

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 17, 2007 at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus, Curtis Building, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Neistein, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Jacqueline Hoell, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Saint Joseph College and Howell Cheney Technical High School LPN Program.

CONSENT ORDER – CHRISTINE DeFUSCO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Christine DeFusco. Ms. DeFusco was present with counsel, Attorney Erik Kukuk. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – CRYSTAL MOORE, RN

The hearing convened at 9:10 AM. Legal Office Staff Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Moore was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. testimony was provided by Cathleen Cohen, Drug Control Agent Alexandra S. Mathiasen. The hearing closed at 11:05 AM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Moore be found as charged with the exception of paragraphs 7a, 8, and 9 where she was found on Hydromorphone only and she could not be found on paragraph 10c. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Moore's license be placed on probation for three years with the usual disciplinary restrictions without the restriction for the narcotic keys. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING – EWA JURZYK, RN

All Board Members have reviewed the transcript and exhibits from the hearing on December 20, 2006. Ms. Jurzyk was present and was not represented by counsel. Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief of the Legal Office, was present representing the Department of Public Health.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Ms. Jurzyk be found as charged with a sixth month extension of her probation to the Consent Order presently in place. The motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Summary Suspension regarding Ms. Jurzyk's license be immediately vacated. The motion passed with all in favor.

LEGISLATION – AAC PATIENT PROTECTION & HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER SECURITY FUND

Due to time constraints this item was deferred to the February 7th agenda.

WAIVER REQUEST – SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

The Board reviewed the waiver request for Andrea B. Calaluce. The Board asked that Donna Canalis review the present waivers to ensure that this does not place the program over the 10%. Patricia Bouffard moved and John Dobbins seconded that the waiver be granted for Spring, 2007. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST FOR RICHARD PEPE, APRN

Richard Pepe was present for this hearing request. The Board reviewed the documents provided by Mr. Pepe. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Mr. Pepe's request for a hearing be denied at the Board had concerns that it was much too soon since the reinstatement of his registered nurse license. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Joan Dobbins who recused herself.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JOHN GINETTI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for John Ginnetti. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Ginnetti was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion. The hearing is scheduled for June 20, 2007.

Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell and Maria Pietrantuono arrived at this time and Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson left the meeting at this time.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KATHY SABB, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kathy Sabb. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Sabb was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion. The hearing is scheduled for February 7, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JEFFREY AUGUST, RN

Legal Office Attorney, Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jeffrey August. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. August was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. This motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion. The hearing is scheduled for February 7, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JENNIFER HOLZMAN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jennifer Holzman. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Holzman was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. This motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion. The hearing is scheduled for February 7, 2007.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – ROBBIN CAPP, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Robbin Cappa. Joan Dobbins moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Interim Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Interim Consent Order.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JAMIE GRENIER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jamie Grenier. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Grenier was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. This motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion. The hearing is scheduled for February 7, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARGARET M. WILKINSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Margaret M. Wilkinson. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Wilkinson was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion. The hearing is scheduled for February 7, 2007.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – LISA HIBSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Lisa Hibson. Ms. Hibson has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion.

REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER – ELIZABETH ALMADOVAR, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Reinstatement Consent Order for Elizabeth Almadovar. Ms. Almadovar was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. This Order would reinstate Ms. Almadovar's license to probation for four years. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Reinstatement Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with the following Memoranda of Decision.

ELIZABETH GARCIA, LPN

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Garcia's license be placed on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Patricia Bouffard.

JEFFREY MESSINGER, RN, APRN

Linda Sacheli moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision that Mr. Messinger's RN and APRN licenses be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

MARK SODERLUND, LPN

Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision that Mr. Soderlund's LPN license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

PAMELA GAGE, RN, APRN

Joan Dobbins moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision that the charges against Ms. Gage's RN and APRN licenses be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

PATRICIA INTEGLIA, LPN

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Integlia's current Consent Order of May, 2006 remains in effect. There is no additional probation. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – LAURIE PITKIN, RN

The hearing convened at 1:10 PM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Pitkin was not present and did not have representation. There was no testimony provided. The hearing concluded at 1:15 PM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Pitkin be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that Ms. Pitkin's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – MARK POWER, LPN

This second hearing convened at 1:20 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Power was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Mr. Power. The hearing concluded at 1:35 PM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Mr. Power be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Mr. Power's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual disciplinary terms and the Summary Suspension remains in effect until the Memorandum of Decision is signed by the Board. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – MATTHEW BERUBE, RN

The hearing convened at 1:45 PM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Berube was present with counsel, Attorney Louis Todisco. Testimony was provided by Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Sidney Horowitz, Lani Johnson, Professor and Chair of theater at Central Connecticut State University and President of the Plymouth Ambulance Association, Kenneth Sakowski, and friend and Project Manager of Depko Mechanical, Brian Morgan, co-worker at Depko Mechanical, Tom Ash, friend and housemate. *Break 4:10 PM – 4:15 PM.* Testimony was provided by Matthew Berube and the hearing concluded at 4:40 PM and will be continued to March 7, 2007 at 8:00 AM in Newington.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 4:45 PM.

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Maria Pietrantuono, RN
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BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Katherine Pellerin, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing & Investigations, DPH
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Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Capital Community Technical College RN Program, the University of Hartford, and the University of Connecticut.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo participated in a teleconference with the NCSBN Finance Committee
- Linda Sacheli attended the Howell Cheney Graduation on behalf of the Board
- Diane Cybulski participated in the NCSBN Practice Network Call

LEGISLATION – AAC PATIENT PROTECTION & HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER SECURITY FUND

Wendy Furniss, Branch Chief, Healthcare Systems, Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing & Investigations, and Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health (DPH) provided an overview of legislation proposed by the DPH which would establish a confidential program for impaired health care practitioners licensed by the department; provide funding for DPH consultants; and provide funding to the DPH for medical record management in situations in which a practitioner has abandoned a practice. Mr. Peck stated that this legislation would result in a \$10.00 surcharge added to annual license renewals with the monies deposited in a designated fund.

Break 9:57 AM – 10:15 AM

SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE – FOLLOW-UP

Janice Costello, Director of the ADN Program, presented the Board with a follow-up report regarding their NCLEX pass rates. The Board accepted the report as presented and requested Ms. Costello's attendance at the March 7, 2007 meeting to present further data to the Board regarding the NCLEX pass rates. In addition, Ms. Costello informed the Board of the admission of a new class in January, 2007. This class was admitted under the schools new admission policies, and the college's expectation is that this class will have a high performance score based on the changes that have been made in admission policies, curriculum, and faculty teaching protocols.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY – FIVE-YEAR EVALUATION

Dr. Dori Taylor Sullivan presented the Board with Sacred Heart University's five-year evaluation report. This is the first report submitted to the Board using the new evaluation protocol by adapting the CCNE report to meet their Department's criteria. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant the University full approval status. The Board request that Dr. Sullivan provide samples of the evaluation tools which will be included in the report. The Board thanked Dr. Sullivan for working with this new protocol and developing a comprehensive report. The next evaluation for Sacred Heart University will be February, 2012.

SCHOOL ISSUES - SAINT JOSEPH COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Dr. Terry Bosworth is requesting a temporary waiver for Michelle Cole for the spring, 2007 semester to work with students in a sophomore clinical lab. Ms. Cole is a matriculated student in the Nursing Education Program at the University of Hartford, and anticipates graduation in May, 2007. She has completed 27 credits of the 34 credit program. Linda Sacheli moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the waiver be granted for the Spring, 2007 semester. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES - GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – PERMANENT WAIVER REQUEST

Sheila Solernou, Division Director of the Nursing Program, is requesting a permanent faculty waiver for Margo Inglese Bieber beginning Spring 2007 semester. Ms. Bieber has a permanent waiver issued from the Board as an adjunct faculty member at Quinnipiac University. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Margo Inglese Bieber be granted a permanent waiver. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES - NCLEX SCORES

The Board reviewed the NCLEX Scores for all LPN and RN Programs for 2006. The Board has concerns with the Goodwin College ADN Program, Saint Vincent's College, and Southern Connecticut State University. The NCLEX results for these programs will be closely monitored.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NEW ENGLAND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE NAME CHANGE

The Board reviewed a letter received in the Board Office from Craig Avery, Regional Executive Director, notifying the Board that New England Technical Institute has changed ownership and the name has changed to Lincoln Technical Institute effective January 1, 2007. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept the name change. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NCSBN LPN TEST PLAN

The Board reviewed the NCSBN LPN Test Plan. The Board does not have any changes to the Test Plan. Donna Canalis will notify the NCSBN.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS

Diane Cybulski discussed the incoming calls received in the Board Office this month.

One of the calls was regarding case management which may not be a paper review of the medical record. If providing care, a Connecticut license is necessary.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MINNA FLETCHER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Minna Fletcher. Ms. Fletcher was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ROSE OLSEN, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Rose Olsen. Ms. Olsen was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Joan Dobbins who recused herself.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – MARSHA GORDON, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Marsha Gordon. Ms. Gordon was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Interim Consent Order be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KELLY SIMPSON, UNLICENSED RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kelly Simpson. Ms. Simpson was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – STACY ROGERS, RN

Legal Office Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Stacy Rogers. Ms. Rogers was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – DANIEL ALVES, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Daniel Alves. Mr. Alves was not present and did not have representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that this Interim Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Interim Consent Order.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PAMELA IOVINO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Pamela Iovino. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Iovino was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW – NANCY HAMMOND, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Nancy Hammond. Ms. Hammond was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Chair Bafundo recused herself from this discussion. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor with one recusal.

PREHEARING REVIEW – SANDRA SCHUTTE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Sandra Schutte. It was the recommendation of the Board that the present Consent Order be kept in place. The Board requested that the Monitoring Office notify DPH immediately if there are any further discrepancies.

