

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:        LETHIA BAUM, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT**  
**a/k/a Lethia Gada, R.N.**  
**a/k/a Lethia Walston, R.N.**  
**License No.: 0001-062416**

**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”), Lethia Baum, who, prior to its suspension by the Department of Health Professions on March 19, 2014, held License No. 0001-062416 to practice professional 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 July 14, 2014, at 9:00 a.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. Baum will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Baum 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. Baum 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 Ms. Baum’s application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Baum may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nursing practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

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

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

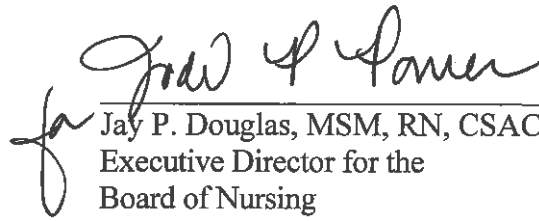
### STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that:

1. Lethia Baum may have violated § 54.1-3007(7) of the Code in that by Consent Order entered October 23, 2002, the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation indefinitely suspended Ms. Baum's license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Illinois for a minimum of one year. This suspension formed the basis for the mandatory suspension of Ms. Baum's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia pursuant to § 54.1-2409 of the Code.
2. Ms. Baum may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations") in that, as set forth in the Consent Order of the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation, by her own admission, in or about 2001, Ms. Baum wrote and phoned in fraudulent prescriptions for Vicodin (hydrocodone combination product, Schedule III) using the name of her physician employer and obtained Vicodin for the purpose of committing suicide.
3. Ms. Baum may have violated § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code in that in or about 1996, in the General District Court of Carroll County, Virginia, Ms. Baum was convicted of filing a false report to a law enforcement officer, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.
4. Ms. Baum 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 her application for reinstatement of her license to practice nursing, dated March 28, 2014, Ms. Baum answered "no" to the question of whether she had ever been convicted, pled guilty to, or

pled nolo contendere to the violation of any federal, state or other statute or ordinance constituting a felony or misdemeanor when, in fact, she had been convicted of felony obtaining controlled substances by fraud or forgery in the Circuit Court of York County, Virginia, on or about November 20, 1986; two counts of felony forgery in the Circuit Court of Newport News, Virginia, on or about November 26, 1985; and the offense referenced in Allegation No. 3 above.

FOR THE BOARD

  
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Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE  
Executive Director for the  
Board of Nursing

ENTERED: June 26, 2014