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CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED (ARTICLE NO. 71603901984887242894)

Tonya L. Turner, C.N.A. 1235 Nelson Street Apartment C Richmond, Virginia 23231

RE: Certificate No. 1401-105213-Expires 8/31/2006

Dear Ms. Turner:

This is official notification that an Informal Conference will be held pursuant to § 2.2-4019, § 2.2-4021 and § 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), on **August 16, 2005, at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 W. Broad Street, Fifth Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230. You may be represented by an attorney at the conference.

The Special Conference Committee, which is comprised of at least two members of the Virginia Board of Nursing, will review your compliance with the Order of the Board of Nursing entered July 14, 2004, ("Board's Order"), and will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nurse aide practice in Virginia. Specifically:

- 1. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(3) of the Code, and Terms 1 and 2(a) of the Board's Order, in that, on February 18, 2005, you were discharged from the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program for the following reasons:
 - a. Failure to send in the required monthly reports for December, 2004, that were due January 10, 2005.
 - b. Failure to call for urine drug screens on January 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17 and 18, 2005.
 - c. Failure to respond to telephone messages and to written correspondence regarding noncompliance.
 - d. Failure to return Revised Recovery Monitoring Contract.

The Conference Committee is authorized, after meeting with you, to take one of the following actions:

- If the Committee finds that there is insufficient evidence to warrant further action or that the charges are without 1. foundation, the Committee shall notify you by mail that your record has been cleared of any charge which might affect your right to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth;
- The Committee may place you on probation with such terms as it may deem appropriate; 2.
- The Committee may reprimand you; 3.
- The Committee may impose a monetary penalty pursuant to § 54.1-2401 of the Code; or 4.
- The Committee may refer the case to the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof for a formal hearing. If the 5. Conference Committee is of the opinion that a suspension or revocation of your certificate may be justified, the Committee may offer you a consent order in lieu of a formal hearing.
- If the committee finds that there is sufficient evidence to find you in violation of the above charge(s) and § 54.1-6. 3007(8) of the Code, the committee shall make a finding of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of patient property, which will be entered in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry pursuant to 42 CFR § 483.156(b)(2) and (c)(1)(iv)(D) of the Code of Federal Regulations. According to 42 CFR § 483.13(c)(1)(ii)(B) of the federal regulations, such a finding will prohibit your future employment as a certified nurse aide in any long term care facility, which receives Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement.

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. Please inform this office at (804) 662-9075 about whether you intend to appear at the conference at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled date specified above. Also, please inform the Board office of a telephone number where you may be reached.

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 that will be relied upon by the Board in making a decision. Therefore, I have enclosed a copy of the documents that 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. Also, enclosed are copies of the relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which govern proceedings of this nature, as well as laws and regulations relating to the practice of nurse aides in Virginia that are cited in this notice.

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Jodi P. Power, R.N., J.D. Deputy Executive Director Nurse Aide Registry Manager

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