

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:                   KAREN HANCOCK, C.N.A. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT**

**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”), Karen Hancock, C.N.A., who, prior to its suspension by the Virginia Department of Health Professions on November 6, 2009, held Certificate No. 1401-056527 to practice as a nurse aide 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 July 18, 2011, at 9:00 a.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. Hancock will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Hancock 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. Hancock 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 receive and act upon Karen Hancock’s application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia, and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Hancock may have violated certain laws and regulations governing nurse aide practice in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

The burden rests upon Ms. Hancock as the petitioner to demonstrate that she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice as a nurse aide in Virginia.

Pursuant to § 54.1-2409 of the Code, reinstatement of Ms. Hancock's certificate requires the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board in attendance at the hearing.

### **STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS**

The Board alleges that:

1. Karen Hancock, C.N.A., may have violated § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code in that:

a. On or about September 23, 2009, she pled guilty to and was convicted of credit card theft, a felony, in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia. This conviction formed the basis for the suspension of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide by the Virginia Department of Health Professions on November 6, 2009.

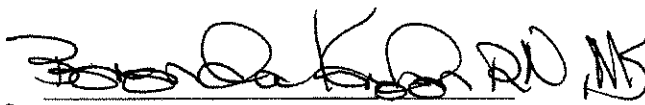
b. On or about June 4, 2009, she pled guilty to and was convicted of two counts of misdemeanor credit card fraud in the Circuit Court of the City of Salem, Virginia.

2. Ms. Hancock may be in violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that she may be unable to safely practice as a nurse aide as evidenced by the following:

a. On or about February 5, 2009, she was involuntarily hospitalized at the Lewis–Gale Center for Behavioral Health, Salem, Virginia. By her own admission, she was abusing Klonopin (clonazepam, Schedule VI) and alcohol. She was discharged on or about February 9, 2009, with diagnoses of benzodiazepine and alcohol dependence, depressive disorder NOS, and borderline personality disorder.

b. Ms. Hancock has an admitted history of depression. She has also received diagnoses of panic disorder, bipolar I, anxiety disorder NOS, and post traumatic stress disorder.

FOR THE BOARD

  
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Board of Nursing

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