

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 2, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Amanda Campbell, RN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Darling, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Stacy Owens, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joanne V. Yandow, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM.

WELCOME

Chair Bouffard welcomed Kathy K. Shea as a new Public Member to the Board.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Henry Abbott Tech LPN Program.

Katherine Pellerin answered questions from the student during the morning break. Ms. Pellerin will contact Pam Cramer from the Henry Abbot Program to schedule a time to visit the students and provide them with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard and Amanda Campbell attended the NCSBN Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

OPEN FORUM

Chair Bouffard stated that everyone looks forward to hopefully having a Budget on Sunday. Pennsylvania is the last state that remains without a budget.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Ridley-Lowell Institute – withdrawing their Letter of Intent to start an LPN program in the New London area
J. M. Wright Technical School closure and relocation of LPN students to Bullard-Havens Tech

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jennifer Filippone updated the Board on the following issues:

- Nurse licensure fees DID NOT increase, all other professions did have an increase
- On-line licensure renewal is being used - Jen Filippone will bring in the stats at a later date
- Eventually work force survey questions will be attached to on-line licensure renewal
- The current renewal card will continue to be sent with a letter explaining the on-line renewal process
- Licensed professionals will eventually be able to update their address information on-line
- Target date for all professions to have access to on-line renewal is the end of 2009 – presently only nurses, physicians, and dentists have access

SCHOOLS ISSUES

GOODWIN COLLEGE – SURVEY REVIEW

Janice Costello, Chair of the Goodwin College Associate Degree Nursing Program, was present for the school's five-year survey review. Accompanying Ms. Costello, were Goodwin's nursing faculty as follows: Rosemary Hathaway, RN to BSN Program Director, Marlene Harris, Administrative Assistant, and Ed Kobylanski, Teresa Twomey, Pam Walker, Marcia Scanlon, Barbara Morey, Catherine Thomas, and Nancy Peer.

Pam Pelletier reviewed the report with the Board. It was the decision of the Board that Goodwin College has met all regulatory requirements outlined in Criteria 1 through 17 of the Nursing Education Program Review for Registered Nurses Preparatory Programs. The BOEN requested that the school submit a copy of their faculty handbook and a sample of their clinical contract agreement for the file. This information was received and added to the file on September 3, 2009.

Katherine Pellerin moved to accept the self-study and grant the program Full Approval. The motion was seconded by Maria Pietrantuono and passed with all in favor with one abstention, Kathy Shea. The next review will be in September 2014.

Ms. Costello introduced Rosemary Hathaway who is the Program Director for the Hybrid RN to BSN Program. The program is currently up and running and has approximately 25 students enrolled.

STONE ACADEMY LPN PROGRAM – EAST HARTFORD CAMPUS

Pam Pelletier provided an oral review of the facility inspection at 745 Burnside Avenue in East Hartford. This building formerly housed the Goodwin College RN Program. In reviewing the report the Board questioned as to whether or not there was handicap accessibility to the second floor. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to table this matter to acquire further information regarding the handicap accessibility to the second floor. The motion passed unanimously. This will be placed on the October 7, 2009 agenda. The program did not have representation at this meeting.

LINCOLN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Jo-Ann Dean and Cindy Williams were present regarding the waiver requests for the Lincoln Technical Programs.

Carolyn Nicholson – Shelton Campus: Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to grant Ms. Nicholson a one-year waiver. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention: Kathy Shea.

Donna Lisewski – Shelton Campus: Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant Ms. Lisewski a one-year waiver. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention: Kathy Shea.

Joanne Nanavaty - Shelton Campus: Ivelisse Varrone moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant Ms. Nanavaty a six-month waiver. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention: Kathy Shea.

Patricia Donovan – Hamden Campus: Mary Brown moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to grant Ms. Donovan a one-year waiver. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention: Kathy Shea.

Patricia DeLucia – New Britain Campus: Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant Ms. DeLucia a one-year waiver. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention: Kathy Shea.

RIDLEY-LOWELL INSTITUTE – LETTER OF INTENT TO START LPN PROGRAM

The Ridley-Lowell Institute withdrew their letter of intent to start an LPN Program.

NURSING EDUCATION STATISTICS

Pam Pelletier provided an oral review of the nursing education program statistics which Donna Canalis had presented to the Deans and Directors before her retirement.

NCLEX SCORES – SECOND QUARTER

Pam Pelletier provided an oral review of the NCLEX scores for the second quarter.

