

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF
NURSING AND MEDICINE

IN RE: NICOLE COFER, R.N., L.N.P.
License Nos.: 0001-218055; 0024-168302; 0017-139420

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”), Nicole Cofer, R.N., L.N.P., who holds License No. 0001-218055 to practice professional nursing, License No. 0024-168302 to practice as a nurse practitioner, and Prescriptive Authority No. 0017-139420, all of which are scheduled to expire on May 31, 2014, is hereby given notice that a formal administrative hearing will be held in the presence of a panel of the Board of Nursing (“Board”) and the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine (“Committee of the Joint Boards”). The hearing will be held on October 9, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia 23233, at which time Ms. Cofer will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

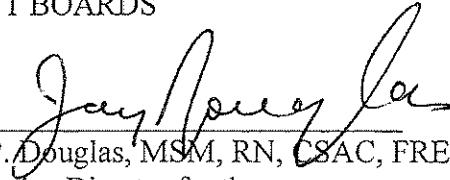
At the hearing, Ms. Cofer has the following rights, among others: the right to representation by counsel; the right to have witnesses subpoenaed and to present witnesses on her behalf; the right to present documentary evidence; and the right to cross-examine adverse witnesses. If Ms. Cofer desires any 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 Nicole Cofer, R.N., L.N.P., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing and nurse practitioner practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board and the Committee of the Joint Boards allege that Nicole Cofer, R.N., L.N.P., may have violated §54.1-3007(5) and (6) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-30-220(4) and (5) of the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners in that on or about July 23, 2012, during the course of her employment with Sentara Princess Anne Neurology Associates, Virginia Beach, Virginia, she exhibited signs of impairment while on duty, such as slurred and incoherent speech, bloodshot eyes, and using foul language. Additionally, upon Ms. Cofer's refusal of a for-cause urine drug screen, she became combative and struck and threatened the future safety of a co-worker several times.

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JOINT BOARDS



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ENTERED: September 23, 2013RD