

**AGENDA – June 15, 2016 - 8:30 AM  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING  
300 Capitol Avenue – Room 2-E - Hartford, CT**

**Chair Updates**  
**Open Forum**  
**Additional Agenda Items and Reordering of Agenda**  
**2016 Legislative Session: - Update**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*April 20, 2016; May 18, 2016*

**SCHOOL ISSUES**

Yale School of Nursing - Interprofessional Education Collaborative  
Lincoln Technical Institute  
Waiver Request  
Approval of Director of Nursing – New Britain Campus  
University of St. Joseph  
Waiver Request (*Brian Gomes, RN; Antonio Lopera, RN, BSN*)  
Central Connecticut State University – West Haven Campus – *NCLEX Scores – Plan of Correction*  
University of St. Joseph ASD Program – *NCLEX Scores – Plan of Correction*  
Gateway Community College – *NCLEX Scores – Plan of Correction*

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

*May 2016 Summary*

**MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

- *Jennifer Reinhard, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2015-1394*
- *Melody L. Williams-Destra, R.N. - Petition No. 2015-128*
- *Lori Karen Salupen, R.N. - Petition No. 2015-1168*
- *Leslie Matejek, R.N. - Petition No. 2015-888*
- *John Sherman, R.N. – Petition No. 2014-1199*

**MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

- *Dorsey Saunders, LPN - Petition No. 2016-623 – Ellen Shanley*
- *Dawn Noyce, RN - Petition No. 2016-61 – Brittany Allen*

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

- *Brenda Berg, RN - Petition No. 2015-99 – Leslie Scoville*

**CONSENT ORDERS**

- *Lindsay Wayman, RN - Petition No. 2016-175 – Linda Fazzina*
- *Alyssa Graham, APRN - Petition No. 2015-980 – Brittany Allen*
- *Jamie Liberetini, RN - Petition No. 2015-382 – Joelle Newton*
- *Shelly Volpe, LPN - Petition No. 2014-729 – Diane Wilan*

**HEARINGS**

<i>Holly Cocchiola LPN</i>	<i>Petition No. 2016-186</i>	<i>Brittany Allen</i>
<i>Robin Cappa RN</i>	<i>Petition No. 2013-128</i>	<i>David Tilles</i>
<i>Bethany Cejer, RN</i>	<i>Petition No. 2015-486</i>	<i>Ellen Shanley</i>
<i>Christa McGuuire, LPN</i>	<i>Petition No. 2015-689</i>	<i>Ellen Shanley</i>
<i>Samantha Angelini, RN</i>	<i>Petition No. 2015-804</i>	<i>Diane Wilan</i>

**The Board may hold a fact-finding meeting immediately following the close of the record.**

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The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 20, 2016 at the Department of Public Health Complex, Room 470-A/B, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member  
Gina M. Reiners, RN  
Carrie Simon, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jennifer Long, APRN  
Geraldine Marrocco, RN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy M. Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Kathleen Boulware, RN, Public Health Services Manager, DPH  
Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Sara Montauti, HPA, DPH  
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, OLR, DPH  
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM.

**OPEN FORUM**

Nothing reported

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to add a license reinstatement review for Heather Delaney, LPN to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

**SCHOOL ISSUES**

Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH, Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH and Sara Montauti, HPA, DPH provided a synopsis of the 2015 statistics for the Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse programs.

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health in March 2016.

**STUDENTS**

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the University of Hartford, University of Connecticut and Central Connecticut State University

**NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARD OF NURSING UPDATE**

Patricia C. Bouffard, and Kathleen Boulware, RN, Public Health Services Manager, DPH provided an update of the National Council of State Board of Nursing midyear meeting that was held in Baltimore on March 14-16, 2016.

Board members can view all the presentations from the meeting at the National Council web-site.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 23 2016

Mary Brown moved to approve the minutes as edited. The motion was seconded by Carrie Simon and passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners and Lisa Freeman abstained.

April 6, 2016

Gina Reiners moved to approve the minutes as edited. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously.

### **MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

Kathryn Jaworski, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2015-1194

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision placing Ms. Jaworski's license on probation for four years. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed with all in favor except Carrie Simon who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Michelle Murphy, R.N. - Petition No. 2015-265

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision placing Ms. Murphy's license on probation for two years. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed with all in favor except Carrie Simon who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

### **LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REVIEW**

Heather Delaney, L.P.N.

