

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

RONALD M. SCHNEIDER, R.N.

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”), Ronald M. Schneider, R.N., who prior to its summary suspension by the Board of Nursing on September 9, 2008, held License No. 0001-134875 to practice professional nursing in Virginia which was set to expire on December 31, 2009, 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 November 20, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of the Department of Health Professions, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Richmond, Virginia 23233, at which time Mr. Schneider will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Mr. Schneider has the following rights, among others: the right to representation by counsel; the right to have witnesses subpoenaed and to present witnesses on his behalf; the right to present documentary evidence; and the right to cross-examine adverse witnesses. If Mr. Schneider desires any witnesses to appear on his behalf he must notify the Director of Administrative Proceedings, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233, in accordance with the Instructions for Requesting Subpoenas.

The purpose of the hearing is to inquire into evidence that Ronald M. Schneider, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

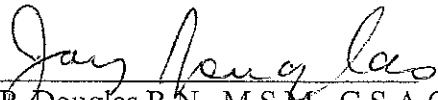
STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges as follows:

1. During the course of his employment with Central State Hospital, Petersburg, Virginia, Ronald M. Schneider, R.N., may have violated §§ 54.1-3007(5) and (6) of the Code in that on several occasions between May 22, 2008, and July 11, 2008, Mr. Schneider reported to work with a strong smell of garlic or mouthwash. During said time period, he often had slurred speech and an unsteady gait, and frequently left the building for non-work related activities. On or about July 11, 2008, a breath alcohol test was conducted after Mr. Schneider exhibited behavior that was reasonably suspicious for impairment. A breath test administered approximately three and one half hours after Mr. Schneider arrived at work and almost nine hours after the scheduled start of his shift revealed an initial reading of 0.226g/210L. A secondary test performed approximately 18 minutes after the first breath test revealed a reading of 0.233g/210L.

2. Mr. Schneider may be in violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that he may be unsafe to practice due to mental health and substance abuse issues which require treatment and for which he was hospitalized in December 2007.

FOR THE BOARD


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