

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:        WILLIAM HOLT VEST, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT**  
**License Number:    0001-148243**  
**Expiration Date:    November 30, 2005**  
**Case Number:        173019**

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**NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE  
AND STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

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**You are hereby notified that an informal conference has been scheduled before the Board of Nursing ("Board") regarding your application for reinstatement of your license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.**

<b>TYPE OF PROCEEDING:</b>	This is an informal conference before a Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing.
<b>DATE AND TIME:</b>	<b>October 26, 2016</b> 10:30 A.M.
<b>PLACE:</b>	Virginia Department of Health Professions Perimeter Center - 9960 Mayland Drive 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor - Virginia Conference Center Henrico, Virginia 23233

**LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION:**

1. This informal conference is being held pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10). This proceeding will be convened as a public meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3700.
2. The burden rests on you, as the applicant, to demonstrate that you are prepared to resume the safe and competent practice of professional nursing.
3. In considering your application, the Committee will consider evidence that grounds may exist to deny your application for reinstatement of your license to practice professional nursing, as more fully set out in the enclosed Statement of Allegations.
4. At the conclusion of the proceeding, the Committee is authorized to take any of the following actions:
  - Approve your application and issue an unrestricted license to practice professional nursing.
  - Approve your application and issue a restricted license subject to terms and conditions.
  - Deny your application;

- Refer the matter to the Board for a formal administrative hearing.

**ABSENCE OF RESPONDENT AND RESPONDENT'S COUNSEL:**

If you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Committee 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 Committee 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 EXHIBIT:**

Enclosed is 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 only 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 informal conference.**

**FILING DEADLINES:**

1. Deadline for filing exhibits: October 19, 2016. Submit 5 copies of all documents you want the Board to consider to Brenda Krohn, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. Exhibits may not be sent by facsimile or e-mail.
2. Deadline for filing motions, including requests for continuance or objections to exhibits, in writing, to Brenda Krohn at the above address: October 19, 2016. 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.

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### STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

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The Board of Nursing alleges that grounds exist to refuse to reinstate the license of William Holt Vest to practice professional nursing in that:

1. Mr. Vest violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that he is unsafe to practice professional nursing due to mental illness, as evidenced by the following:


a. Between January and March 2016, Mr. Vest received inpatient psychiatric treatment on five occasions for depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideations. His discharge diagnoses included adjustment disorder with depression and anxiety; rule out malingering; and major depressive disorder, severe, recurrent.

b. Mr. Vest received outpatient treatment at Blue Ridge Behavioral Services, Roanoke, Virginia beginning in November 2015 until he was discharged from the practice on or about March 31, 2016 for missing three appointments. Mr. Vest's diagnoses included major depressive disorder, recurrent; generalized anxiety disorder; and dependent personality disorder.

c. On or about May 19, 2016, Mr. Vest's previous primary care physician told an investigator for the Department of Health Professions that Mr. Vest was a danger to himself and others, and that in her opinion, he was not safe to practice nursing due to psychiatric concerns.

2. Mr. Vest violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(1) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(1)(b) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in that on his application for reinstatement of his nursing license submitted to the Board on or about April 5, 2016, Mr. Vest falsely answered "no" to the question "do you have a mental, physical, or chemical dependency condition which could interfere with your current ability to practice nursing." In fact, Mr. Vest has a long history of mental illness, as set forth in Allegation No. 1.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2(K), the Board considered whether to disclose or not disclose Mr. Vest's health records or health services.

  
for Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S.  
Deputy Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

  
Date