

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: CAROL D. AMENT, R.N.
 License No.: 0001-131827**

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”), Carol D. Ament, R.N., who holds License No. 0001-131827 to practice professional nursing in Virginia, which expires on March 31, 2015, 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 19, 2013, at 2:00 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. Ament will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Ament 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. Ament 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 Carol D. Ament, 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 that:

1. During the course of her employment with Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, Norfolk, Virginia:

a. Ms. Ament may have violated § 54.1-3007(5) and (6) of the Code in that, on or about April 19, 2013, she was impaired while on duty. Ms. Ament was observed to have slurred speech and sat at the nurse's station for most of the shift failing to perform nursing duties.

b. Ms. Ament may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in that, on or about April 19, 2013, during the 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift:

i. Ms. Ament failed to perform and document pain and respiratory assessments for Patient A. She also failed to document his intake overnight. Ms. Ament submitted an incident report indicating that she erroneously failed to administer Ativan (lorazepam Schedule IV) and methadone to Patient A; however, these medications were not prescribed for him. Further, Ms. Ament indicated that she failed to administer one dose of an antibiotic; however, the medication administration record indicates that it was administered.

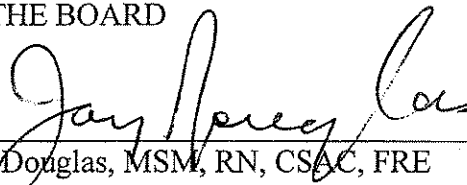
ii. Ms. Ament failed to enter medication orders for Patient B received at 17:55 hours, to decrease her Ativan and methadone. Ms. Ament also failed to perform and document assessments and intake and output for Patient B.

iii. Ms. Ament failed to perform and document respiratory assessments for Patient C.

c. Ms. Ament may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations in that, on or about February 25, 2013, by her own admission, Ms. Ament withdrew Lortab (hydrocodone, Schedule III) for Patient D and administered it to Patient E.

2. Ms. Ament may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that she may be unable to safely practice professional nursing due to physical and mental illness. Further, on multiple occasions, Ms. Ament's primary care provider recommended that Ms. Ament obtain an evaluation by a licensed mental health provider regarding her mood disorders; however, she has failed to do so.

FOR THE BOARD



Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director for the
Board of Nursing

ENTERED: October 18th, 2013