CONSENT ORDER – SIMONE MONDESIR, LPN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Simone Mondesir. Ms. Mondesir was present with counsel. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor **with the** exception of Patricia Bouffard and Maria Pietrantuono who were opposed. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – NANCY J. GUSTAFSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Nancy J. Gustafson. Ms. Gustafson was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

Break 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM during which time Linda Sacheli left for the day

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with the following Memoranda of Decision.

HEATHER BEAUREGARD, LPN

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Beauregard's license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

MICHELLE SHEDD, LPN

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Shedd's license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

PAMELA L. IOVINO, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to extend Ms. Iovino's probation to Decision 1, 2010. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

TANIA THOMAS, LPN

Linda Sacheli moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Thomas' license. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Nancy Bafundo who abstained. Joan Dobbins signed the Decision.

LORETTA ARNOTT, LPN

Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Arnett's license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

AMANDA SMITH, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Smith's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

HEARING – JUDY SMITH, LPN

The hearing convened at 1:15 PM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Smith was not present and did not have representation. Attorney Tilles made an Oral Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded to grant this motion which passed unanimously. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that Ms. Smith's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – JEFFREY AUGUST, RN

The hearing convened at 1:40 PM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. August was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Testimony was provided by Mr. August. The hearing concluded at 2:32 PM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Marie Pietrantuono seconded that Mr. August be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Mr. August's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual disciplinary terms and to vacate the Summary Suspension. After discussion Joan Dobbins amended her motion, which was approved by Patricia Bouffard, that Mr. August's license remain under Summary Suspension until May 1, 2007 and requested that the Memorandum of Decision be expedited for signature with an effective date of May 1, 2007. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – JAMIE GRENIER, RN

The hearing convened at 2:45 PM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Grenier was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Testimony was provided by Ms. Grenier. The hearing concluded at 3:26 PM.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that Ms. Grenier be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Respondent's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual disciplinary terms and that the request for vacating the Summary Suspension be denied. The Board did request that this Memorandum of Decision be expedited for signature with an effective date of June 1, 2007 at which time the Summary Suspension will be vacated. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – JENNIFER HOLZMAN, RN

The hearing convened at 1:22 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Holzman was not present and did not have representation. The hearing concluded at 1:37 PM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Holzman be found as charged with the exception of a section of paragraph 4a. The Board could not find Ms. Holzman on the Vicodin, OxyContin or the Percocet. The motion passed with all in favor and the Statement of Charges was modified.

Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Holzman's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – MARGARET M. WILKINSON, RN

The hearing convened at 3:30 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Wilkinson was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Testimony was provided by Ms. Wilkinson. Patricia Bouffard left for the day at 4:00 PM. The hearing concluded at 4:07 PM. Due to lack of a quorum Fact Finding will take place February 21, 2007 and the transcript will be expedited.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 4:10 PM.

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ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
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Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Secretary I, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 8:58 AM.

STUDENTS

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LEGISLATION – AAC PATIENT PROTECTION & HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER SECURITY FUND

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health (DPH) provided an overview of legislation proposed by the DPH which would establish a confidential program for impaired health care practitioners licensed by the department; provide funding for DPH consultants; and provide funding to the DPH for medical record management in situations in which a practitioner has abandoned a practice. Mr. Peck stated that this legislation would result in a \$10.00 surcharge added to annual license renewals with the monies deposited in a designated fund.

WAIVER REQUEST – YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

The Board reviewed documentation provided by the Yale School of Nursing requesting a faculty education waiver for Michelle Cole for the Spring, 2007 semester. Ms. Cole will be graduating from the MSN Program at the University of Hartford on May 20, 2007. Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the waiver be granted for the Spring, 2007 semester. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING – MARGARET M. WILKINSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Wilkinson be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Chair Bafundo.

Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the summary suspension of Ms. Wilkinson's license be vacated immediately and her license placed on probation for four years with the standard terms. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention.

MOTION TO REOPEN HEARING – JUDY SMITH, LPN

The Board reviewed documentation from Judy Smith. Ms. Smith's hearing was held on February 7, 2007. Ms. Smith was unable to appear for the hearing and is requesting that another hearing be scheduled. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Smith's request be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing will go forward on March 7, 2007 at 11:30 AM whether Ms. Smith is present or not.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SHAWNA BOWERS, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Shawna Bowers. Ms. Bowers was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order and Notice of Hearing for March 7, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MICHELE WHEELER, RN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Michele Wheeler. Ms. Wheeler was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order and Notice of Hearing for March 7, 2007.

CONSENT ORDER – BETH OUELLETTE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Beth Ouellette. Ms. Ouellette was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

Attorney Leonhardt made an oral request to have the probationary period shortened which was unanimously denied by the Board.

CONSENT ORDER – NICOLE ALFONSO aka NICOLE DUPREY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Nicole Alfonso aka Nicole Duprey. Ms. Alfonso aka Ms. Duprey was present with Attorney Mark Mercier. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – CAROL BATTIN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Carol Battin. Ms. Battin was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

Break 10:04 AM – 10:18 AM

HEARING – KELLY SIMPSON, RN

The hearing convened at 10:20 AM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Simpson was not present and was not represented. Due to lack of proof of service the hearing was continued to March 21, 2007. The hearing concluded at 10:22 AM.

HEARING – STACY ROGERS, RN

The hearing convened at 10:23 AM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Rogers was not present and did not have representation. The hearing concluded at 10:35 AM.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Rogers be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Rogers' license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – ROSE OLSEN, RN

The hearing convened at 10:38 AM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Olsen was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board move into Executive Session at 10:55 AM to obtain advice from the Assistant Attorney General. Executive Session ended at 11:43 AM. Joan Dobbins recused herself from the discussion. The hearing was continued to April 4, 2007. Prior to the hearing a ruling will be issued by Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro.

HEARING – MEG FENN, RN/APRN

The hearing has been continued to March 21, 2007.

Lunch Recess 12:35 PM – 1:18 PM during which time Maria Pietrantuono left for the day

HEARING – JESSICA BLANCHETTE, LPN

The hearing convened at 1:18 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Blanchette was present without representation. Ms. Blanchette requested a continuance and the hearing will be rescheduled to July 18, 2007.

HEARING – PAMELA IOVINO, RN

The hearing convened at 1:20 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Iovino was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Pamela Iovino, and Reverend Sanderson. The hearing concluded at 2:40 PM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Susan Neistein seconded that Ms. Iovino be found as charged with the exception of 12b, 12c, 16, and 17. The motion passed with all in favor.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Ms. Iovino's license remain under summary suspension till August 1, 2007, the present Memorandum of Decision remains in effect, and she is to provide supervised medication validation with clear documentation by October 1, 2007. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – SHANNYNN CELLA, RN

The hearing convened at 3:02 AM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Cella was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Cella and her daughter Marlena. The hearing concluded at 4:43 PM. Due to lack of a quorum Fact Finding will take place on March 7, 2007 and the transcript will be expedited.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at

4:44

PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on March 7, 2007 at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus, Curtis Building, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joan Dobbins, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Jacqueline Hoell, Assistant Attorney General
Rose McGovern, Assistant Attorney General
Karen Buckley-Bates, Director, Government Relations, DPH
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing & Investigations, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Secretary I, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Lincoln Technical Institute, the University of Hartford, and Porter & Chester Institute.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with the following Memoranda of Decision.

DAVID GRAVELDING

Linda Sacheli moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Mr. Gravelding's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

AMANDA SMITH

Linda Sacheli moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Board approved the corrections in the Amended Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo participated in the NCSBN Executive Officer Conference Call
- Chair Bafundo participated in the NCSBN Policy Conference Call
- Chair Bafundo did a presentation at Yale to the GEPN Student Class
- Susan Neistein did a presentation for the University of Connecticut BSN Students

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Letter from the University of Connecticut
Howell Cheney LPN Program students doing out-of-state clinical

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS

Diane Cybulski explained to the students in the audience the incoming calls monthly to the Board Office.

Discussion took place regarding Pharmacist Clinics and Techs doing immunizations.
The W10 form – “APRN” needs to be added – this suggestion will be made for the next printing.

NCSBN APRN PRACTICE SUMMIT

The Department was unable to attend this Summit as flights were cancelled going into O’Hare Airport in Chicago due to inclement weather.

SCHOOL ISSUES – YALE UNIVERSITY WAIVER REQUEST

Donna Canalis reviewed the waiver request with the Board. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Susan Neistein seconded that the waiver for Melissa Veillette, RN, BSN be granted for a one-year period through May, 2008. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORAL ARGUMENT – MEG FENN, RN/APRN

Oral Argument was held on the Respondent’s Objection to the Department’s Motion to Preclude and Respondent’s Request for Additional Oral Argument. Legal Office Attorneys David Tilles and Roberta A. Swafford were present representing the Department of Public Health. Attorney Martha Murray was present representing Meg Fenn, and Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro to provide counsel to the Board. Each party was given ten minutes for oral argument. DPH’s position is that the Board needs to know all the information regarding the Respondent’s recovery program. The Respondent should not have the right to control the flow of information to the Board.

MATTHEW BERUBE, RN

The first hearing took place on January 17, 2007. The second hearing convened at 9:21 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Berube was present with counsel, Attorney Louis Todisco. Testimony was provided by Matthew Berube. At 9:25 AM Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board move into Executive Session to confer with the Assistant Attorney General. At 9:40 AM Linda Sacheli moved and John Titsworth seconded that Executive Session end and the hearing resumed. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing concluded at 11:40 AM.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Mr. Berube be found as charged with the exception of paragraphs 7 and 8. The Board cannot find on the section relating to encouragement for Christine Berube to sit up. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Linda Sacheli who abstained.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Summary Suspension remain in place for an additional year, probation for four years with monthly employer and therapist reports, a psychiatric evaluation addressing issues especially related to communication, critical thinking, and anger management, successful completion of a Board approved refresher report, successful completion of the NCLEX-RN exam. The motion failed as no one was in favor.