J. M. WRIGHT LPN PROGRAM

The Board Office received information that the J. M. Wright LPN Program has merged their students with Bullard Havens. The J. M. Wright Technical School has suspended operations at their facility for two years. The Board requests that someone from Connecticut Technical High School attend the October 7, 2009 meeting to apprise the Board of the program change and also a site visit will need to be made at Bullard-Havens. Pamela Pelletier has received a letter from Patricia Fennessy regarding this change.

COMMITTEE RE: PEARSON VUE/CHANGES REQUIRED

Jennifer Filippone updated the Board on the committee. The committee will consist of Patricia Bouffard and Katherine Pellerin from the BOEN, Sheila Solernou from the ADN Program at Gateway Community College, Ellen Freeman from the ADN Program at Three Rivers Community College, Janice Costello from the ADN Program at Goodwin College, Lisa M. Rebescki from the BSN Program at Southern CT State University, Patricia Fennessy, CT Technical High Schools, and Jennifer Filippone, Deb Brown, and Pam Pelletier from the Department of Public Health. The first meeting will be an organizational meeting and for the second meeting Jennifer Filippone will contact the Department of Higher Education to see if a speaker from the DOE can attend to explain the process.

CORRESPONDENCE & STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES – MAY, JUNE, JULY, 2009

Diane Cybulski reviewed the incoming calls to the Board Office during the summary months. Frequently received calls were regarding flu clinics, nursing working below the level of their license and even working on the unlicensed level.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard and Amanda Campbell attended the NCSBN Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA in August. The NCSBN Delegate Assembly met to consider pertinent association business with its member boards of nursing. There were 59 member boards represented by delegates which was a record attendance this year. The dialoguing and networking opportunities that this meeting provided to all attendees will be invaluable to nursing regulators throughout the coming year.

Highlights of some of the significant actions approved by the member boards included:

- Election of new directors to the Board of Directors and members of the Leadership Succession Committee.
- Adopted revisions to the Education Model Rules.
- Approval of the College of Nurses of Ontario, the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba, and the College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta as Associate Members of the NCSBN.
- Adopted the 2010 NCLEX-RN Test Plan.
- Next Annual Meeting is August 10-13, 2010 in Portland, Oregon.
- Missouri recently passed legislation to join the Nurse Licensure Compact and will begin the rule writing process to work toward implementation of the Compact in 2010. Currently 23 states participate in the Compact as follows: AS (American Samoa), AR, CO, DE, ID, IO, KY, ME, MD, MS, NE, NH, NM, NC, ND, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA & WI.

Break 10:25 AM – 10:40 AM during which time Katherine Pellerin spoke with the students.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – JEAN RALICKI, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Jean Ralicki. Ms. Ralicki was present without her counsel, Attorney Michelle Holmes. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant the Motion to Withdraw. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea who abstained.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LINDA J. KASOWITZ, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Linda Kasowitz. Ms. Kasowitz was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea who abstained. Maria Pietrantuono made a motion to overrule the objection to the Summary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Donna Roberts and passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea who abstained.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ERICA HILL, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Erica Hill. Ms. Hill was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea who abstained.

HEARING – VICKI MROSEK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Mrosek was present pro se. Ms. Mrosek requested a continuance of this hearing. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant the continuance to the December 2, 2009 meeting. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea who abstained.

HEARING – CAROLE DENNISS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Denniss was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Ms. Denniss and Bonnie Pinkerton, DPH Nurse Consultant. Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss treatment records with Ms. Denniss. Once completed Amanda Campbell moved and Jennifer Long seconded to conclude the Executive Session. The hearing concluded.

Amanda Campbell moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to find Ms. Denniss on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Campbell moved and Veronica Kivela seconded to revoke Ms. Denniss' license. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – LAURIE WOODSTOCK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Woodstock was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Ms. Woodstock. The hearing concluded.

Donna Roberts moved and Veronica Kivela seconded to find Ms. Woodstock on all charges as all charges were admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Donna Roberts moved and Veronica Kivela seconded to revoke Ms. Woodstock's license. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – LEONA BILODEAU, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Bilodeau was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Testimony was provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, DPH Nurse Consultant. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Board go into Executive Session to question Ms. Pinkerton on Ms. Bilodeau's therapist reports. Upon the conclusion of Ms. Pinkerton's testimony, the Board moved out of Executive Session and the hearing concluded. Kathy Shea recused herself from this case.

