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Dear Ms. Morrison:

This is official notification that an Informal Conference will be held, pursuant to § 2.2-4019, § 2.2-4021, § 54.1-2400(10) and § 54.1-3010 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), on December 18, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., in the offices of the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Fifth Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

The Special Conference Committee, which is comprised of two or three members of the Virginia Board of Nursing, will receive and act upon your petition for the reinstatement of your license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which was indefinitely suspended by Consent Order entered January 25, 1999.

Pursuant to § 54.1-3009 of the Code, the burden of providing evidence satisfactory to the Board that you are prepared to resume the competent practice of nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients rests with you.

Please take notice that upon the introduction of evidence relating to your competency and fitness to practice, the Committee will receive and act upon evidence that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia. Specifically:

1. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code, in that, since on or about June 15, 1998, you have received case management services at Henrico Area Mental Health and Retardation Services. In approximately April 2002, your mental health diagnosis was changed from bipolar disorder to schizoaffective disorder vs. schizophrenia.
2. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code, in that, by your own admission, in approximately November 2001, you ingested a Darvocet tablet (propoxyphene, Schedule IV), left over from a 1998 prescription; however, you failed to inform your case manager.

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3. You may have failed to meet the requirements of § 54.1-3009 of the Code, in that, during the fall of 2001, you enrolled in a nursing refresher course at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. Your behavior was described as slow and sluggish and the instructor had concerns regarding your ability to mentally process quickly enough to function safely in a fast-paced, stressful clinical setting. You failed the two dosage calculation tests and were absent approximately nine of the 85 hours of class time; a higher absentee rate than expected. Based on your performance in the classroom and the lab components, you were not recommended to complete the clinical component.

You may be represented by an attorney at the Informal Conference. After the conference, the conference committee is authorized to take the following actions:

1. The committee may reinstate your license to practice nursing in the Commonwealth without restriction;
2. The committee may deny the reinstatement of your license;
3. The committee may reinstate your license and place you on probation with such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate;
4. The committee may reinstate your license and reprimand you;
5. The committee may modify a previous Order;
6. The committee may reinstate your license and impose a monetary penalty pursuant to § 54.1-2401 of the Code; or
7. The committee may refer the case to the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof for a formal hearing.

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

At least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled date of the conference, please inform this office of your telephone number and whether you intend to appear at the conference. This can be done by calling our offices at (804) 662-9950 or by sending us a letter at the address listed above.

If you have any additional documents to be presented to the Conference Committee, **please bring five (5) copies of each document with you.**

You have the right to information, which will be relied upon by the Board in making a decision. Therefore, I enclosed a copy of the documents, which will be distributed to the members of the Committee and will be considered by the Committee 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. Please bring these documents with you.**

Enclosed you will find copies of the relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which governs proceedings of this nature, as well as the laws and regulations relating to the practice of nursing in Virginia.

Sincerely,



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