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RE: License No.: 0101-033522

Dear Dr. Sanderson:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") will be held on **Wednesday, December 7, 2005, at 11:30 a.m., at the Williamsburg, Marriott, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, Virginia.** The conference will be conducted pursuant to Sections 54.1-2400(10), 2.2-4019 and 2.2-4021 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code").

A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws governing the practice of medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Specifically, you may have violated Sections 54.1-2915(3), (13) and (16) [*formerly Section 54.1-2915.A(4) and Sections 54.1-2914.A(8) and (11)*] of the Code, in that you failed to recognize the seriousness of the psychiatric condition of Patient A, whom you treated from on or about May 29, 2002, until on or about January 30, 2004, for anxiety disorder, depressive disorder, borderline personality disorder, post traumatic stress disorder and substance abuse. Specifically, beginning in or about December 2003, you failed to recognize and respond appropriately to symptoms of depression, suicidal impulses and alcoholism exhibited by Patient A, who committed suicide on or about January 31, 2004.

In order to protect his privacy, the patient referenced above has been referred to by letter only. Please see Attachment I for the identity of this individual.

After consideration of all information, the Committee may:

1. exonerate you;
2. place you on probation with such terms it deems appropriate;
3. reprimand you; and/or
4. impose a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 54.1-2401 of the Code.

Further, the Committee may refer this matter for a formal administrative proceeding when it has failed to dispose of a case by consent pursuant to Section 2.2-4019 of the Code.

You have the right to information that will be relied upon by the Committee in making a decision. Therefore, I enclose a copy of the documents that will be distributed to the Committee for its consideration when discussing the allegations with you and when deliberating upon your case. These documents are enclosed only with the original notice sent by certified mail, and must be claimed at the post office. These materials have been provided this date to your counsel, John Franklin, III, Esquire.

To facilitate this proceeding, you must submit eight (8) copies of any documents you wish for the Committee to consider to Reneé S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager, Virginia Board of Medicine, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1712, by **November 18, 2005**. Your documents may not be submitted by facsimile or e-mail. Should you or Adjudication Specialist Lori L. Pound wish to submit any documents for the Committee's consideration after **November 18, 2005**, such documents shall be considered only upon a ruling by the Chair of the Committee that good cause has been shown for late submission.

A request to continue this proceeding must state **in detail** the reason for the request and must establish good cause. Such request must be made, in writing, to me at the address listed on this letter and must be received by 12:00 Noon on **November 14, 2005**. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent exigent circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after **November 14, 2005**, will not be considered.

Relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which govern proceedings of this nature, as well as laws relating to the practice of medicine and other healing arts in Virginia cited in this notice can be found on the Internet at <http://leg1.state.va.us>. To access this information, please click on the *Code of Virginia* for statutes and *Virginia Administrative Code* for regulations.

In its deliberations, the Committee may utilize the Sanction Reference Points System, as contained in the Sanction Reference Manual. The manual, which is a guidance document of the Board, may be accessed at <http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/medicine>. Please click on *Guidance Documents*, then select #85-11. You may also request a paper copy from the Board office by calling (804) 662-7009.

Please advise the Board, in writing, of your intention to be present. Should you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Board may proceed to a formal administrative hearing in order to impose sanctions.

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If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Lori L. Pound, Adjudication Specialist, at (804) 662-7084.

Sincerely,



William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine

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Enclosures:

Attachment I
Informal Conference Package
Map

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