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NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

July 24, 2013

Annette Bonner, L.P.N., Reinstatement Applicant 2404 Lloyd Drive Chesapeake, VA 23325

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> 7196 9008 9111 9194 6179

Re:

VA License No.:

0002-035045

Suspension Date:

December 3, 2010

Dear Ms. Bonner:

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 August 19, 2013, 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 receive and act upon your application for the reinstatement of your license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which was suspended by an Order of the Board entered December 3, 2010, and will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing practical nursing practice in Virginia.

Specifically, you may be in violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that you may be unable to safely practice practical nursing due to substance abuse and/or mental illness, as evidenced by the following:

- 1. You were dismissed from the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program on May 20, 2013, for noncompliance, including failure to attend orientation and failure to enter a drug treatment program as recommended following a psychotherapy assessment.
- 2. You have an admitted history of substance abuse, and you have previous diagnoses of depression, anxiety, and anger management issues. Further, in 2010, you were hospitalized and treated for major depressive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and cocaine dependence.

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

- The Committee may reinstate your license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth without restriction;
- The Committee may reinstate your license and place you on probation for such time as it may designate and subject to such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate, reprimand you, or impose a monetary penalty;
 - The Committee may deny your application for reinstatement of your license.

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 August 14, 2013. 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.

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://legl.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 LAD, NS

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Enclosures

cc: Anne G. Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division Special Conference Committee Members David W. Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist (Case No. 151411) Peggy Wood, Monitoring Program Manager