

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, M.D. Director

Department of Health Professions Perimeter Center 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300 Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463

www.dhp.virginia.gov TEL (804) 367-4400 FAX (804) 527-4475

Virginia Board of Nursing Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE **Executive Director**

Board of Nursing (804) 367-4515 Nurse Aide Registry (804) 367-4569 FAX (804) 527-4455

AMENDED NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE BEFORE AN AGENCY SUBORDINATE

October 9, 2013

Ora J. Edmond, L.P.N. 4513 Cranford Avenue Richmond, VA 23224

VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL 1Z 236 087 03 9127 2045

4519 Cranford Avenue Richmond, VA 23224

VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL 1Z 236 087 03 9362 0254

RE: VA License No.: 0002-042719

Expiration Date: September 30, 2015

Dear Ms. Edmond:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") will be held on October 16, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia. In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), this informal conference will be held before an agency subordinate of the Board of Nursing. This informal conference will be convened as a public meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3700 et seq. of the Code. The agency subordinate will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws governing practical nursing practice in Virginia.

Specifically, you may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that you may be unable to safely practice practical nursing due to mental illness which requires medication and treatment and for which you were hospitalized on or about May 5, 2013, and July 18, 2013.

In its deliberations, the agency subordinate may use the Sanction Reference Points System, as contained in the Sanction Reference Manual. The manual, which is a guidance document of the Board, may be accessed at http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing. Please click on Guidance Documents, then select #90-7. You may also request a paper copy from the Board office by calling (804) 367-4515.

After consideration of all information, the agency subordinate may:

Notice of Informal Conference - Ora J. Edmond, L.P.N. Page 2 of 3

- 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 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, 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 § 2.2-4020 of the Code.

Since the allegations listed above involve impairment, please be advised that you may make application to the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"), which is available to all health care practitioners licensed in Virginia. Information about the HPMP is enclosed. Should you enter into a written agreement with the HPMP prior to your informal conference, the agency subordinate will take that into consideration when making a recommendation in your case.

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 move the case to 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. 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.

You have the right to information that will be relied upon by the agency subordinate in making a decision. Therefore, I enclose a copy of the documents that will be distributed to the agency subordinate, and will be considered when discussing the allegations with you and when deliberating upon your case. Please retain the exhibit packet that was previously mailed to you. Both exhibit packets will be considered by the agency subordinate at your informal conference.

To facilitate this proceeding, you should submit five copies of any documents you wish the agency subordinate to consider to the Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23233, by October 9, 2013. Your documents may not be submitted by facsimile or email.

You may be represented by an attorney at the informal conference. If you obtain counsel, you should do so as soon as possible, because absent good cause to support a request for a continuance, the informal conference will be held on October 16, 2013. A request to continue this proceeding must state **in detail** the reason for the request and must establish good cause. Such request must be made, in writing, to me at the address listed on this letter and must be received by 12 noon on October 9, 2013. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent

Notice of Informal Conference - Ora J. Edmond, L.P.N. Page 3 of 3

critical circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after October 9, 2013, will not be considered.

Relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which govern proceedings of this nature, as well as laws relating to the practice of nursing and other healing arts in Virginia cited in this notice can be found on the Internet at http://leg1.state.va.us. To access this information, please click on the *Code of Virginia* for statutes and *Virginia Administrative Code* for regulations.

Please advise the Board, in writing, of your intention to be present. Please also advise the Board as to your correct address of record. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact this office at (804) 367-4617.

Sincerely,

Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A.

Deputy Executive Director

GDM/sk

Enclosures

cc:

Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division

Tammie D. Jones, Adjudication Specialist

Andria Christian, Senior Investigator (Case nos. 150900 and 152372)

Agency Subordinate

Peggy Wood, Monitoring Program Manager