BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

STEPHANIE T. MARTIN, R.N.

License Number:

0001-185694

Issue Date:

June 26, 2003

Expiration Date:

June 28, 2016

Case Number:

174514

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING AND STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

You are hereby notified that a Formal Hearing has been scheduled before the Board of Nursing ("Board") regarding your license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

TYPE OF PROCEEDING:	This is a formal administrative hearing before a panel of the Board.
DATE AND TIME:	January 25, 2017 1:00 P.M.
PLACE:	Virginia Department of Health Professions Perimeter Center - 9960 Mayland Drive 2 nd Floor - Virginia Conference Center Henrico, Virginia 23233

LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION:

- 1. This formal hearing is being held pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4024(F), and 54.1-2400(11). This proceeding will be convened as a public meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3700.
- 2. At the conclusion of the proceeding, the Board is authorized to take any of the following actions:
 - Exonerate you;
 - Reprimand you;
 - Require you to pay a monetary penalty;
 - Place you on probation and/or under terms and conditions;
 - Suspend your license:
 - Revoke your license.

ABSENCE OF RESPONDENT AND RESPONDENT'S COUNSEL:

If you fail to appear at the formal hearing, the Board may proceed to hear this matter in your absence and may take any of the actions outlined above.

RESPONDENT'S LEGAL RIGHTS:

You have the right to the information on which the Board will rely in making its decision, to be represented by counsel at this proceeding, to subpoena witnesses and/or documents, and to present relevant evidence on your behalf.

COMMONWEALTH'S EXHIBITS:

Enclosed is a copy of the documents that will be distributed to the members of the Board and will be considered by the Board when discussing any allegations with you and when deliberating on your case. These documents are enclosed <u>only</u> with the notice sent by certified mail, which you may be required to claim at the post office. Please bring these documents with you to the formal hearing.

FILING DEADLINES:

1. Deadline for filing exhibits: **January 5, 2017.** Submit 15 copies of all documents you want the Board to consider to Darlene Graham, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. Exhibits may not be sent by facsimile or e-mail.

The Commonwealth must file any objections to your submissions in writing, addressed to Darlene Graham at the Board office, no later than January 10, 2017. If no objections have been received by January 10, 2017, the evidence will be distributed to the Board members for their review, and will be considered by the Board as evidence when it deliberates upon your case. If the Commonwealth raises objections, you have until January 16, 2017, to file your response to the objections, in writing and addressed to Darlene Graham at the Board office. The Chair of the proceeding will rule on the motion.

- 2. Deadline for filing motions, including requests for continuance or objections to exhibits, in writing, to Darlene Graham at the above address: January 5, 2017. NOTE: Failure to object to the distribution prior to the proceeding will not affect your right to contest any information contained in these documents at the proceeding.
- 3. Deadline for filing any objections to the Commonwealth's exhibits, in writing, to Darlene Graham at the above address: January 5, 2017. If you have not filed any objections by January 5, 2017, the exhibits will be distributed to the Board members for their review prior to your hearing, and will be considered by the Board as evidence when it deliberates upon your case. If you do file objections, the Commonwealth has until January 5, 2017, to file a response to the objections, in writing and addressed to Darlene Graham at the Board office. The Chair of the proceeding will rule on the motion.

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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE

Absent exigent circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after **January 5, 2017**, will not be considered. If you obtain counsel, you should do so as soon as possible, as a motion for a continuance due to the unavailability of counsel will not be considered unless received by **January 5, 2017**.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board alleges that:

- 1. At all times relevant hereto, Stephanie T. Martin, R.N., was licensed to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 2. Stephanie T. Martin, R.N., violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) and Term Number 5(a) of the Board's Order entered September 24, 2013, which required her to enter into and comply with all the terms and conditions imposed by the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"), in that on or about May 20, 2016, Ms. Martin was dismissed from the HPMP for noncompliance with her Recovery Monitoring Contract. Specifically, she missed calling the drug screen testing line five times between on or about April 24, 2014 and April 5, 2016; missed screening six times between on or about December 9, 2015 and April 29, 2016; she had three abnormal screens on or about December 11, 2015, March 15, 2016 and March 17, 2016; and tested positive for alcohol on or about January 8, 2016. Further, Ms. Martin failed to provide documentation related to a narcotic she received following surgery on or about March 2, 2016.
- 3. Ms. Martin violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice professional nursing due to physical illness and/or substance abuse. Specifically, between on or about January 23, 2015 and August 26, 2016, Ms. Martin was prescribed 309 tablets of oxycodone/acetaminophen 5/325mg 5mg (C-II), 144 tablets of hydrocodone acetaminophen 5/325mg (C-II), 150 tablets of hydromorphone 2mg (C-II), 50 tablets of meperidine 50mg (C-II) and 14 tablets of zolpidem 5mg (C-IV). The prescriptions were obtained from 18 different prescribers, filled at seven different pharmacies, and Ms. Martin used three different names to obtain the medications. Further, as

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required by her HPMP Recovery Monitoring Contract, she failed to notify her case manager and submit the required documentation for the prescriptions she received.

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Executive Director

Virginia Board of Nursing