

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE**

**IN RE: ROBYN SAAVEDRA, R.N., L.N.P.**

**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”), Robyn Saavedra, R.N., L.N.P., who holds License No. 0024-167256 to practice as a nurse practitioner, and License No. 0017-138785 for prescriptive authority, both of which are scheduled to expire on February 29, 2012, is hereby given notice that a formal administrative hearing will be held in the presence of a panel of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine (“Committee of Joint Boards”). The hearing will be held on December 1, 2010 at 11:00 a.m., at the offices of the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia 23233, at which time Ms. Saavedra will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Saavedra 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. Saavedra 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. Saavedra may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nurse practitioner practice in Virginia, as more fully set out in the Statement of Particulars below.

**STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS**

The Committee of Joint Boards alleges that:

1. Robyn Saavedra, R.N., L.N.P., may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-30-220(4) and (6) of the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners in that during the course of her employment with H.E.L.P. Free Clinic, Hampton, Virginia, on or about September 17, 2007, Ms. Saavedra diverted a prescription pad from her employer for her personal and unauthorized use. On or about September 13, 2009, she presented to Bayview Plaza Pharmacy, Norfolk, Virginia (“Bayview Plaza Pharmacy”) a prescription for 120 dosage units of 350 mg Soma (carisoprodol, Schedule VI), written on a H.E.L.P. Free Clinic prescription pad, dated September 10, 2009, in which she forged the name of a former co-worker as the prescriber.

2. Ms. Saavedra may have violated 18 VAC 90-30-220(3), (4), and (6) of the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners and 18 VAC 90-40-121(B) and (C) and 18 VAC 90-40-130(1) of the Regulations for Prescriptive Authority for Nurse Practitioners in that on or about June 3, 2008, she prescribed two dosage units of 10 mg Valium (diazepam, Schedule IV) for a family member who was not her patient or a patient of her employer, with whom Ms. Saavedra had no bona fide practitioner-patient relationship, and for whom she did not create or maintain any patient records.

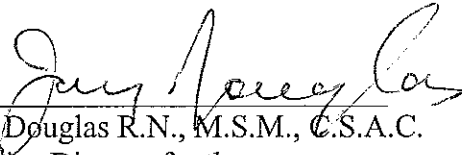
3. Ms. Saavedra may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code due to substance abuse as set forth in Allegation No. 1 herein and as evidenced by the following:

a. On or about May 12, 2008, Ms. Saavedra was convicted of misdemeanor reckless driving, Powhatan County, Virginia, General District Court, after consuming a large alcoholic drink and medication;

b. On or about October 13, 2009, Ms. Saavedra’s urine screen tested positive for oxazepam (Schedule IV), for which she did not have a current valid prescription.

c. Former co-workers described Ms. Saavedra's behavior during her employment at the Powhatan Correctional Center, State Farm, Virginia, from January, 2008 to March, 2009, as at times strange, sleepy, emotionally labile, unable to concentrate, and consistent with impairment.

FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS



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