

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on July 20, 2011 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member
Danielle O'Connell, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Darling, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Rose McGovern, Assistant Attorney General
Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, 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
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Secretary II, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Porter and Chester Institute – Enfield Campus.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jeffrey Marvin moved and Mary Brown seconded to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern. The motion passed unanimously at 8:35 AM and Executive Session discussion completed at 8:52 AM. Assistant Attorney General McGovern asked Board Staff and DPH Board Counsel to exit the room during Executive Session discussion.

SCHOOL ISSUES – QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY

Dr. Jean Lange was present from the program. The Board reviewed the documentation received from Quinnipiac University regarding the announcement of the Dr. Lange's appointment as the new Dean and the elevation of the Department of Nursing to a School of Nursing.

Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Dr. Lange's credentials do meet the requirements as specified in the Regulations for Connecticut State Agencies for Nursing Education regarding nursing faculty. The motion passed unanimously. The Board wished Dr. Lange well in this new endeavor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Joanne Ottman and Eileen George were present from the program. The Board reviewed documentation received from Joanne Ottman that she will be retiring from the nursing program on July 1, 2011. Ms. Ottman will be staying in the position of Interim Director until August 25, 2011 to orient Eileen George, RN, DNP, Professor of Nursing, to the director role which she will assume for the fall semester. Joanne Ottman will work in a part-time position on campus in the fall to provide on-going mentorship and support during the transition.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded that Dr. George does meet the credentials of the nursing school regulations. The motion passed unanimously. The Board wished Joanne Ottman well in her future endeavors.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAIVER REQUESTS

Joanne Ottman and Eileen George were present from the program to request two temporary faculty education waivers. Pam Pelletier reviewed the documentation received from Naugatuck Valley Community College (NVCC) with the Board.

NVCC is requesting a one-year faculty education waiver for Nancy Bowers-Hoyt, RN. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant this waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

NVCC is requesting a one-year faculty education waiver for Judy Guertin, RN. Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant this waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ellen Freeman was present to provide the requested information for the following waiver requests which were originally presented to the Board on June 1, 2011.

Mary Brown moved, seconded by Katherine Pellerin, to grant the one-year waiver extension for Shawna Edwards. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved, seconded by Tarah Cherry, to grant the one-year waiver extension for Zina Ruban. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to grant the one-year waiver extension for Tracey Cormier. The motion passed unanimously.

PORTER AND CHESTER INSTITUTE

The Board was provided with a Letter of Intent from Porter and Chester Institute advising the Board of their intent to change the LPN Program from 15 month part-time program to a 12 month full-time program with a tentative start date for this format in January, 2012. Porter and Chester will be submitting the modification of their curriculum for Board approval at a later date.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – MARCELLE GRENIER, LPN

Ms. Grenier was present to request a reinstatement hearing regarding her LPN license which was revoked on March 17, 1999. The Board reviewed the documentation provided.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to grant Ms. Grenier's request for a reinstatement hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be scheduled for September 21, 2011.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION - CLARIFICATION RE: MARC BILODEAU, RN, JUNE 15, 2011 DECISION

Kathleen Boulware was present representing the Department. DPH is requesting clarification of the language in the June 15th Memorandum of Decision as the Decision does not specify whether the Board intends for the drug screen and therapist reports to be continued during the two year extension of the probation which ends on August 31, 2013. In the Decision it states that the probation ordered pursuant to the 2007 Decision, remains concurrently in full force and effect and is extended until August 31, 2013, with the following modification: Paragraph 3.D. of the 2007 Decision is modified such that if employed as a nurse, the respondent shall cause employer reports to be submitted to the Board, by his immediate supervisor, every other month for the remainder of the probationary period. There were no changes to the drug screen and therapist reports. The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision and confirmed that this was their prior decision as voted up in the fact finding which took place on November 3, 2010.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with the following Memoranda of Decision.

DIANE PETROSKI, RN, APRN

Jennifer Long moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to suspend Ms. Petroski's APRN license for two years and Ms. Petroski's APRN license will remain suspended until a satisfactory report is submitted from a licensed therapist or a psychologist documenting that she can resume practice with reasonable skill and safety. Ms. Petroski's RN license will be suspended for three months. Upon completion of the suspension of Ms. Petroski's RN license, the probation ordered pursuant to the July 16, 2008 Consent Order, will remain in full force and effect and is extended until August 31, 2014 with restrictions as specified in the Order. Suspension of both licenses is effective upon the signature of the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously.

DAVID ZABOROWSKI, LPN

Jennifer Long moved and Danielle O'Connell seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Mr. Zaborowski's license on probation for a period of six months with conditions effective August 1, 2011. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Maria Pietrantuono.

LINDA KASOWITZ, RN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Kasowitz' license effective upon signature of the Decision. The motion passed unanimously.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER - LORISSA CRANSTON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order regarding Lorissa Cranston. Ms. Cranston was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order as presented which will remain in effect until the petition is resolved. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LINDSEY M. STEEL, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lindsey Steel. Chair Bouffard recused herself from this case and appointed Maria Pietrantuono as Chair Pro Tem. Ms. Steel was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Pro Tem Maria Pietrantuono signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 17, 2011. Patricia Bouffard resumed her position as Chair.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ELIZABETH SCORAN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Elizabeth Scoran. Ms. Scoran was not present and did not have representation at this meeting.

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono 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 17, 2011.

CONSENT ORDER – BRENDA CHAVEZ, LPN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Brenda Chavez. Ms. Chavez was present without representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Jeffrey Marvin seconded to accept this Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – LAUREN PECK, RN

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

CONSENT ORDER – KARRIE ELLIS, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Karrie Ellis. Ms. Ellis was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Tarah Cherry who was opposed. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – LAURA CHATFIELD DEMEYER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Laura Chatfield Demeyer. Ms. Chatfield Demeyer was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING – LISA WILD CORNELL, LPN

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

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant Ms. Cornell's reinstatement request. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to reinstate Ms. Cornell's LPN license to probation for four years with the following restrictions: Ms. Cornell is to successfully complete a Board approved refresher program and the NCLEX-PN Exam. Once completed, the probation will begin with the normal probationary terms along with a one-year key restriction upon her return to work, and the usual tolling language. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 11:00 AM.