Patricia Bouffard made a new motion, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, that Mr. Berube's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Linda Sacheli who abstained.

LEGISLATION

Karen Buckley-Bates and Jennifer Filippone reviewed the Department's Legislative Proposals and the activity on all bills related to nursing.

SCHOOL ISSUES – RN COMMUNITY COLLEGES ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Dr. Susan Abbe, Nursing Curriculum specialist for the Connecticut Community College System, was present with Cynthia Adams, Director of the Nursing Program at Capital Community College, and Joanne Ottman, Director of the Nursing Program at Naugatuck Valley Community College. The Common Admission Criteria for the Connecticut Community College System was presented to the Board in order to allow sufficient time for prospective students to receive counseling and assistance in completing the new admission requirements. The proposed implementation date of this program is the fall of 2008. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Common admission Criteria be approved with the tentative timelines. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE – FOLLOW-UP PLAN OF CORRECTION

The Plan of Correction Report will be presented to the Board at the March 21, 2007 meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY – EVALUATION

The Board reviewed the evaluation tools submitted as part of the five-year evaluation. The tools were approved by the Board and they will be added to the school's report. This completed the evaluation process.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL LPN PROGRAM CURRICULUM REVIEW

Patricia Fennessy, Education Consultant for CT Technical High School System, and Barbara Lindner, Department Head for Howell Cheney LPN Program, were present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the new proposed LPN curriculum for the Connecticut Technical High School System. Linda Sacheli moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the curriculum be approved. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL GUIDELINES FOR READMISSION TO LPN PROGRAMS

Patricia Fennessy, Education Consultant for CT Technical High School System, and Barbara Lindner, Department Head for Howell Cheney LPN Program, were present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the submission of the new guidelines for re-admission to the LPN program and admission to the program from an RN program or different LPN program. Linda Sacheli moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to approve both sets of guidelines, and wishes to thank Katherine Pellerin and Anne Simko for their participation in the development of these guidelines as well. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – LPN CLINICAL SITES OUT OF STATE

Patricia Fennessy, Education Consultant for CT Technical High School System, and Barbara Lindner, Department Head for Howell Cheney LPN Program, were present for this discussion. The Board reviewed Howell Cheney's request to explore possible clinical sites out of state, specifically Massachusetts due to their close proximity to the Howell Cheney Program. The Board had no objections to this proposal. The Board stated that further exploration of this proposal would need to be with the Massachusetts Board of Examiners for Nursing, in order to maintain compliance with the Massachusetts Nurse Practice Act and their school regulations.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NCSBN TEST PLAN

The Board reviewed the NCSBN Test Plan and had no recommendations for changes. Donna Canalis will provide the NCSBN with the completed request form.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – COLLEEN ALMADA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Colleen Almada. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Almada was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Linda Sacheli moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and Notice of Hearing for March 21, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DONNA LONG, LPN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Donna Long. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Long was present without representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing for March 21, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LAURENE MORGAN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Laurene Morgan. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Morgan was present without representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing for March 21, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARY SMYTH, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mary Smyth. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Smyth was not present and did not have representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing for March 21, 2007.

MODIFICATION OF CONSENT ORDER – JANE JAKSIC-THOMSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Modification of Consent Order for Jane Jaksic-Thomson. Ms. Jaksic-Thomson was present without representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Modification of Consent Order be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KATHLEEN WENTWORTH, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kathleen Wentworth. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Wentworth was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Linda Sacheli moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing for March 21, 2007.

FACT FINDING – SHANNYNN CELLA, RN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Cella be found as charged with the exception of paragraphs 11, 14, and 20. She can be found on all other charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Summary Suspension be vacated immediately and that the Memorandum of Decision dated July 19, 2006 remain in place. The motion passed with all in favor.

Maria Pietrantuono left at this time and the Board lost a quorum for the remainder of the day.

HEARINGS

MICHELE WHEELER, RN/LPN

The hearing convened at 2:03 PM. Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Attorney Scoville made a Motion to Consolidate the RN and LPN case which was granted. Ms. Wheeler admits all charges in the Statement of Charges. Ms. Wheeler requested that the Summary Suspension be vacated. Due to lack of a quorum this request could not be addressed. The hearing concluded at 2:35 PM. Fact Finding will take place at the April 4, 2007 Board Meeting.

JUDY SMITH, LPN

The hearing reopened at 2:40 PM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Testimony was provided by Judy Smith. The hearing concluded at 3:20 PM.

The Board recommended to Ms. Smith that she return within three months with a psychiatric evaluation performed by an addiction specialist addressing behavioral aspects and substance abuse issues. Once the Board receives this evaluation, Fact Finding will take place.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 3:30 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on March 21, 2007 at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus, Curtis Building, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya DeMattia, Assistant Attorney General
Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Secretary I, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:14 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Saint Joseph College, University of Hartford, Goodwin College.

GOODWIN COLLEGE – FOLLOW-UP REPORT

Janice Costello, Director of the AD Nursing Program at Goodwin College presented the Board with her follow-up plan of correction report which was an addendum to the March 7, 2007 report. The report from DPH is still missing the results of twelve students which has been verified on-line. In the class pinned on December 23, 2006, 43 students were pinned with 31 having successfully passed the NESI exam and are considered to have graduated. Of this group 19 students have attempted and passed the NCLEX on their first attempt with one failure. An additional updated report will be provided at the BOEN meeting on April 4, 2007.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION – TAMAR DELOHERY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Tamar Delohery. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Delohery was not present and did not have representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 4, 2007.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – KELLY SIMPSON, UNLICENSED

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Kelly Simpson as Ms. Simpson signed a Voluntary Agreement Not to Re-Apply. Linda Sacheli moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – SARAH CROTEAU, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Sarah Croteau. Ms. Croteau was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who was opposed. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER - CHARLES CARPENTER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Charles Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER - NANCIE MORAN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Nancie Moran. Ms. Moran was present with counsel, Attorney Donna Britschgi. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – JUDITH CULLEN, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Judith Cullen. Joan Dobbins moved and Leslie Scoville seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Cullen's license. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Pellerin who was opposed. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – MARGARET WILKINSON, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Margaret Wilkinson. Joan Dobbins moved and Leslie Scoville seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Wilkinson's license on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously. Patricia Bouffard signed the Decision.

HEARING – DONNA LONG, LPN

The hearing convened at 9:30 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Long was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Department. The hearing concluded at 10:10 AM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Long be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to extend Ms. Long's current probation for an additional six months. The motion passed unanimously.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to vacate the Summary Suspension and reinstate Ms. Long's license to probation pursuant to the March 2, 2005 Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING - LAURENE MORGAN, RN

The hearing convened at 10:20 AM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Morgan was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Denise Murray Boyle, Jennifer Carnovale, Courtland Young, Margaret Salza, and Patricia Halloran.

Break 10:45 AM – 11:05 AM

RULINGS - MEG FENN & ROSE ANNE OLSEN

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro presented the Board with Rulings for signature.

HEARING - LAURENE MORGAN, RN

Hearing resumed at 11:11 AM.

Lunch Recess Noon – 12:51 PM

Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to move into Executive Session at 2:55 PM. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Executive Session be concluded and the hearing resumed at 3:05 PM. The hearing concluded at 4:07 PM.

Maria Pietrantuono and Patricia Bouffard left early

Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place on April 18, 2007.

HEARING - CONCETTA MANCINI, RN

The hearing has been rescheduled for May 2, 2007 at 11:30 AM.

HEARING - ALICE J. MILLER, RN

The hearing has been rescheduled for May 2, 2007 at 11:30 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 4:15 PM.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on April 4, 2007 at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus, Curtis Building, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN – Chair Pro Tem
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick Kwanashie, Assistant Attorney General
Robert Kiley, Paralegal Specialist, Office of the Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, 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

Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins welcomed students from Capital Community College, Lincoln Technical LPN Program, St. Vincent's College, the University of Hartford, and Goodwin College.

UPDATES

Nancy Bafundo was not present at today's meeting as she is attending the NCSBN Mid Year Meeting with Jennifer Filippone in New Orleans.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS & REORDERING OF AGENDA

Southern Connecticut State University will be the first school presenting under School Issues.

LEGISLATION

Diane Cybulski reviewed Legislative Issues with the Board. The Board had questions on two bills: SB 1062 AAC LPN Programs in Vo-Tech High Schools regarding the part-time programs and SB1195 AAC Administration of flu vaccines by licensed home health care agency staff.

SCHOOL ISSUES - SOUTHERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY – REQUEST TO ESTABLISH ACCELERATED CAREER ENTRY INTO NURSING PROGRAM (ACE) AND THE FIVE-YEAR EVALUATION REVIEW

Dr. Ceserina Thompson was present to notify the Board of Southern CT State University's intention to establish an Accelerated Career Entry (ACE) Into Nursing Program for qualified individuals who hold a bachelor's degree in another field. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Proposed ACE BSN track be approved. The motion passed unanimously. The Board did request that Dr. Thompson contact Deborah Brown at DPH to obtain a separate NCLEX code for the ACE Program. Students completing this program must use this code to keep the NCLEX results for these two programs separate.

