

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: REGINA K. SPARKS, R.N.
License No.: 0001-168075**

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”), Regina K. Sparks, R.N., who holds License No. 0001-168075 to practice professional nursing, which expires on November 30, 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 October 21, 2013, at 9:30 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. Sparks will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Sparks 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. Sparks 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.

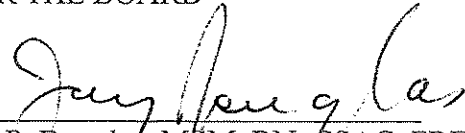
The purpose of the hearing is to inquire into evidence that Ms. Sparks may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that:

1. Regina K. Sparks, R.N., may have violated § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that she may be unsafe to practice professional nursing due to mental illness. On or about May 19, 2009, Ms. Sparks was diagnosed with major depressive disorder, and she began psychiatric treatment on or about July 16, 2009. On or about August 13, 2009, Ms. Sparks signed the first of six Recovery Monitoring Contracts with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"), with the last one signed on or about July 10, 2012, in which she recognized that her mental and/or physical illness may impair her ability to practice safely.
2. Ms. Sparks may have violated § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(a) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations") in that on or about August 22, 2012, during the course of her employment with Carriage Hill Retirement, Bedford, Virginia, Ms. Sparks wrote an unauthorized prescription for Seroquel 400 mg (C-VI), for an employee of the facility, on a signed blank prescription left by the medical director for the facility, who did not have a physician/patient relationship with the employee.
3. Ms. Sparks 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 the Recovery Monitoring Contract she signed on or about July 10, 2012, she listed a medication aide as her employer representative, when, in fact, Ms. Sparks was the supervisor of this aide.
4. Ms. Sparks may have violated § 54.1-3007(5) of the Code in that between on or about February 11, 2009, and March 20, 2009, during the course of her employment with Lewis Gale Medical Center, Salem, Virginia, on seven occasions, she signed out Vicodin (C-III) and Dilaudid PCA (C-II), but failed to document her administration of the medications to her patients.

FOR THE BOARD



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