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NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

September 9, 2011

Jacqueline Wafula, C.N.A. 2018 Columbia Pike, Apt. #16 Arlington, VA 22242

CERTIFIED MAIL 71969008911101623602

Re:

Virginia Certificate No.: 1401-085675

Expiration Date:

October 31, 2012

Dear Ms. Wafula:

This is official notification that an informal conference will be held pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), on October 6, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia 23233. You may be represented by an attorney at the conference. This informal conference will be convened as a public meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3700 et seq. of the Code.

The Special Conference Committee ("Committee"), which is comprised of at least two members of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board"), will inquire into allegations that you may be in violation of an Order of the Board entered on December 18, 2008 ("Board's Order").

Specifically, you may be in violation of Term No. 1 of the Board's Order, which required you to remain in compliance with all terms and conditions of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program [formerly the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program], in that you were dismissed from the program on or about August 19, 2011, due to your failure to submit participant progress and group attendance reports, and your failure to comply with the urine toxicology screening program.

After the informal conference, the Committee is authorized by § 54.1-2400(10) of the Code to take any of the following actions:

If the Committee finds that there is insufficient evidence to warrant further action or that the charges are without foundation, the Committee shall notify you by mail that your record has been cleared of any charge which might affect your right to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth;

- The Committee may place you on probation for such time as it may designate and subject to such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate;
 - The Committee may reprimand you;
 - The Committee may modify a previous order; or
 - The Committee may impose a monetary penalty.

Further, the Committee may refer the case to the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof for a formal hearing. If the Committee is of the opinion that suspension or revocation may be justified, the Committee may offer you a Consent Order for suspension or revocation in lieu of a formal hearing.

If you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Committee may proceed to hear the case in your absence and may take any of the actions outlined above. At least ten days prior to the scheduled date of the conference, please inform this office at (804) 367-4515, or in writing at the address listed above, of your telephone number and whether you intend to appear at the informal conference.

To facilitate this proceeding, you should submit five copies of any documents you wish the Committee to consider to the Department of Health Professions, Board of Nursing, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, by October 3, 2011. Your documents may not be submitted by facsimile or email.

You have the right to the information on which the Board will rely in making its decision. Therefore, I have enclosed a copy of the documents that will be distributed to the members of the Committee and will be considered by the Committee when discussing any allegations with you and when deliberating on your case. These documents are enclosed <u>only</u> with the original notice sent by certified mail, which you may be required to claim at the post office. Please bring these documents with you to the informal conference.

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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.

Sincerely,

Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S. Deputy Executive Director Nurse Aide Registry Manager

BK/fdb Enclosures

cc: Anne G. Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division Special Conference Committee Members James Rutkowski, Adjudication Specialist (140348) Peggy Wood, Monitoring Program Manager