

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: Corina Robinson Steward, L.P.N.
a/k/a Esther Corina Robinson**

**License Number: 0002-054689
Expiration Date: February 28, 2017
Case Numbers: 170930 & 172415**

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE BEFORE AN AGENCY SUBORDINATE
AND STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

You are hereby notified that an informal conference has been scheduled before an Agency Subordinate of the Board of Nursing ("Board") regarding your license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

TYPE OF PROCEEDING:	This is an informal conference before an Agency Subordinate of the Board of Nursing.
DATE AND TIME:	August 2, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.
PLACE:	Virginia Department of Health Professions Perimeter Center - 9960 Mayland Drive 2 nd Floor - Virginia Conference Center Henrico, Virginia 23233

LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION:

1. This informal conference is being held pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10). This proceeding will be convened as a public meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3700.

2. After consideration of all information, the Agency Subordinate is authorized to take any of the following actions:

- If the Agency Subordinate finds that there is insufficient evidence to warrant further action or that the charges are without foundation, notify you by mail that your record has been cleared of any charge which might affect your right to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth;

- Recommend findings of fact, conclusions of law and a sanction, to include a reprimand, placing you on probation with terms, suspension or revocation of your license to practice practical nursing, or imposing a monetary penalty pursuant to § 54.1-2401 of the Code.

Further, the Agency Subordinate may refer this matter for a formal administrative proceeding pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-4020.

Board's Review of Agency Subordinate's Recommended Decision

If you **appear in person or by counsel at the informal conference**, the recommendation of the Agency Subordinate will be presented to a quorum of the Board. The Board may accept or modify the recommendation, or reject the recommendation and refer the case to a formal hearing. If you do not agree with the decision of the Board, you have the right to a formal administrative hearing before the Board.

If you **fail to appear in person or by counsel at the informal conference**, the recommendation of the Agency Subordinate will be presented to a quorum of the Board. The Board may accept or modify the recommendation, or reject the recommendation and refer the case to a formal hearing. The Board's decision regarding the agency subordinate's recommendation is a final order that can only be appealed to circuit court as provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

ABSENCE OF RESPONDENT AND RESPONDENT'S COUNSEL:

If you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Agency Subordinate may proceed to hear this matter in your absence and may take any of the actions outlined above.

RESPONDENT'S LEGAL RIGHTS:

You have the right to the information on which the Agency Subordinate will rely in making a decision, to be represented by counsel at this proceeding, to subpoena witnesses and/or documents, and to present relevant evidence on your behalf.

COMMONWEALTH'S EXHIBIT:

Enclosed is a copy of the documents that will be considered by the Agency Subordinate when discussing any allegations with you and when deliberating on your case. **These documents are enclosed only with the 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.**

FILING DEADLINES:


1. Deadline for filing exhibits: July 26, 2016. Submit five copies of all documents you want the Board to consider to Dawnyel Towles, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. Exhibits may not be sent by facsimile or e-mail.
2. Deadline for filing motions, including requests for continuance or objections to exhibits, in writing, to Dawnyel Towles at the above address: July 26, 2016. NOTE: the failure to object to exhibits does not deprive you of the right to contest their contents at the proceeding.


STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board of Nursing alleges that:

1. At all times relevant hereto, Corina Robinson Steward, L.P.N. was licensed to practice as a practical nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. Corina Robinson Steward, L.P.N. violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (6) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) and (e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (“Regulations”) in that during the course of her employment, and as a patient, with Fredericksburg Christian Health Center, Fredericksburg, Virginia, she called in fraudulent prescriptions for herself, as evidenced by the following:
 - a. On or about February 19, 2016, Ms. Steward called in a prescription for Gabapentin 600 mg using the name of a medical assistant with the practice who was not working on this date.
 - b. On or about March 1, 2016, Ms. Steward called in a prescription for Gabapentin 1200 mg using the name of a nurse who was not employed by the practice.
3. Corina Robinson Steward, L.P.N. violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (“Regulations”) in that during the course of her employment with Fredericksburg Christian Health Center, she documented telephone conversations with patients regarding treatment which never occurred.
4. Corina Robinson Steward, L.P.N. violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that, on or about January 29, 2016, during the course of her employment with Fredericksburg Christian Health Center, Ms. Steward was observed falling asleep, having slurred speech, being unsteady on her feet, and walking into the walls.

5. Ms. Steward violated Term Number 1 of the Board's Order entered February 26, 2014, which reinstated her license to practice practical nursing in Virginia contingent on her continued compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"), in that, on November 20, 2015, she was dismissed from the HPMP for noncompliance. Specifically, she failed to comply with the toxicology screening program, tested positive for Suboxone, which she was not prescribed, and failed to attend a recommended assessment after the positive drug screen.


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