Kathleen Boulware, RN, Public Health Services Manager, DPH presented a license reinstatement review for Heather Delaney, LPN.

The Board recommended that Ms. Delaney's license be reinstated to probation for a period of four years with the usual probationary terms following completion of a LPN refresher program and the NCLEX LPN examination.

### **CONSENT ORDERS**

Danielle Dragon, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2016-349

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Danielle Dragon, LPN. Ms. Dragon was not present and was not represented by counsel. Gina Reiners moved to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

### **HEARING**

Gregory Klimaytis, RN – Petition No. 2016-131

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Klimaytis was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Testimony was provided by Lavita Sookram, RN, Department of Public Health.

Following the close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Gina Reiners moved and Carrie Simon seconded that Mr. Klimaytis be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Carrie Simon seconded to issue an Order revoking Mr. Klimaytis' registered nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

### **LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUEST**

Sara Kaiser, LPN

The Board reviewed a request for a reinstatement hearing for Sara Kaiser who had her license revoked in July 2010.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to grant the request for a hearing. The motion passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for July 20, 2016.

## **HEARING**

Jasmine Rivera-Gonzales, RN – Petition No. 2016-131

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Rivera-Gonzales was present was represented by Attorney Richard Brown.

Testimony was provided by Jolanta Gawinski, Department of Public Health.

Mary Brown left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Gina Reiners moved and Carrie Simon seconded to enter executive session to obtain testimony from Ms. Gawinski regarding confidential medical/treatment records. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session beginning at 11:35 a.m.

Lunch 12:20 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Executive session testimony from Ms. Gawinski resumed from 1:00 p.m. until 1:25 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded to reenter executive session for discussion relating to confidential medical/treatment records and to take testimony from Ms. Rivera-Gonzales regarding the treatment records. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session beginning from 1:47 p.m. until 2:31 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Gina Reiners moved and Carrie Simon seconded that paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 5a of the Statement of Charges are proven and that paragraphs 4 and 5b are not proven. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Carrie Simon seconded to issue an Order placing Ms. Rivera-Gonzales' license on probation for a period of six months with employer reports once every two months and that she complete course work relating to medication administration and nursing documentation. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners left the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

## **HEARING**

Todd Stockheimer, RN – Reinstatement Request

Mr. Stockheimer was present with Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health.

Carrie Simon moved and Lisa Freeman seconded to enter executive session for discussion regarding confidential medical/treatment records. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session beginning from 4:23 p.m. until 4:44 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

This hearing will be scheduled for completion at the May 18, 2016 meeting of the Board.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair  
Board of Examiners for Nursing

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The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 18, 2016 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in the Room 1-D.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member  
Jennifer Long, APRN  
Geraldine Marrocco, RN  
Gina M. Reiners, RN  
Carrie Simon, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** **None**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy M. Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Kathleen Boulware, RN, Public Health Services Manager, DPH  
Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, OLRC, DPH  
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.

#### **STUDENTS**

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the A. I. Prince Vocational Technical School; and Lincoln Technical School New Britain and Shelton Campuses.

#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

Chair Bouffard provided the following updates from an April 18, 2016 networking conference call of the National Council of State Board of Nursing (NCSBN).

- The strategic plan will go to the Board of Directors in May and then to the delegate assembly in August.
- A Nurse Compact Licensure (NCL) meeting was held in Washington on April 8, 2016 during which there were updates on NCL legislation in various States.
- An overview on the APRN Roundtable
- Recent research projects by the NCSBN that include:
  1. National Nursing Workforce Study
  2. Gender Differences in Nursing
  3. Review of Criminal Convictions in Nursing for 2012-2013
  4. Effectiveness of Remediation Across States
  5. Alternative to Discipline for Nurses with Substance Abuse

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Nothing reported

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Kathleen Boulware, RN, Public Health Services Manager, DPH reported that Senate Bill 67 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES – that allows advanced practice registered nurses to certify, sign, or otherwise document medical information in several situations that currently require a physician's signature, certification, or documentation has passed and has been referred to the Governor for signature.

## **SCHOOL ISSUES**

Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH, Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided an update regarding the conditional status of Fairfield University and Stone Academy.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to remove Fairfield University from conditional status. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to remove Stone Academy from conditional status. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pelletier reported that Central Connecticut State University; Gateway Community College and the University of St. Joseph ASD Program fell below the 80% first time pass rate for NCLEX examination scores from April 30, 2015 to May 1, 2016.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to place Central Connecticut State University conditional status. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to place Gateway Community College on conditional status. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Carrie Simon, to place the University of St. Joseph ASD program on conditional status. The motion passed unanimously.