Donna Roberts moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to reopen the hearing to remark Exhibit 1 "Original Exhibit" on the record which was granted. Donna Roberts then moved to close the hearing, which was seconded by Amanda Campbell and passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to find Ms. Bilodeau on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor with one recusal, Kathy Shea.

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to revoke Ms. Bilodeau's license. The motion passed with all in favor with one recusal, Kathy Shea.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board members present that this meeting be adjourned at 1:25 PM at which time Stacy Owens and Joanne V. Yandow, DPH Staff Attorneys, introduced themselves to the Board.

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Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Amanda Campbell, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Olinda Morales, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Stacy Owens, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
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Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:29 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the Howell Cheney LPN Program, the University of Hartford, Porter and Chester LPN Program, and Stone Academy, East Hartford Campus.

Chair Bouffard and Katherine Pellerin provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs during the morning recess.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – RUTH DUSHAY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ruth Dushay. Ms. Dushay was present without her counsel at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion was opposed by Katherine Pellerin, Jennifer Long, Heidi Darling, and Mary Brown. In favor of the motion were Patricia Bouffard, Kathy Shea, Ivelisse Varrone, and Donna Roberts with Veronica Kivela abstaining. It was a tie vote and on the advice of the Board's counsel the motion was denied. The hearing is scheduled for October 7, 2009 and the Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges were hand delivered to and accepted by Ms. Dushay at this meeting. Ms. Dushay's counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett, was unable to attend this meeting and the Board Office will provide her with an electronic copy of the notices.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PAMELA PECKRUL, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Pamela Peckrul. Ms. Peckrul was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Heidi Darling seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JENNIFER E. MARSHALL, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jennifer Marshall. Ms. Marshall was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with one abstention, Ivelisse Varrone. The Notice of Hearing, Summary Suspension Order, and Statement of Charges were hand delivered to and accepted by Attorney Murray at this meeting.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – JESSIE HELLER-WORK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Ms. Heller-Work has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – LUCRETIA CAMERON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lucretia Cameron. Ms. Cameron was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – KIMBERLY CAPTOR, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kimberly Captor. Ms. Captor was present with counsel, Attorney John Costa. Jennifer Long moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to deny this Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. It was the recommendation of the Board that this case does not rise to the level of Board action.

CONSENT ORDER – LAUREN DUCHON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lauren Duchon. Ms. Duchon was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – ERICA HILL, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Hill was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin made an oral motion to deem the factual charges admitted. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously. The hearing closed and the Board moved into Fact Finding.

Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to find Ms. Hill on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to revoke Ms. Hill's license. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – HELENA SPENCER, LPN

This is the fourth hearing in the case of Helena Spencer. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Spencer was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. There were questions from the Board to the Respondent followed by closing arguments. The hearing closed and the Board moved into Fact Finding.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Ms. Spencer be found on all charges with the exception of Number 4. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Kathy Shea.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Spencer's license be placed on probation for one year with employer reports every two months and education in scope of practice, problem solving and critical thinking, and enteral feedings and complications. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstentions, Kathy Shea.

The meeting recessed at 10:25 AM returning at 10:45 during which time Chair Bouffard and Katherine Pellerin spoke with the students.

HEARING – AMY ZIEGLER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Ziegler was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Testimony was provided by Diane Cybulski, DPH RN Nurse Consultant, Supervisor of Investigations. The hearing closed and the Board moved into Fact Finding.

Jennifer Long moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Ziegler be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Donna Roberts seconded to revoke Ms. Ziegler's license. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – CAROLYN SCHEIREY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Scheirey was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Attorney Leonhardt requested a continuance with objection from the Department of Public Health. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the continuance to December 2, 2009 at 8:45 AM. Katherine Pellerin then amended her motion to state that this will be the final continuance granted to Ms. Scheirey. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea who was opposed.

The Department presented a Motion to Amend the Statement of Charges. Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant the motion, which passed unanimously.

HEARING – JOANNE PRELI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Preli was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Ms. Preli. The hearing closed and the Board moved into Fact Finding on this case.

Donna Roberts moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Preli be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Heidi Darling and Veronica Kivela who were opposed.

Donna Roberts moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that Ms. Preli's license be placed on a one-year probation with coursework in diabetic foot care and delegation of responsibilities. The motion failed as all were opposed. A new motion was raised by Mary Brown, seconded by Jennifer Long, to assign Ms. Preli a civil penalty of \$150.00 which is due and payable one month after the Memorandum of Decision has been issued. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 1:37 PM.