Dr. Thompson also presented the Board with the school's five-year self-evaluation report. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the self-evaluation report be approved. The motion passed unanimously. The next program self-evaluation will be due April, 2012.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SAINT JOSEPH COLLEGE – FIVE-YEAR EVALUATION

Dr. Terry Bosworth presented her five-year self-evaluation report to the Board. Patricia Bouffard requested that the Nursing Bylaws be submitted for review which will be sent to Donna Canalis. The next program self-evaluation will be due April, 2012. Also, Dr. Bosworth should contact Deborah Brown in Licensing to obtain a separate NCLEX code for the accelerated program. Students completing this program must use this code to keep the NCLEX results for these two programs separate. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the self-evaluation report. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY – FIVE-YEAR EVALUATION

Dr. Jeanne Novotny presented the Board with the school's five-year self-evaluation report. Patricia Bouffard requested that the link to the Faculty Handbook be submitted for review. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the self-evaluation report be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. The next program self-evaluation report will be due in April, 2012.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed the waiver request from Sheila Solernou, Division Director of the Nursing Program at Gateway Community College. The waiver request is for Susan Levine for the time period of April 9, 2007 through May 4, 2007. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the waiver be granted. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE – UPDATE NCLEX SCORES

Janice Costello presented the Board with a progress report on the Plan of Correction regarding the program's NCLEX pass rates. The Board accepted the report as presented and agreed that Ms. Costello continue to report specifically on the progress of students within each cohort, so that each cohort is kept separate so as not to skew the pass rates. Future reports may be mailed into the Board Office and Ms. Costello does not have to attend unless requested to do so.

Ms. Costello also requested information on the temporary 90-day pass for graduate nurses which begins on their date of graduation.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Donna Canalis and Diane Cybulski reviewed the incoming scope of practice calls to the Board Office.

DISCIPLINARY ORDERS – CLARIFICATION ON KEY RESTRICTION TERM

Diane Cybulski requested clarification on the key restriction term now included in the existing standard Consent Order language. Bonnie Pinkerton would like the Board to clarify as to what type of nursing positions fulfill the criteria for the one-year restriction, clinical vs. non clinical, or clinical with no real exposure to controlled substances, i.e. dialysis. The Board affirmed that the one-year narcotic key restriction could be satisfied in any practice setting as long as the Respondent is employed in a nursing position which requires a Connecticut nursing license.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION – JUDY FOLLERT

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Judy Follert. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Follert's license. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Katherine Pellerin who abstained.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – MICHAEL DOYLE, LPN

Mr. Doyle was present. The Board reviewed the documentation provided. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Mr. Doyle be granted a reinstatement hearing. The motion passed unanimously and the hearing will be held on August 15, 2007. The Board did recommend that it would be in Mr. Doyle's best interest to have drug screen reports at the hearing.

FACT FINDING – MICHELE WHEELER, RN, LPN

All Board Members were mailed copies of the exhibits and transcript. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Wheeler's license be placed on probation with the standard terms and that the summary suspension is not to be vacated until the Memorandum of Decision is signed. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Katherine Pellerin who abstained.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JAIME WATSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jaime Watson. Ms. Watson was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 15, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION –FRANCINE FEATHLER, RN

Legal Office Chief Stanley K. Peck presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Francine Feathler. Ms. Feathler was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem John Dobbins signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 18, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DOREEN FLAHERTY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Doreen Flaherty. Ms. Flaherty was present without representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 18, 2007

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ANGELA STAR, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Angela Star. Ms. Star was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 18, 2007.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – TAMAR DELOHERY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Tamar Delohery. Ms. Delohery has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – ROBBIN CAPPA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Robbin Cappa. Ms. Cappa was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – SHARON CLARKE, RN

The hearing convened at 11:50 AM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Clarke was present with counsel, Attorney Ellen Cristaforo. Testimony was provided by Lawrence Condon, Nursing Home Administrator at Harbor Hill. Linda Sacheli left during this testimony. The hearing recessed at 1:00 PM.

CONSENT ORDER – ROSE OLSEN, RN

After review of the treatment records by the Department and the Respondent's Attorney, Legal Office Chief Stanley K. Peck presented the Board with a Consent Order for Rose Anne Olsen. Ms. Olsen was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Joan Dobbins who recused herself and Katherine Pellerin who abstained. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Consent Order.

Lunch recess *1:10 PM – 1:42 PM*

HEARING – SHARON CLARKE, RN – Continued

The hearing reconvened at 1:42 PM. Testimony was provided by Sharon Clarke. Maria Pietrantuono and Patricia Bouffard left during Ms. Clarke's testimony. Testimony was also provided by Kristin Morrison Solace, Nurse Aide. Susan Neistein left during closing remarks. The hearing concluded at 4:47 PM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place on May 2, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 4:47 PM.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on April 18, 2007 at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus, Curtis Building, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Neistein, APRN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Peter J. Holland, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Capital Community College, the University of Connecticut, the University of Hartford, and Goodwin College.

WELCOMING OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Chair Bafundo welcomed Aura L. Alvarado to the Board as a new Public Member. The Board has one remaining vacancy, the LPN Board Member position to replace Brother Francis Smith.

FACT FINDING - LAURENE MORGAN, RN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Morgan be found as charged with the exception of falling asleep as alleged in paragraph 9. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Aura Alvarado who abstained.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Morgan's license be placed on probation for one year with monthly employer reports, no pool/agency work, no 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM employment during the probationary period. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Aura Alvarado who abstained.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Summary Suspension be vacated immediately with the conditions to be ordered in the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Aura Alvarado who abstained.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DECEMBER 6, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of the following abstentions: Katherine Pellerin, Aura Alvarado, and Nancy Bafundo.

DECEMBER 20, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of the following abstentions: Katherine Pellerin and Aura Alvarado.

JANUARY 17, 2007

The Board reviewed the minutes. Patricia Bouffard moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of the following abstentions: Katherine Pellerin and Aura Alvarado.

CONSENT ORDER – MEG FENN, RN/APRN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Meg Fenn. Ms. Fenn was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – ANGELA STAR, RN

The hearing convened at 9:32 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Star was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Testimony was provided by Angela Star. The hearing concluded at 10:05 AM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Ms. Star be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Star's license be placed on probation for two years, with monthly employer and therapist reports, drug/alcohol screening during the first year, and a psychiatric evaluation within 30 days of the effective date of the Memorandum of Decision. The Summary Suspension remains in effect until the Memorandum of Decision is signed by the Board. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 10:20 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 2, 2007 at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus, Curtis Building, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya DeMattia, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Lincoln Technical School.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Nurses' Week begins May 6th and Chair Bafundo wanted to thank all the nurses in the State of Connecticut for their dedication and service to the profession and citizens of our state.
- Chair Bafundo recently participated in a teleconference regarding the NCSBN Finance Committee
- Chair Bafundo & Jennifer Filippone attended the NCSBN Mid Year Meeting in New Orleans in April
- Chair Bafundo participated in the NCSBN Executive Officer's Teleconference
- Diane Cybulski participated in the NCSBN Practice Consultant Teleconference

LEGISLATION

Karen Buckley-Bates, Government Relations Director at the Department of Public Health, was present to review issues related to nursing during the 2007 Legislative Session. Bills discussed were on-line licensure, nurse impairment, loan forgiveness, the Med Tech Bill, and the APRN Bill on May 9th with the Public Health Committee. On May 9th there will be a celebration for Nurses' Week at 9:00 AM at the State Capitol.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE - CORRESPONDENCE & STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Diane Cybulski and Donna Canalis discussed calls received into the Board Office during the month of March regarding scope of practice and nursing school issues.

SCHOOL ISSUES – QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY - WAIVER REQUEST

Donna Canalis presented the Board with a waiver request from Quinnipiac University for Carrie Michalski. Ms. Michalski is actively pursuing her MSN at Southern CT State University and anticipates completion in 2008. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to extend Ms. Michalski's waiver for one-year. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOLS ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE AND PROGRAM – WRITTEN REPORT ON NCLEX

The Board reviewed a written report received from Janice Costello, Director of the ADN Program at Goodwin College, regarding their NCLEX scores. At the last meeting it was agreed upon that the school continue to report specifically on the progress of students within each cohort, so that each cohort is kept separate so as not to skew pass rates. Presently there are 18 students remaining who have not attempted the NCLEX. Six of the students have passed the HESI, six have not met the HESI requirements, and six did not pass HESI after several attempts and are out of the program. There were some unclear areas in the report and Donna Canalis will contact Janice Costello for further clarification.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NCLEX SCORES

The Board reviewed the NCLEX scores for all RN and LPN programs.

SCHOOL ISSUES – RN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM STATISTICS REPORT

Donna Canalis presented the Board with a RN program statistics report. Ms. Canalis will be presenting this to the Deans and Directors at their next meeting.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING MID YEAR MEETING UPDATE

Chair Bafundo updated the Board on the NCSBN Mid Year Meeting which Chair Bafundo and Jennifer Filippone attended in April in New Orleans. Topics discussed were as follows: Refresher courses, Testing Center visits by Board Members, Military Medics pushing for licensure, Medical Assistants, Operations Conference which will be held November 19, 2007, HIPDB update, Federal Grant update, CORE reports, U.S. Supreme Court Appeal, and Donna Dorsey's Retirement. Also, Executive Officers were asked if they had any feedback to the NCSBN Board of Directors regarding imposters, how the doctor of nursing practice (DNP) will change how we regulate in the future, and foreign applicants – some states are overwhelmed with foreign applications and are asking if the NCSBN can be a resource in determining the legitimacy of foreign programs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FEBRUARY 7, 2007

The Board reviewed the minutes of February 7, 2007. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Aura Alvarado who abstained.

FEBRUARY 21, 2007

The Board reviewed the minutes of February 21, 2007. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Aura Alvarado who abstained.

MARCH 7, 2007

The Board reviewed the minutes of March 7, 2007. Patricia Bouffard moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Aura Alvarado who abstained.

MARCH 21, 2007

The Board reviewed the minutes of March 21, 2007. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Aura Alvarado who abstained.

