

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

AUGUST S. OLINGER, R.N.

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"), August S. Olinger, R.N., who holds License No. 0001-194797, which expires on August 31, 2010, 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 January 29, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., at the offices of the Department of Health Professions, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Richmond, Virginia 23233, at which time Ms. Olinger will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Olinger 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. Olinger 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, Richmond, Virginia 23233, in accordance with the Instructions for Requesting Subpoenas.


The purpose of the hearing is to inquire into evidence that Ms. Olinger may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that Ms. Olinger may be in violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that she may be unsafe to practice due to substance abuse and mental health issues as evidenced by her own admission of

cocaine and marijuana use, and as revealed in a urine drug screen conducted on or about August 19, 2007, which was positive for cannabinoids and cocaine, upon her admission to Lewis Gale Medical Center, Salem, Virginia, for complaints of chest pain after using cocaine. Ms. Olinger subsequently transferred to Lewis Gale Behavioral Health on or about August 21, 2007, for treatment for cocaine abuse and depression.

FOR THE BOARD


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Board of Nursing

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