VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
INFORMAL CONFERENCES
April 14, 2014

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on April 14, 2014 in Training Room 2, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Allison Gregory, R.N., F.N.P.-B.C. -Chairperson
Kelly McDonough, D.N.P., R.N.

STAFF PRESENT: Jodi Power, R.N., J.D.; Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Anne Joseph; Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division
Linda Kleiner, R.N., Discipline Case Manager (joined later)
Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D. (joined later)

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED: **Cheryl Allison, RN 0001-069902**
Ms. Allison appeared, accompanied by her sister, Judy Tippett, RN.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. McDonough moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:50 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Allison. Additionally, Dr. McDonough moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Joseph attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:00 A.M.

Dr. McDonough moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. McDonough moved to close the case and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation of the Nurse Practice Act or Board of Nursing regulations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED: **Priscilla Parnell, RN 0001-215323**
Ms. Parnell appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. McDonough moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:50 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Parnell. Additionally, Dr. McDonough moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Joseph attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:10 A.M.

Dr. McDonough moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. McDonough moved to issue an Order to require Ms. Parnell have both a chemical dependency evaluation and a neurological/psychiatric evaluation by specialists satisfactory to the Board and have a written report of the evaluations including diagnosis, recommended course of therapy, and prognosis sent to the Board within 90 days from the date of the Order entry. Further, she shall be ordered to comply with all treatment recommendations. However, Ms. Parnell may be required to appear at an informal conference to consider the recommendations where the Board will make final disposition in this matter. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Parnell, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Parnell 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:

Tara S. Allison, RN 0001-240978
Ms. Allison did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. McDonough moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:20 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Allison. Additionally, Dr. McDonough moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Joseph attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:35 A.M.

ACTION: Dr. McDonough moved to offer Ms. Allison a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her license, in lieu of a formal hearing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Allison and the Board.

Linda Kleiner and Dr. Elliott joined the meeting for presentation of cases at probable cause.

PRESENTED FOR CLOSURE/ADVICE:

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Gregory moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:45 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation regarding case disposition. Additionally, Ms. Gregory moved that Ms. Kleiner and Dr. Elliott attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and her presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 12:15 P.M.

Dr. McDonough moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Investigative reports concerning three registered nurses were reviewed.

ACTION: Ms. Gregory moved to close one of the above cases undetermined at this time. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Gregory moved to offer two of the above individuals a prehearing consent order, in lieu of further administrative proceedings. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Kleiner and Dr. Elliott left the meeting.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Melissa Weant, RN 0001-187120
Ms. Weant appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. McDonough moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:45 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Weant. Additionally, Dr. McDonough moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Joseph attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:00 P.M.

Dr. McDonough moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Dr. McDonough moved to offer Ms. Weant a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her license, in lieu of a formal hearing, with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. Weant's re-entry into HPMP and remaining in compliance with the terms of the HPMP program. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Weant and the Board.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Alonzo Lucas, RN 0001-238241
Mr. Lucas appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. McDonough moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:40 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Lucas. Additionally, Dr. McDonough moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Joseph attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:55 P.M.

Dr. McDonough moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matters

lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. McDonough moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Mr. Lucas and require he provide evidence within 45 days of entry of the Order, that he has completed the following two NCSBN online courses: *Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses*; and *Virginia Nurse Practice Act.* The motion was seconded and carried unanimously

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Mr. Lucas, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Lucas 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:

Geraldine Davis, RN VA Multistate Privilege 0028-000093
Texas License No. RN: 0632004, with multistate privileges
Ms. Davis did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. McDonough moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:05 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Davis. Additionally, Dr. McDonough moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Joseph attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 3:10 P.M.

Dr. McDonough moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. McDonough moved to offer Ms. Davis a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her multistate privilege to practice professional nursing in Virginia, in lieu of a formal hearing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Davis and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Jodi Power, R.N., J.D.
Deputy Executive Director