APRIL 4, 2007

The Board tabled this set of minutes.

APRIL 18, 2007

The Board reviewed the minutes of April 18, 2007. Joan Dobbins moved and Aura Alvarado seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor.

Break 10:20 AM – 10:40 AM

FACT FINDING – SHARON CLARKE, RN

All Board Members were provided with the Exhibits and Transcript from the hearing of April 4, 2007.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Clarke be found on charges 1 through 5 and 7. The motion did not pass. There was further discussion on the term “douse” which the Board found was not intentional. Joan Dobbins therefore amended her motion that Ms. Clarke be found on charges 1 through 5 only. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the charges against Ms. Clarke’s license be dismissed as the case does not rise to the level of Board disciplinary action. The motion passed with all in favor.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION – EWA JURZYK, RN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Ewa Jurzyk. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to extend Ms. Jurzyk’s probation for six months. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Aura Alvarado who abstained.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PAMELA LYDING, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Pamela Lyding. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Lyding was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing, scheduling the hearing for May 16, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – HOLLY MUND, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Holly Mund. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Mund was present without representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing, scheduling the hearing for May 16, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CATHERINE HAASE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Catherine Haase. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Haase was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Susan Neistein seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing, scheduling the hearing for May 16, 2007.

HEARING – ALICE J. MILLER, RN

The hearing convened at 11:20 AM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Miller was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Testimony was provided by Alice Miller and Jean Edwards Chieppo, her sponsor. The Board recessed for lunch at 11:55 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARGARET HULBOJ, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Margaret Hulboj. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Hulboj was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing, scheduling the hearing for May 16, 2007.

HEARING – ALICE J. MILLER, RN - CONTINUED

The hearing reconvened at 12:50 PM. Testimony continued. The Board took a five-minute break at 1:35 PM and the hearing concluded at 2:00 PM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Miller be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Miller's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual probationary terms for employer and therapist reports, drug screen reports, and a one year key restriction when she returns to work as a nurse. Attorney Pellett requested that the Summary Suspension be vacated immediately. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that the Summary Suspension remain in effect until the Memorandum of Decision is signed. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 16, 2007 at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus, Curtis Building – Amphitheater, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN, Chair Pro Tem
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Secretary, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

STUDENTS

Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins welcomed students from Vinal Tech and E. C. Goodwin Tech LPN Programs and the University of Connecticut.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MICHAEL HASSELBACHER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Michael Hasselbacher. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Hasselbacher was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing for June 6, 2007.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – SHELLEY PETTIT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Shelley Pettit. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Pettit was not present and did not have representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Interim Consent Order be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Interim Consent Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW – COLLEEN ALLEN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Colleen Allen. Ms. Allen was present. It was the recommendation of the Board that this case be brought to hearing.

CONSENT ORDER – VANESSA KING, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Vanessa King. Ms. King was not present and did not have representation. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Order.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

MARK POWER, LPN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision. Patricia Bouffard moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to affirm their prior decision placing Mr. Power's practical nurse license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Decision.

JEFFREY AUGUST, RN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to affirm their prior decision to immediately vacate the Summary Suspension and place Mr. August's registered nurse license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Decision.

JAMIE GRENIER, RN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision. Linda Sacheli moved and John Titsworth seconded to affirm their prior decision to immediately vacate the Summary Suspension and place Ms. Grenier's registered nurse license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Decision.

HEARINGS

Linda Sacheli moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Board enter into Executive Session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed unanimously and at 9:40 AM the Board left the room and went to the cafeteria for Executive Session and returned at 10:10 AM.

PAMELA LYDING, RN

The hearing convened at 9:40 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Lyding was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Pellett made an oral motion to vacate the summary suspension. Linda Sacheli moved and Maria Pietrantuono moved to deny the request to vacate the summary suspension. The motion passed unanimously. The Department's motion for a continuance was granted to June 20, 2007

MARGARET HULBOJ, RN

The hearing convened at 10:20 AM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Hulboj was present without counsel. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, RN, Ms. Hulboj, Patricia Duffy, RN, and Joyce Anderson, RN.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and John Titsworth seconded that Ms. Hulboj be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Summary Suspension of Ms. Hulboj's license be vacated immediately and that the current Consent Order remain in effect with probation being extended for two years and the urine screens increasing to weekly for the first six months of the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor.

HOLLY MUND, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:05 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Mund was present with counsel, Attorney Robair. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. The hearing has been continued to June 6, 2007. The Department of Public Health must file an Amended Statement of Charges by May 18, 2007 and the Answer must be filed by May 25, 2007.

Lunch recess 11:50 AM – 12:20 PM during which time John Titsworth left for the day

ANDREA BUTLER, RN

The hearing convened at 12:20 PM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Butler was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. The hearing has been continued to June 20, 2007.

TRACY SHUGRUE, RN

The hearing convened at 12:36 PM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Shugrue was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. The Department moved for a continuance, which was granted, and the hearing was rescheduled for June 20, 2007.

MARC BILODEAU, RN

The hearing convened at 12:46 PM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Bilodeau was present with counsel, Attorney Kenneth Barber. Testimony was provided by Mr. Bilodeau. The hearing concluded and Fact Finding will take place at a later date due to lack of a quorum.

MAUREEN MATTIA, RN

The hearing convened at 1:10 PM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Mattia was present without counsel. Testimony was provided by Ms. Mattia. The hearing concluded and Fact Finding will take place at a later date due to lack of a quorum

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 2:00 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 6, 2007 at the Connecticut Community College System, Third Floor Conference Room, 61 Woodland Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair Pro Tem
Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Susan Neistein, APRN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Darren Cunningham, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, RN Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Pro Tem Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

SCHOOL ISSUES – CONNECTICUT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS

Patricia Fennessy, DHE Consultant, presented the Learner Outcomes for the LPN Program based on the new State Regulations, Guidelines for Site Visit Reports that will be utilized at each site for the State Technical High School LPN Program in Danbury, associated with Abbott Technical High School.

The Board was also apprised that additional monies from the 2007 Legislative Session will be used to purchase a mannequin for each school. Also, the clerical positions are now 32-hour positions and are permanent and will no longer require reapplication and interviews each year. At this point in time, no new evening programs have been approved by the Legislature.

The Danbury evening program admitted 20 students, and 18 students remain in the program at this time. The students are presently in clinical, and instructors report that students are meeting the objectives and performing skills without difficulty.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE HANDBOOK REVIEW

Dr. Susan Abbe presented the Board with the Nursing Student Handbook, the Position Description for the Nurse Administrator, the Organizational Chart for the Connecticut Community College Nursing Programs, and the Admission Information and Application Packet. The Board unanimously accepted all that was presented with the understanding that this is in fact a work in progress and revisions may be made at a later date. It was also reported that on April 19, 2007 the Connecticut Community College Nursing Programs were presented to the Department of Higher Education – Advisory Committee on Accreditation for review and recommendation to the Department of Higher Education – Board of Governors. The school was approved for accreditation and licensure. The Board commented that the information submitted was excellent and wished the group much success in their future endeavors. The next report will be submitted in the Fall of 2007, and will include the complete syllabi. Also participating in this discussion were Sheila Solernou, Cynthia Adams, and Joanne Ottman. Maria Pietrantuono arrived at 9:20 AM during this discussion.

SCHOOL ISSUES – UNIVERSITY OF CT REPORT CLARIFYING NCLEX RESULTS

Dr. Carol Polifroni was present to clarify the recent NCLEX percentile for the MbEin class of 2006. Due to coding errors the NCLEX rate was inaccurate and did not reflect the 87.5% pass rate for this class. Dr. Polifroni will contact Stephen Carragher at the Department to make a coding change that would remedy this problem.

Dr. Polifroni apprised the Board of the study away/abroad program. This program will offer students the possibility of studying abroad, and completing courses taught by UConn faculty.

The Board was presented with a CV for Anne R. Bavier, PhD, RN, FAAN, the new Dean of the UConn School of Nursing which the Board will review at their September 5, 2007 meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SOUTHERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY – REPORT REGARDING NCLEX RESULTS

Dr. Cesarina Thompson presented her report to the Board. This report addressed the recent decrease in the school's NCLEX pass rate and identified strategies that have been implemented to increase the NCLEX percentile. The Board acknowledged that this is the first time in many years that this program's pass rate has been below the 90th percentile.

In addition, the Board also reviewed and accepted the additional materials submitted as part of the school's five-year evaluation report regarding recent alumni and employer reports.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE – UPDATE ON NCLEX SCORES

Janice Costello, Chair of the Nursing Program at Goodwin, reviewed the progress report on the Plan of Correction regarding the school's NCLEX pass rates. The Board accepted the report as presented, and suggested that Ms. Costello present a summary report at the September 5, 2007 meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES – WESTERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY – NEW CHAIR

The Board reviewed the CV for Dr. Karen Crouse who will assume the position of Chair of the Department of Nursing effective June 18, 2007. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that Dr. Crouse meets the criteria for the position of Chair of the Department of Nursing. The Board would like to welcome Dr. Crouse and wish her much success in her new position.

LEGISLATION

Polly Barey spoke about school issues in the community and legislation for the 2008 Legislative Session.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

One of the calls received in the Board Office was a request for information regarding RN based WEB practice. Caller identified that in response to the Virginia Tech tragic campus shootings, she would like to create a WEB site and BLOGGING site from which she could offer supportive intervention to persons who may be experiencing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Caller stated that she would hold herself out as a CT RN so the persons responding would know that she was a trained professional. Caller was advised that the BOEN has never discussed the issue of WEB based nursing. However, caller was cautioned that she may be exceeding her scope of RN practice if she engages a person in a therapeutic relationship without having the benefit of collaborating in the implementation of the total health care regimen and/or executing a medical regimen under the direction of an APRN, a physician or a dentist, consistent with the NPA. Caller was further cautioned that she may be engaged in a professional therapeutic relationship with a person who may be a resident of another state where she is not licensed to practice nursing.

