

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

**RHONDA THOMPSON, L.P.N.
LICENSE NO.: 0002-076379**

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"), Rhonda Thompson, L.P.N., who, prior to its summary suspension by the Board of Nursing on November 7, 2011, held License No. 0002-076379 in Virginia, which was set to expire on March 31, 2013, 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 January 25, 2012, at 1:00 p.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. Thompson will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Thompson 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. Thompson 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 inquire into evidence that Ms. Thompson may have violated certain laws governing practical nursing practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

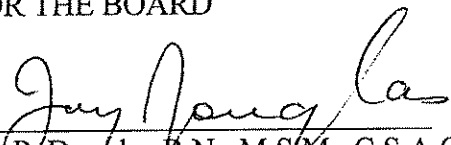
STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that Rhonda Thompson, L.P.N., may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that she may be unsafe to practice practical nursing due to substance abuse, as evidenced by the following:

1. During the course of her employment with Cumberland Hospital, New Kent, Virginia, on or about August 19, 2011, while on duty, Ms. Thompson appeared unsteady on her feet, drowsy, and she was slurring her speech. Ms. Thompson submitted to a for cause urine drug screen, which was later returned positive for heroin.

2. On or about October 7, 2011, Ms. Thompson admitted to a Department of Health Professions' investigator that she used heroin on or about August 18, 2011. Moreover, Ms. Thompson stated she started using heroin in the middle of August, and she last used heroin on or about October 6, 2011.

FOR THE BOARD


Jay P. Douglas R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.
Executive Director for the
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ENTERED: November 8th, 2011