

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: LEIGH ANN SABBAGH, R.N.
License No.: 0001-165367

AMENDED 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”), Leigh Ann Sabbagh, R.N., who, prior to its suspension by the Board of Nursing on March 22, 2013, held License No. 0001-165367 to practice professional nursing in Virginia, 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 October 21, 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. Sabbagh will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Sabbagh 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. Sabbagh 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.

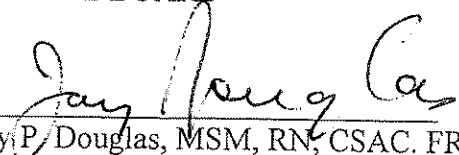
The purpose of the hearing is to inquire into evidence that Ms. Sabbagh may have violated certain terms and conditions imposed on her as set forth in the Order of the Board (“Board’s Order”) entered on November 14, 2012, and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Sabbagh may have violated certain laws governing nursing practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that:

1. Leigh Ann Sabbagh, R.N., may have violated Term 5(a) of the Board's Order, which required that she comply with all terms and conditions imposed on her by the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"), for the period specified by the HPMP, in that on or about March 12, 2013, Ms. Sabbagh was dismissed from the HPMP for non-compliance with her contract. Specifically, between on or about March 22, 2012, and February 19, 2013, Ms. Sabbagh failed to call the urine drug screen test line 48 times, failed to test when selected eight times, submitted two diluted screens, and had a positive screen for alcohol on December 27, 2012.
2. Ms. Sabbagh may have violated § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code in that on or about December 11, 2012, she was convicted of petit larceny in the Winchester, Virginia, Circuit Court.
3. Ms. Sabbagh may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that she may be unsafe to practice as a professional nurse due to substance abuse, as evidenced by her pleading guilty to and being convicted of inhaling drugs in the Winchester, Virginia, Circuit Court, on or about April 8, 2013, and by her dismissal from HPMP.

FOR THE BOARD


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ENTERED: September 25th, 2013