### St. Vincent's College

Karen Barnett and Margo McCarthy were present on behalf of St. Vincent's College to discuss the 2015 graduate and employer survey results which the Board had requested at the January 2106 meeting.

### Vinal Technical School

Ms. Pelletier reported on the school's tentative plan for closure.

## **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health in April 2016.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Schedule additional meeting dates

The Board discussed scheduling additional meeting dates for 2016. The following dates were scheduled:

- Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

## **MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

### Holly Cocchiola, LPN

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Holly Cocchiola. Ms. Cocchiola was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Gina Reiners moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Mat Brown and passed unanimously.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing is scheduled for June 15, 2016.

## **HEARING**

### Todd Stockheimer, RN – Reinstatement Request

Mr. Stockheimer was present with Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health.

Testimony was provided by Mr. Stockheimer.

Mary Brown moved and Lisa Freeman seconded to enter executive session for testimony regarding confidential medical/treatment records. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session beginning from 9:50 a.m. until 10:10 a.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that Mr. Stockheimer's license be reinstated. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Jennifer Long seconded that as condition of reinstatement Mr. Stockheimer's must complete a registered nurse refresher program and must pass the NCLEX examination after which his license will be on probation for a period of four years with drug screens, therapy and employer reports and a key restriction. In addition, Mr. Stockheimer must attend a 12 step program at least eight times a month and must engage in group or individual therapy at least once a month. The motion passed unanimously.

Break 10:40 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

#### **HEARING**

Rachel Brazee, RN – Petition No. 2015-1333

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzino was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Brazee was not present and was not represented by counsel.

The Board deemed the allegations admitted on a motion by Mary Brown, seconded by Gina Reiners. Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Mary Brown moved and Gina Reiners seconded that Ms. Brazee be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to issue an Order revoking Ms. Brazee's registered nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **HEARING**

Brenda Berg, RN – Petition No. 2015-1333

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Attorney Scoville requested a continuance so that a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges based on respondent's surrender of license can be prepared and presented to the Board.

Jennifer Long moved and Carrie Simon seconded to grant the continuance request. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **HEARING**

Shawna Hartle, RN – Petition No. 2015-1028

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Hartle was not present and was not represented by counsel.

The Board deemed the allegations admitted on a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Gina Reiners moved and Jennifer long seconded that Ms. Hartle be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded to issue an Order revoking Ms. Hartle's registered nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **HEARING**

Erin Arndt, RN – Petition No. 2015-484

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Arndt was not present and was not represented by counsel.

The Board deemed the allegations admitted on a motion by Jennifer Long, seconded by Mary Brown. Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Jennifer Long moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that Ms. Arndt be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded to issue an Order revoking Ms. Arndt's registered nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

## **HEARING**

Paul Pitney, RN – Petition No. 2014-822

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Pitney was present without representation.

Testimony was provided by Mr. Pitney and Elaine Matulis, RN, Department of Public Health.

Lisa Freeman moved and Gina Reiners seconded to enter executive session to obtain testimony from Mr. Pitney regarding confidential medical/treatment records. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 1:05 p.m. until 1:09 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded that paragraphs 1, 2, 3b, 3c, of the Statement of Charges are proven and that paragraphs 3a and 3d are not proven. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded to issue an Order placing Mr. Pitney's license on probation for a period of one year with employer reports monthly, that he complete course work relating to medication administration documentation and that he complete eight hours of supervised medication administration. The motion passed unanimously.

Lunch 1:20 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.

Gina Reiners left the meeting during the lunch break.

## **HEARING**

Katherine Mezzi, LPN – Petition No. 2014-1195

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Mezzi was not present and was not represented by counsel.

The Board deemed the allegations admitted on a motion by Mary Brown, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Mary Brown moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that Ms. Mezzi be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to issue an Order revoking Ms. Mezzi's licensed practical nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

## **HEARING**

Matthew Hopkins, RN – Petition No. 2016-26

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Hopkins was not present and was not represented by counsel. This was a continuation of a hearing that began on March 23, 2016.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Jennifer Long moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that Mr. Hopkins be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded to issue an Order revoking Mr. Hopkins' registered nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair  
Board of Examiners for Nursing