APRN LICENSE REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – RICHARD PEPE, RN

The Board reviewed the packet of information presented. Mr. Pepe was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Mr. Pepe's request for a hearing regarding reinstatement of his APRN license is granted. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be scheduled for September 5, 2007 at 11:30 AM.

Break 11:30 AM – 11:40 AM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 4, 2007

The Board reviewed the minutes of April 4, 2007. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Aura Alvarado seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MICHELLE QUIGLEY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Michelle Quigley. Ms. Quigley was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Pro Tem Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 20, 2007.

Break 11:50 AM – 12:02 PM.

SUBPOENA REQUEST – JOHN GINETTI, RN

Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham apprised the Board that Mr. Ginetti had contacted the Office of the Attorney General for guidance in subpoenaing witnesses regarding his case. As Mr. Ginetti is representing himself he does not have the authority to administer subpoenas. Linda Sacheli moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the subpoenas be issued by the Office of the Attorney General. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION TO REOPEN HEARING – TANIA THOMAS

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Thomas was also present. Oral argument was heard from Ms. Thomas and Attorney Newton regarding Ms. Thomas' motion to reopen the hearing. Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the motion to reopen the hearing be denied. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Aura Alvarado who was opposed.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – GREGORY KLAUS, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Gregory Klaus. Mr. Klaus was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Linda Sacheli moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 20, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARCUS HASSELL, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Marcus Hassell. Mr. Hassell was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Linda Sacheli moved and Aura Alvarado seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Pro Tem Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 20, 2007.

FACT FINDING – MARC BILODEAU, RN

Mr. Bilodeau was present with counsel, Attorney Kenneth Barber. All Board Members have reviewed the exhibits and transcript of the hearing which was held on May 16, 2007.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Mr. Bilodeau be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Mr. Bilodeau's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual probationary terms. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the summary suspension of Mr. Bilodeau's be vacated immediately. After discussion Katherine Pellerin withdrew her motion with the approval of Maria Pietrantuono. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the summary suspension remain in place until the Memorandum of Decision is signed by the Board. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING – MAUREEN MATTIA, RN

All Board Members have reviewed the exhibits and transcript of the hearing which took place on May 16, 2007.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Mattia be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that Ms. Mattia's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KATHLEEN NORDMARK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kathleen Nordmark. Ms. Nordmark was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Pro Tem Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing for October 17, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DEBORAH ELLEGARD, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Deborah Ellegard. Ms. Ellegard was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be accepted. After discussion Maria Pietrantuono withdrew her motion with the approval of Ruth Espinoza. A new motion was raised by Linda Sacheli to deny the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Katherine Pellerin and passed unanimously. Chair Pro Tem Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing for October 17, 2007.

Lunch recess 12:45 PM – 1:22 PM during which time Aura Alvarado left for the day.

HEARING – MICHAEL HASSELBACHER, RN

The hearing convened at 1:22 PM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Hasselbacher was present pro se. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by the Respondent. Katherine Pellerin left for the day at 1:40 PM at which time the Board no longer had a quorum. The hearing concluded at 2:15 PM. Due to lack of a quorum the Fact Finding will take place on June 20, 2007.

HEARING – HOLLY MUND, LPN

The hearing convened at 2:20 PM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Mund was present with counsel, Attorney Kerry Robair. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by the Respondent. Maria Pietrantuono left for the day at 3:00 PM. The hearing concluded at 3:15 PM. Due to lack of a quorum the Fact Finding will take place on June 20, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 3:20 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 20, 2007 at the Legislative Office Building Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Susan Neistein, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN
Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member
Linda Sacheli, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, 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
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Vinal Tech and Goodwin Tech.

FACT FINDING – MICHAEL HASSELBACHER, RN

Due to lack of a quorum at the June 6, 2007 hearing, all Board Members have received and reviewed the hearing transcript and exhibits.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Mr. Hasselbacher be found as charged with the exception of paragraph 3 which there was no evidence. The motion passed with all in favor.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Mr. Hasselbacher's license be reinstated to probation and to extend the probation for one year in the current Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Summary Suspension of Mr. Hasselbacher's license be immediately vacated. Mr. Hasselbacher's license is reinstated at this time pursuant to a Memorandum of Decision dated February 16, 2005. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING – HOLLY MUND, LPN

Due to lack of a quorum at the June 6, 2007 hearing, all Board Members have received and reviewed the hearing transcript and exhibits.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Mund be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Mund's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual terms and she is to successfully complete a 40 hours of observed medication administration within the first six months of her probation. The Summary Suspension remains in place until the Memorandum of Decision is signed.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – AMANDA E. GRANT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Amanda E. Grant. Ms. Grant was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for July 18, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JESSICA VITALE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jessica Vitale. Attorney Martha Murray was present on behalf of Jessica Vitale who was not in attendance. Joan Dobbins moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for July 18, 2007.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Board move into Executive Session to obtain legal advise from the Assistant Attorney General. Attorney Murray objected to the Board entering into Executive Session. Based on the advice from the Assistant Attorney General, the Board voted unanimously to move into Executive Session from 9:55 AM to 10:05AM. The room was cleared of all observers.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – RUTH DUSHAY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ruth Dushay. Ms. Dushay was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Attorney Pellett requested that the hearing be scheduled on September 19, 2007, which was granted. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for September 19, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – STACEY JANKOWSKI, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Stacey Jankowski. Ms. Jankowski was present without representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for July 18, 2007.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

LAURIE PITKIN, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Pitkin's license. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Katherine Pellerin who abstained.

LISA CHITTENDEN, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Susan Neistein seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to keep the terms of the February 15, 2006 Consent Order in place. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Katherine Pellerin who abstained.

HEARING – ANDREA BUTLER, RN

The hearing convened at 10:35 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Butler was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, RN, Department of Public Health, and Andrea Butler, RN. During the hearing the Department made an oral motion for a continuance which was granted. New hearing date will be determined at a later date. The hearing concluded at 12:30 PM.

Lunch recess 12:30 PM – 1:10 PM during which time Ivelisse Varrone and John Titsworth left for the day.

HEARING – PAMELA LYDING, RN

The hearing convened at 1:15 PM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Lyding was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. The Board heard argument from Attorneys Fazzina and Pellett on Respondent's oral motion for a continuance of today's hearing. Respondent's motion was denied by the Board. The hearing will begin following today's scheduled hearing in the matter of Laura Roy, RN.

HEARING – VINCENT EUGENIO, LPN

The hearing convened at 1:42 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Eugenio was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Diane Cybulski, RN, Department of Public Health, and Mr. Eugenio. The hearing concluded at 3:55 PM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place on July 18th.

Hearings in the matter of Laura Roy, Tracey Shugrue, and Pamela Lyding are continued to July 18, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 4:00 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on July 18, 2007 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Katherine Pellerin, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Jacqueline Hoell, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, 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
Ralph Efrid, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:00AM

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Goodwin College.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the following minutes.

MAY 2, 2007

Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

MAY 16, 2007

Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the minutes be tabled to a later date. The motion passed with all in favor.

An e-mail was sent to all Board Members on July 23, 2007 with the revised minutes of May 16, 2007. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the minutes be approved with the editorial changes. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Aura Alvarado, Katherine Pellerin, and Susan Neistein who abstained.

JUNE 6, 2007

Patricia Bouffard moved and Aura Alvarado seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Joan Dobbins, Susan Neistein, and Nancy Bafundo who abstained.

JUNE 20, 2007

Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard and Aura Alvarado who abstained.

WAIVER REQUEST – CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR AMANDA SAFER

Cynthia Adams from Capital Community College was present for the waiver request. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the waiver request be granted for an additional year. The motion passed with all in favor.

WAIVER REQUEST – ST. VINCENT’S COLLEGE FOR ELIZABETH ARMSTRONG

The Board reviewed the waiver request received from St. Vincent’s College. Joan Dobbins moved and Susan Neistein seconded that the waiver request be granted for one year. The motion passed with all in favor.

NURSING LICENSURE RENEWAL INCREASES

Chair Bafundo stated that the Board was not involved with the legislation which increased renewal fees effective July 1, 2007. The Board would like Jennifer Filippone and Karen Buckley-Bates from the Department of Public Health to attend the August meeting to explain how this increase came about and the procedures that the Department of Public health is using to implement the increase.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES

Medication Administration by unlicensed individuals in a 3.7 level of care facility. Diane Cybulski stated that the Department will look into this issue based on the inquiry from Patricia Halloran, RN. Diane Cybulski will report back to the Board on this issue.

FACT FINDING – VINCENT EUGENIO. LPN

Fact Finding did not take place at the June 20, 2007 hearing due to lack of a quorum. All Board Members have reviewed the transcript and the exhibits. Mr. Eugenio was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Mr. Eugenio be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Aura Alvarado and Ivelisse Varrone who abstained.

Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Mr. Eugenio's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual terms of probation and no nursing pool work. The Summary Suspension remains in place until the Memorandum of Decision is signed.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the following Orders to the Board

JENNIFER HOLZMAN, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Holzman's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

PAMELA IOVINO, RN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision that the terms set forth in the November 17, 2004 Consent Order remain in effect. The motion passed with all in favor.

SHANNYNN CELLA, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision that the Statement of Charges be dismissed and that the terms of the July 19, 2006 Memorandum of Decision remain in effect. The motion passed with all in favor.

ANGELA STAR, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Star's registered nurse license on probation for two years. The motion passed with all in favor.

