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NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

March 11, 2014

Kierra J. Wiggins, C.N.A. Reinstatement Applicant
182 Thomas Landing Road
Lancaster, Virginia 22503

CERTIFIED MAIL
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Re: VA Certificate No.: 1401-123042
Expiration Date: February 29, 2012

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

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 April 3, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia 23233. You may be represented by an attorney at the conference. This informal conference will be convened as a public meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3700 *et seq.* of the Code.

The Special Conference Committee ("Committee"), which is comprised of at least two members of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board"), will receive and act upon your application for the reinstatement of your certificate to practice as a nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nurse aide practice in Virginia.

Specifically, you may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-25-100(2)(h) of the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides in that in or about August 2013, during the course of your employment with Bay Aging, Urbanna, Virginia, providing in-home care to Client A, you removed a jar of change from Client A's home without his permission.

Please see Attachment I for the name of the client referred to above.

The burden of providing evidence satisfactory to the Board that you are prepared to resume the competent practice as a nurse aide with reasonable skill and safety to patients rests with you.

After the informal conference, the Committee is authorized by § 54.1-2400(10) of the Code to take any of the following actions:

- The Committee may reinstate your certificate to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth without restriction;

- The Committee may reinstate your certificate and place you on probation for such time as it may designate and subject to such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate, reprimand you, or impose a monetary penalty; or
- The Committee may deny your application for reinstatement of your certificate.

Further, the Committee may refer the case to the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof for a formal hearing

If the Committee finds that there is sufficient evidence to find you in violation of the above charge(s) and § 54.1-3007(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), such a finding will prohibit your future employment as a certified nurse aide in any long term care facility that receives Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement.

If you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Committee may proceed to hear the case in your absence and may take any of the actions outlined above. At least ten days prior to the scheduled date of the conference, please inform this office at (804) 367-4515, or in writing at the address listed above, of your telephone number and whether you intend to appear at the informal conference.

To facilitate this proceeding, you should submit five copies of any documents you wish the Committee to consider to the Department of Health Professions, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, by March 27, 2014. Your documents may not be submitted by facsimile or email.

You have the right to the information on which the Board will rely in making its 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 any allegations with you and when deliberating on your case. **These documents are enclosed only with the original 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.**

Relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which govern proceedings of this nature, as well as laws relating to the practice of nursing and other healing arts in Virginia cited in this notice, can be found on the Internet at <http://leg1.state.va.us>. To access this information, please click on the *Code of Virginia* for statutes and *Virginia Administrative Code* for regulations.

Sincerely,



Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S.
Deputy Executive Director

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Enclosures

cc: Anne G. Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division
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