The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on August 8, 2018 the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in room 1-D.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair

Aimee Ballard, LPN Elizaida Delgado, LPN Mary Dietmann, RN

Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member

Jennifer Long, APRN Geraldine Marrocco, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary M. Brown, RN

Gina M. Reiners, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH

Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, DPH Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH

Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH

Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Lincoln Technical Institute – Shelton Campus and Porter & Chester Institute - Rocky Hill.

CHAIR UPDATES

Nothing to report

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard, Gina Reiners and Dana Dalton, Department of Public Health will be attending next week's annual meeting in Minneapolis.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Lincoln Technical Institute

Patricia Delucia was present for Lincoln Technical Institute.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to approve Lisa Simonetti as the Interim Regional Director of Nursing. The motion passed unanimously.

University of Saint Joseph

Kathleen Conway and Nicholas Picard were present on behalf of the University of Saint Joseph. Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to grant a temporary one year waiver for Nicholas Picard, as a clinical adjunct faculty. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Kathleen Baran, RN

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to affirm the Board's prior decision as written that Ms. Baran's registered nurse license be placed on probation for a period of four years. The motion failed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to modify the decision relative to required urine screening and to eliminate tolling language. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Joshua Klies, LPN

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in this matter based on Mr. Klies surrender of his license subsequent to a Summary Suspension Order on June 20, 2018.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco to grant the motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDERS

Diane Powers, RN, APRN - Petition Nos. 2018-612; 2018-613

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Diane Powers, RN, APRN.

Ms. Powers was present with Richard Brown, Esq.

Geraldine Marrocco moved and Aimee Ballard seconded, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes probation with conditions for a period of two years.

Lenore Leone, APRN - Petition No. 2011-15

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Diane Powers, RN, APRN.

Ms. Leone was not present but was represented by Attorney Adam Rose.

Geraldine Marrocco moved and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion failed. Geraldine Marrocco, Jennifer Long and Mary Dietmann voted to approve the Consent Order. Chair Bouffard, Aimee Ballard, Elizaida Delgado and Lisa Freeman were opposed.

It was recommended that the Consent Order be modified by increasing the proposed civil penalty and the proposed period of probation.

Catherine Florio, APRN - Petition No. 2016-556

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Catherine Florio, APRN. This matter had been tabled from the July 18, 2018 meeting. Attorney Cynthia J Coccomo was present on behalf of respondent...

Jennifer Long moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order as written.

The motion passed with all in favor except Lisa Freeman who was recused. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a period of probation.

HEARINGS

Laura Kisatsky, RN - Petition No. 2018-691

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present but was not represented by counsel.

Mary Dietmann moved and Lisa Freeman seconded to enter executive session to take testimony pertaining to confidential treatment records. The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered executive session from 10:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken in executive session.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that Ms. Kisatsky be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that Ms. Kisatsky's current license probation remain in place but that required urine screening be increased to weekly for the remainder of the probationary period. The motion passed with all in favor except Geraldine Marrocco and Mary Dietmann who discussed increasing the probationary period by one year.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long that the Summary Suspension of respondent's license ordered on July 18, 2018 be vacated and that weekly urine screening start immediately. The motion passed with all in favor except Geraldine Marrocco who was opposed.

Amanda Alarcon, RN - Petition No. 2017-1460

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to grant the request for a continuance that was submitted by respondent. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be rescheduled to November 21, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on August 22, 2018 the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in room 1-D.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair

Mary M. Brown, RN

Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member

Jennifer Long, APRN Gina M. Reiners, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Aimee Ballard, LPN

Elizaida Delgado, LPN Mary Dietmann, RN Geraldine Marrocco, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH

Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH

Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH

Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH

Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH

Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

CHAIR UPDATES

Nothing to report.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Nothing to report.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Goodwin College

Janice Watts and Patricia Morgan were present to discuss Goodwin College's plan to start an accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program in September 2019.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of nursing scope of practice inquires received by the Department of Public Health in July 2018.

LICENSE REINSTATMENT REQUEST

Paul Pitney, RN

Dan Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH, presented a license reinstatement request regarding Paul Pitney, RN. Mr. Pitney was not present.

Following review, the Board recommended that Mr. Pitney complete a registered nurse refresher program with a clinical component and that there be a period of probation with the submission of employer reports.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Nicole Miller, LPN - Petition No. 2018-788

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Nicole Miller. Ms. Miller was not present.

Gina Reiners_moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety and welfare. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for September 19, 2018.

Kimberly Eldridge, RN - Petition No. 2018-559

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kimberly Eldridge. Ms. Eldridge was not present.

Jennifer Long moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety and welfare. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for September 19, 2018.

CONSENT ORDERS

Nancy Laporta, RN - Petition No. 2017-1104

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Nancy Laporta, RN. A pre-hearing review was held in this matter at the June 20, 2018 Board meeting.

Ms. Laporta was not present

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Brown seconded, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes probation with conditions for a period of three months.

HEARINGS

Skye Muli, RN - Petition No. 2018-691

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Cody Guamieri.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that Ms. Muli be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that Ms. Muli's license be placed on probation for three years. Following discussion the motion failed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that Ms. Muli's license be placed on probation for two years with weekly urine screening and monthly employer and therapist reports. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair Board of Examiners for Nursing