

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

CHRISTINE STOLBA, R.N.

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"), Christine Stolba, R.N., who, prior to its suspension by the Board of Nursing on March 3, 2011, held License No. 0001-189081 to practice professional nursing in Virginia, 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 May 18, 2011, at 1:00 p.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. Stolba will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Stolba 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. Stolba 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. Stolba may have violated certain terms and conditions imposed on her as set forth in the Order of the Board entered on October 1, 2009, and inquire into evidence that Ms. Stolba may have violated certain laws governing nursing practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

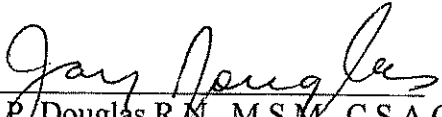
STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that:

1. Christine Stolba, R.N., may have violated Term 5(a) of the Order of the Board entered on October 1, 2009, in which Ms. Stolba's license to practice professional nursing was indefinitely suspended with the suspension stayed contingent upon Ms. Stolba entering into the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") and remaining compliant with the terms and conditions of her HPMP contract. On or about February 18, 2011, she was dismissed from the HPMP for noncompliance with her Recovery Monitoring Contract.

2. Ms. Stolba may be in violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that she may be unsafe to practice professional nursing due to her admitted substance abuse and/or mental illness. Between on or about February 26, 2011 and February 27, 2011, Ms. Stolba was admitted to the Emergency Department of Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, Fairfax, Virginia, three times within a 24-hour period. At the first admission, Ms. Stolba presented with shortness of breath and was discharged with a principal diagnosis of anxiety attack. At the second admission, Ms. Stolba presented with symptoms of generalized myalgias, and reported that she had stopped taking Methadone (Schedule II) because her "supplier ran out." Ms. Stolba was discharged with a principal diagnosis of drug (opiate) withdrawal. Upon the third admission to the Emergency Department, Ms. Stolba presented extremely agitated and stated that she had taken three Ativan (Schedule IV), five Zyprexa (Schedule VI) and was unsure how many Clonidine (Schedule VI) or Librium (Schedule IV) she had consumed. Ms. Stolba was discharged with a principal diagnosis of drug (opiate) withdrawal.

FOR THE BOARD


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