DONNA LONG, LPN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to extend the probation of the March 2, 2005 Memorandum of Decision until September 15, 2009. The motion passed with all in favor.

LAURENE MORGAN, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Morgan's registered nurse license on probation for one year. The motion passed with all in favor.

CHRYSTAL MOORE, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Susan Neistein seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Moore's license on probation for three years. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KRISTINA VANDEROEF, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kristina Vanderoef. Ms. Vanderoef was not and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Susan Neistein seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing for August 15, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SARAH HOAGLAND

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Sarah Hoagland. Ms. Hoagland was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing for August 15, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARGARET HULBOJ, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Margaret Hulboj. Ms. Hulboj was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of hearing for August 15, 2007.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – SHELLEY PETTIT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Second Interim Consent Order for Shelley Pettit. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present representing Ms. Pettit who was not in attendance. Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept the Second Interim Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – RONNIE RAMIREZ, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ronnie Ramirez. Mr. Ramirez was not present and was not represented by counsel. Joan Dobbins moved and Susan Neistein seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing for August 15, 2007.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – NICOLE LAPOINTE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Nicole LaPointe. Ms. LaPointe was not present and was not represented by counsel. Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – MINNA FLETCHER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Minna Fletcher. Ms. Fletcher was present without representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to deny the Consent Order. The Board requested that a term, restricting work as a supervisor for the first two years of probation, be added to the Consent Order. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to approve with the additional terms and authorized the Chair to sign the Order when the change is made.

CONSENT ORDER – NANCY BISSON, RN

Legal Office Chief Stanley K. Peck presented the Board with a Consent Order for Nancy Bisson. Ms. Bisson was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CEASE & DESIST CONSENT ORDER – PATRICIA ESPOSITO, UNLICENSED LPN

Legal Office Chief Stanley K. Peck presented the Board with a Cease & Desist Consent Order for Patricia Esposito. Ms. Esposito was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Aura Alvarado seconded to accept the Consent order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – PAMELA LYDING, RN

The hearing convened at 10:25 AM and concluded at 12:15 PM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Lyding was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Ms. Lyding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board move into Executive Session to seek legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett objected to the Board entering into Executive Session claiming that the seeking of legal advice from its counsel does conform to reasons for Executive Session set forth in the General Statutes. The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered into Executive Session from 12:20 PM to 12:30 PM.

FACT FINDING – PAMELA LYDING, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Lyding be found on all changes except 6c. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Lyding's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

While the Board was conducting Fact Finding Attorney Pellett made an oral Motion to Reopen the Hearing so as to introduce the Respondent's therapy/treatment records. The Department objected to Respondent's motion.

Lunch recess 12:45 PM to 1:15 PM.

FACT FINDING – PAMELA LYDING, RN - CONTINUED

Joan Dobbins made a motion, seconded by Patricia Bouffard, that the Respondent's Oral Motion to Reopen the Hearing be granted. The hearing is continued to September 19, 2007 at 9:00 AM.

HEARING – TRACEY SHUGRUE, RN

The hearing convened at 1:30 PM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Shugrue was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Murray requested a continuance to obtain records. Without objection from the Department of Public Health, the request was granted and the hearing was continued to September 19, 2007.

HEARING – AMANDA E. GRANT, RN

The hearing convened from 1:35 PM to 1:55 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Grant was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. During the hearing the Department of Public Health requested a continuance to pursue obtaining Respondent's treatment records. Without objection from the Respondent the hearing was continued to September 5, 2007 at 11:30 AM.

HEARING – JESSICA VITALE, RN

The hearing convened at 2:00 PM to 2:15 PM and again at 2:41 PM to 4:45 PM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Vitale was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Elizabeth Civitello, RN and Kathy Johnson, RN. The hearing was continued to August 15, 2007.

HEARING – SHAWNA BOWERS, RN

The hearing convened at 2:17 PM to 2:40 PM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Bowers was not present and was not represented. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Susan Neistein seconded that Ms. Bowers be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Susan Neistein seconded that Ms. Bowers' license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono left for the day at 3:15 PM and Joan Dobbins left at 4:33 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 4:50 PM.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on August 15, 2007 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN
Susan Neistein, APRN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Rose McGovern, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, 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
Ralph Efrid, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Stone Academy.

NURSING LICENSURE RENEWAL INCREASES

Jennifer Filippone, Chief of Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, was present for this discussion. In accordance with House Bill 8001, which was passed by the Connecticut General Assembly on June 25, 2007, all nurse licensure renewal fees were increased effective July 1, 2007. The Department of Public Health (DPH) has developed a fact sheet explaining the increase which has been sent to licensees and that is also available on the DPH website and the BOEN web page. There was discussion as to how this increase came about. The Board expressed its concern and displeasure that this legislation came about and that the nursing profession was the only health care profession targeted for a licensure fee increase. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded the motion to send a Letter to the Editor at the Hartford Courant concerning this issue. The motion passed unanimously.

WAIVER REQUEST – THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Linda Perfetto was present for this discussion. Both individuals will be working as preceptors at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, Adult Med Surg.

Christopher Comfort

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the temporary waiver request for Christopher Comfort be granted for one year. The motion passed with all in favor.

Melissa Bullock

It was the unanimous decision of the Board to table this request. Ms. Perfetto will provide additional information at the September 5, 2007 meeting.

WAIVER REQUEST – NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Joanne Ottman was present for this discussion requesting a waiver for Michelle Poynton. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the waiver request be granted for one year. The motion passed with all in favor.

WAIVER REQUEST – NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mary Schuler was present for this discussion requesting a waiver for Michelle McDonald. Joan Dobbins moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the temporary waiver request be granted for one year. The motion passed with all in favor.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the July 18, 2007 minutes. Joan Dobbins moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Katherine Pellerin who abstained.

MOTION – PAMELA LYDING, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Martha Murray was present for Pamela Lyding, RN. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. The Motion for Expedited Consideration of Department's Motion to Reconsider Reopening of Hearing filed on August 10, 2007, was granted by the Board. The Board then heard argument from Attorney Fazzina and Attorney Murray regarding the DPHs Motion to Reconsider Reopening of Hearing and Respondent's Objection filed on August 13, 2007. Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono made a motion that the Board deny the DPHs Motion to Reconsider the Reopening of the Hearing. As for the DPHs request for a ruling to preclude testimony. The Board Chair will rule on this request in writing following consultation with the Office of the Attorney General.

MOTION – TRACY SHUGRUE, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Martha Murray was present for Tracy Shugrue. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Over objection from Respondent the Board granted the DPHs Motion for Expedited Consideration of DPHs Motion in Limine Regarding Respondent's Records of Diagnosis and Treatment of Substance Abuse. The Board Heard argument from the DPH and the Respondent regarding DPHs Motion in Limine. Upon advice from the Assistant Attorney General the Board Chair will rule on the Motion in Limine after consultation with the Office of the Attorney General.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – WENDY L. KRAYESKI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Wendy Krayski. Ms. Krayski was present with counsel, Attorney Alice Moore Leonhardt. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Interim Consent Order be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JOHN GINETTI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for John Ginnetti. Mr. Ginnetti was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for September 5, 2007 at 11:30 AM.

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE CASES – JOHN GINETTI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville filed a Motion to Consolidate the cases opened June 20, 2007 and November 16, 2006 regarding Mr. Ginnetti. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – RODRICK SHANKS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Rodrick Shanks. Mr. Shanks was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for September 5, 2007 at 11:30 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ELIZABETH BURNS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Elizabeth Burns. Ms. Burns was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt and co-counsel Attorney Jeffrey Rosenberg. The Respondent filed an Objection to the Motion for Summary Suspension. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing and Summary Suspension Order scheduling the hearing for September 5, 2007 at 11:30 AM. Notice documents were hand served to Attorney Leonhardt.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION – MARGARET HULBOJ, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Margaret Hulboj, RN. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to affirm their prior decision to extend Ms. Hulboj's probation for two years. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES – MARGARET HULBOJ, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges for Margaret Hulboj. Ms. Hulboj has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to accept the Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion to Withdraw.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – KRISTINE VANDEROEF, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Kristine Vanderoef. Ms. Vanderoef has signed a Voluntary Agreement Not to Renew her License. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion to Withdraw.

Chair Bafundo left the meeting at 10:50 AM and returned at 1:35 PM during the Jessica Vitale hearing.

CONSENT ORDER – DANIEL ALVES, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Daniel Alves. Mr. Alves was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – MINNA FLETCHER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Minna Fletcher. Ms. Fletcher was present without representation. This Consent Order was presented to the Board on July 18, 2007 and was denied. The Board requested that a term, restricting work as a supervisor for the first two years of probation, be added to the language. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the revised Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Order. John Titsworth moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to approve Ms. Fletcher's request to be employed at Stamford Hospital as a Nursing Supervisor/Staffing Assistant on the day shift. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION, CONTINUED

STACY ROGERS, RN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Roger's license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Decision.

MARC BILODEAU, RN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Mr. Bilodeau's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Decision.

SHARON CLARKE, RN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to dismiss the charges. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Decision.

Lunch recess 12:45 PM – 1:20 PM during which time John Titsworth left for the day.

HEARING – JESSICA VITALE, RN

The hearing convened at 11:05 AM. Legal Office Attorney Jessica Vitale was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Vitale was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Testimony was provided by Kathy Johnson, Paul Rochefort, RPh, Deborah Komoroski, Drug Control Agent, Jessica Vitale, and Burton Vitale. Nancy Bafundo returned at 1:35 PM and Maria Pietrantuono left for the day at 2:20 PM. During the hearing the Respondent orally moved to Dismiss the Statement of Charges. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to deny the Respondent's Oral Motion to Dismiss. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing concluded at 5:05 PM. Fact Finding will take place at the September 5, 2007 meeting at 11:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 5:05 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 5, 2007 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
Linda Sacheli, LPN *via telephone 10:20 AM – 1:20 PM*
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick Kwanashie, Assistant Attorney General
Robert Kiley, Paralegal Specialist, Office of the Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, 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
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

While awaiting a quorum, Chair Bafundo spoke with the students regarding the role of the Board of Examiners for Nursing.

