

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:        AMY ALIFF, R.N.  
              License No.: 0001-207150**

**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”), Amy Aliff, R.N., who, prior to its summary suspension by the Board of Nursing on March 22, 2013, held License No. 0001-207150, which was set to expire on July 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 May 20, 2013, at 9:00 a.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. Aliff will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Aliff 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. Aliff 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. Aliff 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 that:

1. Amy Aliff, R.N., may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (5), (6) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (“Regulations”), in that during the course of her employment with Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, Roanoke, Virginia, by her own admission, on or about April 12, 2012, she diverted approximately 56 dosage units of tramadol (Schedule IV) for her own personal and unauthorized use. Ms. Aliff accomplished the diversion by ordering the tramadol for a patient, without a physician’s order, and then keeping the tramadol when the pharmacy delivered the medication to the facility.

2. Ms. Aliff may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that she may be unsafe to practice nursing due to substance abuse and mental illness as evidenced by allegation No. 1 above and the following:

a. On or about February 22, 2013, Ms. Aliff’s primary care provider opined to a Department of Health Professions investigator that Ms. Aliff was not safe to practice professional nursing.

b. On or about February 21, 2013, Ms. Aliff was admitted to Carilion Saint Albans Hospital on a temporary detention order after consuming two bottles of cough syrup.

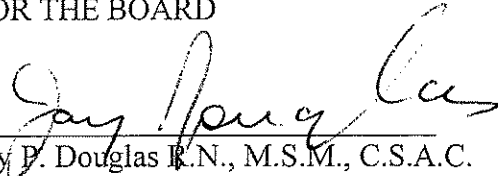
c. On or about February 20, 2013, Ms. Aliff’s counselor at Family Services of Roanoke Valley, Roanoke, Virginia, opined to a Department of Health Professions investigator that Ms. Aliff is not safe to practice professional nursing.

d. On or about February 13, 2013, Ms. Aliff emailed a letter to a Department of Health Professions investigator stating that she is seeking help for her addiction.

e. On or about November 19, 2012, Ms. Aliff was admitted to Carilion Saint Albans Hospital and treated for polysubstance abuse and psychotic disorder NOS.

3. Ms. Aliff may have violated § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations in that on her application for employment with Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare submitted in October, 2009, she stated that her reason for leaving Carilion Rehabilitation Center, Roanoke, Virginia, was that she married a co-worker, when, in fact, her employment at Carilion Rehabilitation Center was terminated for job abandonment.

FOR THE BOARD



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