VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
AGENCY SUBORDINATE
INFORMAL CONFERENCES
December 1, 2016

TIME AND PLACE: The informal conferences held before an Agency Subordinate of the Board of Nursing were convened at 9:15 A.M., on December 1, 2016 in Training Room 1, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Richmond, Virginia.

AGENCY SUBORDINATE: Judith E. Piersall, R.N., B.S.N.

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Kleiner, RN

OTHERS PRESENT: David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Deborah Griffith, RN 0001-197145
Ms. Griffith did not appear.

Based upon information provided by Mr. Kazzie, Ms. Elliott ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Griffith.

A recommended decision will be mailed to Ms. Griffith within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall be a Final Order.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Kimberley Smigo 0001-102436
Ms. Smigo appeared, accompanied by Michael Goodman, Esq., Jane Contrell, Andrea Dosantos, Jennifer Rodriguez and Melissa Mills

Ms. Smigo was informed that her case will be dismissed due to insufficient evidence of a violation.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Michelle Basham, RN 0001-184263
Ms. Basham did not appear.

Based upon information provided by Mr. Kazzie, Ms. Elliott ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Basham.

A recommended decision will be mailed to Ms. Basham within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall be a Final Order.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Maggie Choate, RN 0001-262929
Ms. Choate appeared.

Ms. Choate was informed a recommended decision will be made and mailed to her within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Choate unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Choate within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Emily Turner, LPN 0002-088080
Ms. Turner appeared, accompanied by Michael Sawyer, Esq.

Ms. Turner was informed that her case will be dismissed due to insufficient evidence of a violation.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Kim Copeland, RN 0001-151150 (expired 8/31/2016)
Ms. Copeland did not appear.

Based upon information provided by Mr. Kazzie, Ms. Elliott ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Copeland.

A recommended decision will be mailed to Ms. Copeland within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall be a Final Order.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Kimberly Fletcher, RN 0001-215281
Ms. Fletcher did not appear.

Based upon information provided by Mr. Kazzie, Ms. Elliott ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Fletcher.

A recommended decision will be mailed to Ms. Fletcher within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall be a Final Order.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Amy Berg, LPN 0002-070797
Ms. Berg did not appear.

Based upon information provided by Mr. Kazzie, Ms. Elliott ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Berg.

A recommended decision will be mailed to Ms. Berg within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall be a Final Order.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Ashley Sowers, LPN 0002-079273
Ms. Sowers appeared. Tonya James, Compliance Case Manager, appeared as a witness.

Ms. Sowers was informed a recommended decision will be made and mailed to her within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Sowers unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Sowers within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

ADJOURNMENT: The conferences were concluded at 2:45 P.M.

Linda Kleiner, RN
Discipline Staff