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that he is unsafe to practice due to substance abuse and/or mental and/or physical illness, as evidenced his history of alcohol abuse, multiple suicide attempts since 1979, and more than 25 psychiatric hospital admissions of varying lengths between about 2014 and 2017, after which his discharge diagnoses included major depressive disorder, polysubstance abuse, suicidal ideation, bipolar disorder, double depression vs. bipolar disorder, personality disorder, alcohol use disorder, anxiety disorder not otherwise specified, post-traumatic stress disorder, and adjustment disorder, among others.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2(K), the Board considered whether to disclose or not disclose Mr. Cullers' health records or health services.



Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S.
Deputy Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing



Date