

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on July 21, 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  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Jennifer Long, APRN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Donna Roberts, LPN  
Mertie Terry, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tarah Cherry, Public Member  
Veronica Kivela, Public Member  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Nancy Stefanski, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, 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  
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Pohn Kwee, Secretary II, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Goodwin College.

#### CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard announced that the National Council of State Boards of Nursing has reappointed Jennifer Filippone for a two-year term as a member of the Uniform Licensure Requirements and Portability Committee.

#### REQUEST TO RESTART SIX CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL LPN PROGRAMS

Patricia Fennessy was present to provide the current plan for the reopening of six programs and to request approval from the Board regarding the restarting of the programs. The following are the six CT Technical High School LPN Programs: A. I. Prince in Hartford, Bullard Havens in Bridgeport, Eli Whitney in Hamden, Vinal Tech in Middletown, Norwich Tech, and W. F. Kaynor in Waterbury. Five programs can enroll up to a maximum of 40 students with one Department Head and four instructors and the Norwich Tech program can enroll 50 students and will have one Department Head and five instructors. A recent analysis shows that the majority of the instructors that were relocated when the program was suspended are interested in returning to the program. Department Heads and clerical staff are expected to return to work on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 while the instructional staff will begin on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. Each of the sites has remained clean and intact. An inventory will be conducted at each of the six sites to ensure that all equipment and supplies are in place and in working order to restart the programs. Inventory from the other four sites not chosen to reopen will be transferred to these locations as needed.

Pam Pelletier will survey all six locations. Staff is currently addressing the renewal of contracts with clinical sites. The LPN curriculum was recently revised and no additional revisions are required at this time. This is currently an applicant pool of 700 applicants who previously took the admission tests who will be notified regarding the list of available program sites, the new tuition rates, and the new program schedule. Heidi Darling arrived during this presentation. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Heidi Darling seconded to approve the restarting of the six LPN programs mentioned above. The motion passed unanimously. Pamela Pelletier will be contacting Patricia Fennessy to schedule the site visits.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES – WAIVER REQUESTS – LINCOLN TECH HAMDEN CAMPUS

Jo-Ann Dean, Regional Director of Nursing for the Lincoln Tech LPN Programs, was present to request from the Board two temporary faculty education waiver requests for their Hamden campus.

Ms. Dean is requesting a four-month temporary faculty education waiver for Tracie Morrill. Mary Brown moved and Heidi Darling seconded to grant the four-month waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dean also requested a one-year temporary faculty education waiver for Lisa Schepisi. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the one-year temporary faculty education waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES – WAIVER REQUEST – SOUTHERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY

Due to a scheduling conflict, there was no one present from the program. Pamela Pelletier presented the Board with a one-year temporary faculty education waiver request for Joanne Tolland. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mertie Terry seconded to grant this waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

#### REQUEST TO REVISE STATEMENT OF CHARGES & REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT – DAVID ZABOROWSKI, LPN

Prior to this meeting all Board Members were provided the following four documents:

Received in the Board Office on June 1, 2010 from Attorney Ellen Costello was a Request to Revise Statement of Charges for David Zaborowski, LPN.

On June 14, 2010 the Department of Public Health Legal Office filed an Objection to Respondent's Request to Revise Statement of Charges.

On June 29, 2010 the Board Office received from Attorney Ellen Costello her Reply to Department's Objections to Respondent's Request to Revise Statement of Charges.

On June 30, 2010 the Board Office received from Attorney Ellen Costello a Request for Oral Argument on the record with respect to her June 1, 2010 Request to Revise.

Present at this meeting were Attorney Ellen Costello, counsel for Mr. Zaborowski, who was not present, and Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant the Oral Argument. The motion passed unanimously and the Oral Argument was on the record.

After the Oral Argument, Heidi Darling moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to deny the Respondent's Request to Revise the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

#### MINUTES – MAY 5, 2010

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 5, 2010 meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded that the minutes be accepted as written. The motion passed unanimously.

#### MINUTES – MAY 19, 2010

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded that the minutes be accepted as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

#### INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – GARY WRUBLESKI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Gary Wrubleski. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order which will remain in effect until the petition is resolved. The motion passed unanimously.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHERYL DUBOVIK, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Cheryl Dubovik. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Donna Roberts moved and Heidi Darling 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 August 18, 2010.

#### MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – MUKAILA OBAJINMI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Mukaila Obajinmi has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

#### CONSENT ORDER MODIFICATION – DEBRA KAHN, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order Modification for Debra Kahn. Ms. Kahn was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Heidi Darling who abstained.

#### CONSENT ORDER – MICHELE WHEELER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Michele Wheeler. Ms. Wheeler was present without representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to deny the Consent Order as written. The motion failed as all were opposed with the exception of Heidi Darling who was in favor. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Heidi Darling who was opposed.

#### CONSENT ORDER – CHESTER SEKLECKI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Mr. Seklecki. Mr. Seklecki was not present and Mr. Seklecki's counsel, Attorney Walter Hampton, had a scheduling conflict and was unable to attend this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Heidi Darling seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Mertie Terry who was opposed and Patricia Bouffard who abstained.

#### CONSENT ORDER – LYNN GUION, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Guion. Ms. Guion was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Donna Roberts moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### HEARING – MATTHEW DALLACHIE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Dallachie was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. There was no testimony provided. The hearing closed.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Mr. Dallachie be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to extend Mr. Dallachie's current probation for an additional two years. Mr. Dallachie must complete a Board approved refresher program, provide weekly urine screens, monthly therapist reports, have no access to narcotics for the first year after returning to work as a nurse, and no working for personnel provider services, assisted living services, home health agencies, and shall not be self-employed as a nurse for the period of his probation. If Mr. Dallachie is not employed as a nurse for a five-year period he must successfully complete the NCLEX-PN exam prior to returning to work as an LPN. The motion passed unanimously.

#### HEARING – CATHERINE M. FLANNERY, LPN

All Board Members were provided the transcript of the June 2, 2010 hearing. All Board Members not in attendance at that hearing were also provided the hearing exhibits. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Flannery was present. Ms. Flannery announced that she had counsel, Attorney Robert Picketts, who was not available to attend the hearing that day and therefore was requesting a continuance. Accompanying Ms. Flannery was Intern Claudette Graham from Attorney Picketts' office. Mary Brown moved and Mertie Terry seconded that the continuance request be granted to September 15, 2010 and that all jurisdictional documents be in the Board Office by August 31, 2010. The motion passed unanimously. Attorney Fazzino will have one week to respond to Attorney Picketts' brief.

#### HEARING – LORRAINE MUNGER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Munger was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Testimony was provided by Ms. Munger. Mary Brown left for the day at 12:15 PM.

Donna Roberts moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Munger's license be placed on probation for two years. Ms. Munger must successfully complete a Board approved refresher program, the NCLEX-PN examination, and a course in nursing ethics. Monthly employer reports are to be provided to the Department during the probationary period. The motion passed unanimously.

#### MEMORANDA OF DECISION

##### KAREN CARLSON McPADDEN, RN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. McPadden's license on probation for four years after successfully completing a Board approved refresher program. The motion passed unanimously.

JENNIFER GRECO, LPN

Donna Roberts moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Greco's license on suspension until September 3, 2010 followed by four years probation. The motion passed unanimously.

KAREN INGLES, LPN

Donna Roberts moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Ingles' license. The motion passed unanimously.

SARA KAISER, LPN

Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Kaiser's license. The motion passed unanimously.

CHRYSTAL M. MOORE, RN

Jennifer Long moved and Heidi Darling seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Moore's license. The motion passed unanimously.

GEORGE PERKINS, RN

Jennifer Long moved and Donna Roberts seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Mr. Perkins' license on probation for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

MARK POWER, LPN

Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Mr. Power's license. The motion passed unanimously.

KELLY JEAN RUDY, LPN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Rudy's license. The motion passed unanimously.

CAROLYN SCHEIREY, RN

Donna Roberts moved and Heidi Darling seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Schierey's license on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously.

SANDRA SCHUTTE, RN

Donna Roberts moved and Heidi Darling seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Schutte's license. The motion passed unanimously.

KATHLEEN STEARNS, LPN

Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to dismiss the charges. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 12:40 PM.