

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 3, 2012 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Jennifer Long, APRN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Heidi Darling, LPN
Carrie Simon, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General
Alfreda G. Gaither, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, 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
Debra Brown, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:38 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Vinal Tech LPN Program

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

CHAIR UPDATES

There were no updates from Chair Bouffard or the Board Members.

OPEN FORUM

Liz Beaudin, CHA, updated the Board on the Action Coalition

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Memorandum of Decision – Matthew Dallachie
Motions – Pamela Dole

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jennifer Filippone updated the Board on the scope of practice process and making statutory changes. The Department of Public Health developed in house legislative concepts which are currently being reviewed by the Commissioner.

SCHOOL ISSUES – UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT – FIVE YEAR SURVEY REPORT

Regina Cusson, Paula McAultry, and Carol Poliforni presented the Board with the program's five-year evaluation for the BSN and the CEIN-BS program, (certificate entry into nursing, BSN upon completion) formerly known as the MEIN program. The Board reviewed the report and found that the program had met all regulatory requirements outlined in Criteria 1 through 17 of the Nursing Education Program Regulations. The Board requested that the Department visit the CEIN-BS Programs in Waterbury, Avery Point, and Stamford and provide additional information regarding their nursing labs. The Board also required that the Waterbury, Avery Point, and Stamford Campus obtain their own NCLEX program codes. Mary Brown moved that the program be granted full approval. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously. The program's next review will be in October 2017.

NCLEX – ANNUAL REVIEW ALL PROGRAMS

The Board will continue to download the NCLEX Quarterly Reports from Pearson Vue.

The Annual Review according to the Nursing Program Regulations will be for the period of May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012.

SCHOOL ISSUES - LINCOLN TECHICAL INSTITUTE (LTI) ANNUAL NCLEX RESULTS HAMDEN CAMPUS – EVENING PROGRAM

Patricia DeLucia was present from LTI for this discussion. The Department reviewed the NCLEX scores for the first-time test takers of the LTI Hamden Campus for the period of May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012 and the results indicated that the pass rate is less than the required 80% for the Hamden Evening Program. This program is currently on conditional status through December 2012.

SCHOOL ISSUES – STONE ACADEMY - ANNUAL NCLEX RESULTS – WEST HAVEN CAMPUS

The Department reviewed the NCLEX scores for the first-time test takers for the Stone Academy West Haven Campus for the period of May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012 and the results indicated that the pass rate is less than the required 80%. Leslie Harris and Eleanor Davio were present for this discussion. This was addressed at the June 12, 2012 meeting and there is a Plan of Correction in place.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – SITE VISIT – NEW CAMPUS IN NEW HAVEN

Sheila Solernou, Division Director, was present for this discussion. Pam Pelletier presented the Board with her site visit report to the new campus in New Haven. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to accept the report for final approval. The motion passed unanimously.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE/STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES MAY 2012 - AUGUST 2012

Pam Pelletier reviewed the inquiries into the Board Office which were mostly standard inquiries. There were also several NCSBN Surveys during these months.

NCSBN UPDATE

Chair Bouffard stated that the only controversy during the Delegate Assembly was the Model for Rules of Practice. There was discussion as to whether or not the Executive Officer has to be a RN and it was stated that the Executive Officer does have to be a licensed Registered Nurse.

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:05 AM through 10:20 AM to seek legal advice from Board Counsel.

Break 10:21 AM – 10:33 AM

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – CATHERINE M. BROWN, RN

Jennifer Filippone and Deb Brown were present from the Department of Public Health. Ms. Brown was also present. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to reinstate Ms. Brown's license. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to move into Executive Session to discuss some legal issues. The motion passed and the room was cleared of observers. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to end the Executive Session at 10:21 PM. The motion passed unanimously. Observers were invited back into the room at which time the Board recessed until 10:33 AM.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – RUTH DUSHAY, RN

Ms. Dushay was present to request from the Board a reinstatement hearing. The Board reviewed the documentation provided. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant Ms. Dushay's request for a reinstatement hearing. The Board stated that they felt Ms. Dushay was in a good recovery place. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be scheduled for December 19, 2012.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LISA CZARNECKE, LPN

Ms. Czarnecke was not present nor did she have representation at this meeting. Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be scheduled for October 17, 2012.

CONSENT ORDER – CHRISTOPHER TETRAULT, LPN

Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Christopher Tetrault. Mr. Tetrault was not present and was not represented by counsel at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – CHERYL M. IRIZARRY, APRN

The Board reviewed the Consent Order as presented. Ms. Irizarry was present with counsel, Attorney Richard Brown. Maria Pietrantuono moved to deny the Consent Order as presented. The motion was seconded by Mary brown and passed unanimously. It was the recommendation of the Board that a Civil Penalty of \$1,000.00 be incorporated into the Consent Order.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – MATTHEW DALLACHIE, LPN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision as presented. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Mr. Dallachie's LPN license. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 12:56 PM.

Patricia C. Bouffard, Chair
Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 17, 2012 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
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Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Carrie Simon, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Darling, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Stacy M. Schulman, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Licensure Regulation and Compliance, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Licensure Regulation and Compliance, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:39 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Stone Academy – East Hartford Campus.

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

REORDERING OF AGENDA

Revised agendas were provided to the Board Members. The only addition was the Amended Memorandum of Decision.

AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – ELIZABETH S. SCORAN, LPN

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept the Amended Memorandum of Decision which becomes effective date of signature by the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

PAMELA DOLE, RN, APRN

Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Attorney John Giulietti was present representing Ms. Dole. The Board heard Motions for a partial continuance and unlawful ex parte communication. Acknowledge Mary Brown and Maria Pietrantuono were present for the Board. Attorney Giulietti made a specific request that an Assistant Attorney General be present at all future scheduled hearings for the remainder of the case and see a copy of Department Exhibit 5 (identified only). Attorney Giulietti did not remember that Attorney Alfreda G. Gaither was present for the Board, and accepts the presence of a Hearing Officer Attorney at future hearings. The Motion for Continuance was present and tentatively scheduled for January 16, 2013 at the Department of Public Health. The Investigative Report was only identified, not entered into the Record. The Board may request it at the next day of hearing.

HEARING – LISA CZARNECKE, LPN

Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Czarnecke was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. Ms. Czarnecke contacted the Board Office and stated that she would not be attending this hearing.

Attorney Newton presented the Board with a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to Deem the Allegations Admitted as Ms. Czarnecke was not in attendance and had not filed an Answer to the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to find on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to revoke Ms. Czarnecke's LPN License. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 9:35 AM.

Patricia C. Bouffard, Chair
Board of Examiners for Nursing