

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:           STEPHANIE A. NEWTON, L.P.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT**  
**License No.: 0002-074792**

**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”), Stephanie A. Newton, who, prior to its mandatory suspension by the Department of Health Professions on June 30, 2011, held License No. 0002-074792 to practice practical nursing in Virginia, 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 May 21, 2014, at 2:00 p.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. Newton will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Newton 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. Newton 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 receive and act upon the application of Stephanie A. Newton for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in Virginia which was mandatorily suspended by the Department of Health Professions on June 30, 2011, and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Newton may have violated certain laws and regulations governing practical nursing practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

The burden rests upon Ms. Newton, as the applicant, to demonstrate that she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of practical nursing in Virginia.

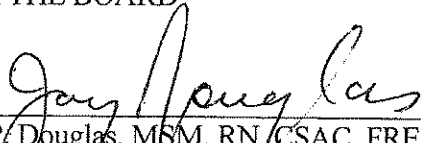
Pursuant to § 54.1-2409 of the Code, reinstatement of Ms. Newton's license requires the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board in attendance at the hearing.

**STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS**

The Board alleges that:

1. Stephanie A. Newton may have violated § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code in that, on or about May 25, 2011, in the United States District Court, Western District of Virginia, Ms. Newton was convicted of distribution of a Schedule IV controlled substance, obstruction of an official proceeding, conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding and making a false statement to a government agency, all felonies. Said convictions led to the mandatory suspension of her license to practice practical nursing in Virginia.
2. Ms. Newton may have violated § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations") in that on the application for employment with the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority signed on March 19, 2008, she failed to disclose her termination from Ridgecrest Nursing Home on February 14, 2008.
3. Ms. Newton 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 the application for reinstatement dated February 21, 2014, she failed to list her employment at Abingdon Manor.
4. Ms. Newton may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that she may be unable to safely practice practical nursing due to substance abuse and mental illness which requires medication and treatment.

FOR THE BOARD

  
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Executive Director for the  
Board of Nursing

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*May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014*