

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 20, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Amanda Campbell, RN  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Veronica Kivela, Public Member  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jennifer Long, APRN  
Donna Roberts, LPN  
Mertie Terry, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Owens, Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM.

#### STUDENTS

There were no students present at this meeting.

#### CHAIR UPDATE

Chair Bouffard apprised the Board that she wrote a letter to Governor Jodi Rell on behalf of the Board to express the Board's concerns about the Governor's Mitigation Plan to close the LPN Programs in the Connecticut Technical High School System. To date, Chair Bouffard has not received a response from Governor Rell.

#### WAIVERS

##### THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ellen Freeman was present to request two faculty education waivers for the nursing program at Three Rivers Community College. The Board reviewed the documentation presented.

Mary Brown moved, seconded by Amanda Campbell, to approve a one-year temporary faculty education waiver for Shauna Edwards. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Campbell moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to approve a one-year temporary faculty education waiver for Zina Ruban. The motion passed unanimously.

## GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

There was no one present from the Nursing Program at Gateway. The Board reviewed the documents provided by Pam Pelletier. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Heidi Darling, to approve the permanent waiver for Amy Catlin. The motion passed unanimously.

## SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

There was no one present from the Nursing Program at Sacred Heart. The Board reviewed the documents provided by Pam Pelletier. Amanda Campbell moved, seconded by Veronica Kivela, to approve the one-year faculty education waiver for Michele Towle. The motion passed unanimously.

## MEMORANDA OF DECISION

The Board reviewed the following MODs.

Katherine Pellerin arrived at this time.

### JEROLINE KELLY, LPN

Mary Brown moved and Heidi Darling seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Kelly's license on probation for six months with coursework in medication administration and documentation to be completed during the probationary period. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision.

### RYAN TEAGUE, LPN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Heidi Darling seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Mr. Teague's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision.

### VANESSA KING, RN

Amanda Campbell moved and Mary Brown seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. King's license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision.

## MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JENNIFER GRECO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jennifer Greco. Ms. Greco was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Amanda Campbell moved and Veronica Kivela seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 3, 2010.

## CONSENT ORDER – PHILLIP ROCKETT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Phillip Rockett. Mr. Rockett was not present although he was represented at this meeting by Attorney Martha Murray. Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

#### CONSENT ORDER – SUZANNE ARSENAULT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Suzanne Arsenault. Ms. Arsenault was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Mary Brown, that the Consent Order be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

#### CONSENT ORDER – ANDREA JACKSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Andrea Jackson. Ms. Jackson was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Heidi Darling who was opposed. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

#### CONSENT ORDER – LESLIE MAJETEK, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Leslie Majetek. Ms. Majetek was not present and was not represented by her counsel, Attorney Kevin Condon. The packet presented to the Board was incomplete. The Consent Order was tabled until later in the meeting when the complete Consent Order could be presented to the Board Members.

#### CONSENT ORDER – MICHELLE NICHOLS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Michelle Nichols. Ms. Nichols was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

#### CONSENT ORDER – BARBARA PAWLOSKI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Barbara Pawloski. Ms. Pawloski was not present and her counsel, Attorney Martha Meng, was unable to attend. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

#### HEARING – KELLY JEAN RUDY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Rudy was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. There was no testimony provided.

Amanda Campbell moved and Mary Brown seconded to find Ms. Rudy on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Amanda Campbell moved and Heidi Darling seconded to revoke Ms. Rudy's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

Break 9:40 AM – 9:57 AM

#### HEARING – CAROLYN SCHIEREY, RN

This is the third day of hearing. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present although Ms. Schierey had not arrived. Amanda Campbell moved and Heidi Darling seconded that the Board move into Executive Session to finish questioning witness Diane Cybulski regarding Ms. Schierey's treatment records. Questioning of this witness completed, the Board moved out of Executive Session, and the Department of Public Health rested its case. Ms. Schierey still had not arrived. The Board tabled this hearing until later in the day.

#### CONSENT ORDER – LESLIE MAJETEK, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a complete copy of the Consent Order for Leslie Majetek. Ms. Majetek was not present and neither was her counsel, Attorney Kevin Condon. Amanda Campbell moved, seconded by Veronica Kivela, to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

#### HEARING – KATHLEEN STEARNS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Stearns was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Joleen Donovan, Director of Nursing at Haven Health Care, and by Ms. Stearns. The hearing closed.

Maria Pietrantuono moved that Ms. Stearns be found on all charges. The motion was seconded by Katherine Pellerin and passed with all in favor with the exception of Amanda Campbell and Mary Brown who were opposed.

Maria Pietrantuono moved that no additional discipline be imposed upon Ms. Stearns' license. The motion was seconded by Amanda Campbell and passed with all in favor.

Lunch recess 12:38 PM – 1:18 PM during which time Mary Brown left for the day.

#### HEARING – CAROLYN SCHIEREY, RN

Ms. Schierey arrived and the Board continued the hearing that was tabled earlier in this meeting. The hearing closed at 1:57 PM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to find Ms. Schierey on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Kathy Shea.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Schierey's license be placed on probation for four years with the standard probationary terms and no access to the narcotic keys for the first year of her return to the practice of nursing. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Kathy Shea.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 2:05 PM.