BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

BRANDI PRYOR, L.P.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT

License Number:

0002-079280

Suspension Date:

May 20, 2014

Case Number:

172509

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 practical 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 of the Board of Nursing.
DATE AND TIME:	October 26, 2016
	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 practical nursing.
- 3. In considering your application, the Committee will consider evidence that grounds may exist to deny your application for reinstatement of your license to practice practical 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 practical nursing.
 - Approve your application and issue a restricted license subject to terms and conditions.
 - Deny your application;

Refer the matter to the Board for a formal administrative hearing.

ABSENCE OF RESPONDENT AND RESPONDENT'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.

RESPONDENT'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.

COMMONWEALTH'S EXHIBIT:

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 <u>only</u> 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:

- 1. Deadline for filing exhibits: October 19, 2016. 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.
- 2. Deadline for filing motions, including requests for continuance or objections to exhibits, in writing, to Brenda Krohn at the above address: October 19, 2016. NOTE: Failure to object to the distribution prior to the proceeding will not affect your right to contest any information contained in these documents at the proceeding.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board of Nursing alleges that grounds exist to refuse to reinstate the license of Brandi Pryor to practice practical nursing, in that:

- 1. Ms. Pryor violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice due to mental illness, as evidenced by the following:
- a. On or about September 29, 2014, in the Circuit Court for the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, Ms. Pryor was adjudicated Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity ("NGRI") on a felony charge of malicious wounding.
- b. By her own admission, Ms. Pryor suffered from postpartum depression with psychotic features. She received inpatient psychiatric treatment at Central State Hospital, Petersburg, Virginia, between or about November 14, 2013 and February 12, 2014 under a court order for treatment under a criminal temporary detention order and again between or about October 21, 2014 and January 28, 2015 following her NGRI plea. Her final discharge diagnosis was major depressive disorder, single episode-severe with postpartum onset; currently in complete remission.

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

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Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S.

Deputy Executive Director

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