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Ms. Karen G. Temple  
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Dear Ms. Temple:

This is official notification that an Informal Conference will be held, pursuant to § 2.2-4019, § 2.2-4021, § 54.1-110 and § 54.1-2400(7) and (10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), on **April 12, 2005, 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 ("Committee"), which is comprised of two or three members of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board"), 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 a Consent Order entered May 20, 1996, and will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in Virginia. Specifically:

1. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code, in that, on or about August 21, 1996, in the Circuit Court of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, you were found guilty of two (2) felony counts of obtaining Demerol (Meperidine HCl, Schedule II) by subterfuge. You were sentenced to imprisonment for three (3) years, which was suspended on terms and conditions to include probation.
2. By your own admission, you have a history of chemical dependency and alcoholism. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(6), in that, you reported your date of sobriety as March 9, 1997; however, a review of your prescription profile from Central Drug, Inc., Hopewell, Virginia revealed the following:
  - a. Between on or about June 9, 2003, and June 24, 2003, you received 80 dosage units of butalbital/aspirin/caffeine (Schedule III).
  - b. Between on or about January 2, 2003, and May 29, 2003, you received 360 dosages codeine/butalbital/aspirin/caffeine (Schedule III).
  - c. Between or about January 2, 2003, and June 13, 2003, you received 630 doses of alprazolam (Schedule IV).

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.

You may be represented by an attorney at the Informal Conference. After the conference, the 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 modify a previous Order;
5. The Committee may reinstate your license and reprimand you;
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 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,



Susan Bell Rosen, RN, FNP, JD  
Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
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Enclosures

cc: Robert A. Nebiker, Director, Department of Health Professions  
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