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from A. I. Prince LPN Program and Goodwin College.

SCHOOL ISSUES – YALE REQUEST CHANGE IN EVALUATION DATE

The Board reviewed the request from Yale School of Nursing requesting a change in their evaluation date to coincide with their CCNE evaluation as they no longer maintain dual accreditation with NLNAC and CCNE. The next renewed accreditation with CCNE will occur in the spring of 2009. The program would like to change their evaluation date to October, 2009. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the evaluation date be approved to October of 2009. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – UCONN SCHOOL OF NURSING – NEW DEAN

Dr. Ann Bavier introduced herself to the Board. The Board reviewed the credentials Dr. Bavier. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Dr. Bavier meets the qualifications of the regulations. The Board welcomed Dr. Bavier and wished her much success as she assumes the role of the Dean of the University of Connecticut School of Nursing Program.

SCHOOL ISSUES – UCONN SCHOOL OF NURSING – NCLEX SCORES

Dr. Carol Polifroni was present to clarify the recent NCLEX percentile for the MbEin class. Due to coding errors the NCLEX percentage was inaccurate and did not reflect the 87% pass rate for this class. Dr. Polifroni continues to work with Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor of Licensing in an effort to prevent this from happening again.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NCLEX SCORES

The Board reviewed the NCLEX Scores for the second quarter of 2007 for all LPN and RN Programs. Donna Canalis will contact the schools which the Board has concerns about and will ask the schools to attend the next business meeting to discuss their plan of correction.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE – UPDATE ON NCLEX SCORES

Janice Costello was present to discuss the progress report on the Plan of Correction regarding the school's NCLEX pass rates. The Board requested further clarification as to the total number of students eligible to take the NCLEX.

In addition, Ms. Costello apprised the Board that Beverly Jones and Rosemary O'Connell are no longer employed by the college.

SCHOOL ISSUES - CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM STATISTICAL DATA

Anne Simko and Patricia Fennessy were present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the Licensed Practical Nurse Program Research Report for the Class of 2004-2005. This report continues to be a valuable resource for the Board and the Board thanked Ms. Simko and Ms. Fennessy for presenting this information and also Regina Wrenn and Sandra Basley for their role as Research Committee Members.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

The Board reviewed the CV for Dr. Anne Barker who will serve as Acting Chair of the Department of Nursing during Dr. Dori Taylor Sullivan's sabbatical leave for the 2007-2008 academic year. The Board welcomes Dr. Barker and wishes her much success in this endeavor. In addition, the Board wished Dr. Dori Taylor Sullivan a productive and fulfilling sabbatical leave.

NATIONAL COUNCIL

The NCSBN Annual Meeting was held in Chicago, August 7 – 10, 2007, to consider pertinent association business with its member boards of nursing. Faith Fields, NCSBN president and executive director of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, presided at the meeting. All 59 member boards were represented by delegates.

Highlights of some of the significant actions approved by the member boards of nursing included:

- Election of new directors to the Board of Directors and members of the Committee on Nominations.
- Adoption of the 2008 NCLEX-PN Test Plan for LPNs.
- Adoption of new strategic initiatives that will set the course for NCSBN through 2010.
- Adoption of the Guiding Principles of Nursing Regulation.
- Approved revisions to NCSBNs bylaws to enhance organizational culture.
- Approved Statement on the Regulatory Implications of Pain Management.
- Renewed NCLEX Examination contract with Pearson VUE.

Faith Fields thanked the participants for a successful meeting and noted that the Board of Directors looks forward to working with member boards and external organizations in the coming year. She remarked, "The hard work and dedication of our group is inspiring. Our Delegate Assembly this year addressed a number of key issues facing nursing regulation today and met these challenges head on, ever mindful of our goal of protecting the public."

NCSBN will meet August 5-8, 2008, in Nashville Tennessee for its annual Delegate Assembly and celebration of its 30th Anniversary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 15, 2007

Joan Dobbins moved and Aura Alvarado seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION REGARDING RNs ACCEPTING DATA FROM UNLICENSED GROUP HOME STAFF

Ms. Grela, Ms. Park and Ms. Zdanis, representing registered nurses employed by the Department of Developmental Services, addressed the BOEN members requesting clarification as to level of responsibility for registered nurses in accepting patient data from a unlicensed person and relying on the data to develop a nursing care plan and/or plan of action. This request was in response to a Consent Order dated February 7, 2007 on Petition No: 2006-0720-010-059 in which language used in the consent order was confusing to the DDS nurses who became concerned that it was improper for nurses to rely on data being supplied by unlicensed personnel staffing DDS group homes. The BOEN members commented that in this particular case it was their recollection that the nurse was not disciplined for accepting data over the phone from unlicensed personnel but for exercising poor nursing judgment in acting upon the reports of the patient's condition.

The DDS nurses explained that in the group home environment it usually is not a licensed person who is reporting to the on call nurse his/her concerns regarding a resident's change in condition and asked if it was acceptable for a registered nurse to accept data from an unlicensed staff person..

The BOEN members advised that is the responsibility of the nurse receiving the data to determine the validity of the data. The nurse needs to ask the pertinent questions of the reporter, so she can make her assessment and develop a plan of care utilizing her nursing judgment. If she is unable to validate the data provided by the reporter or is unsure the data is correct, it is the nurse's responsibility to ensure that the resident is evaluated by a person at a higher level of care, whether the nurse performs the assessment in person or directs the group home staff to transport the resident to the Emergency Department or initiate the 9-1-1 system.

The DDS nurses also asked what appropriate action should the nurse take if a resident at risk could not be transported to the Emergency Department safely because of behavioral issues and the physician could not be reached. The BOEN members advised that the nurse must take whatever action is necessary to ensure the resident received an appropriate evaluation at a higher level of care and medical intervention if required.

The DDS nurses asked what would be the responsibility of the nurse should the data supplied by an unlicensed person be incorrect; however, the nurse relied on this data, as she believed it to be valid, in order to make her/his nursing decision. The BOEN members advised that if the nurse believed the data to be accurate and reliable, the nurse acted appropriately. However, if the nurse knows that a certain staff person is known to be unreliable, it is the nurse's responsibility to report that person to the immediate supervisor to ensure that re-education/remediation takes place.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE ON INQUIRIES

Diane Cybulski and Donna Canalis reviewed the incoming calls. The Nurse Practice Act and the Decision-Making Model are useful tools in navigating many of the requests received.

SCHOOL ISSUES – QUALITY OF CARE IN NURSING SCHOOL LABORATORIES

A nursing school requested information as to whether or not they could hire a diploma RN to work in their simulation lab as an instructor. The regulations state that nurse faculty members in programs preparing registered nurses shall have earned advanced degrees in nursing. There are no educational requirements for clinical lab instructors in the regulations outside of what the college rules might be.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bafundo is not a member of the NCSBN Finance Committee for the next term

OPEN FORUM

Allied Health Task Force Meeting next week

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Sacred Heart University – New Acting Chair

LEGISLATION

Nothing new to report. The 2008 Legislative Session starts February 6th through May 7th.

There have been numerous calls as to why the Legislature doubled all nursing licensure renewal fees.

FACT FINDING – JESSICA VITALE, RN

Ms. Vitale was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Murray made a motion to reopen the hearing to accept additional evidentiary evidence. It was the recommendation of Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie that the record not be reopened.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Vitale be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Vitale's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual terms. The motion passed unanimously. The Summary Suspension will remain in effect until the Memorandum of Decision is signed.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

ALICA MILLER, RN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Miller's license on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously.

MICHELLE WHEELER, RN, LPN

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Wheeler's license on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – RODRICK SHANKS, RN

The hearing convened at 12:10 PM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Shanks was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Mr. Shanks. The hearing closed at 1:00 PM.

John Titsworth moved and Aura Alvarado seconded that Mr. Shanks be found on all changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Mr. Shank's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual terms. Mr. Shanks is a resident of Louisiana and that state does have an RN Intervention Program. As long as the terms are consistent with the terms of our probation, the reports from the Louisiana RNP Program will be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MODIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – ELNA HUGHES, RN

The Board requests further information as it is not clear exactly what Ms. Hughes is requesting of the Board. Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant of the Department of Public Health, will contact Ms. Hughes to provide the Board with further information.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING – RICHARD K. PEPE, APRN

A continuance was granted. The Department will be presenting a Reinstatement Consent Order at the next meeting.

CONSENT ORDER MODIFICATION – DEBORAH ELLEGARD, LPN

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order Modification be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW – CAROLE DENNISS, LPN

It was the recommendation of the Board that this case be dismissed.

HEARING – STACEY JANKOWSKI, LPN

The hearing convened at 1:55 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Jankowski was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Jankowski. The hearing concluded at 2:37 PM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place at the September 19, 2007 meeting.

HEARING – JESSICA BLANCHETTE, LPN

The hearing convened at 2:41 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Blanchette was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Blanchette. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place at the September 19, 2007 meeting.

HEARING – RONNIE RAMIREZ, RN

The hearing convened at 3:15 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Ramirez was not present and was not represented. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. The hearing closed at 3:45 PM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place at the September 19, 2007 meeting.

HEARING – MARY SMYTH, RN

The hearing convened at 3:50 PM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Smyth was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. The hearing concluded at 4:05 PM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place at the September 19, 2007 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 4:05 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 19, 2007 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-C, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, 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 I, DPH
Ralph Efrid, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the University of Connecticut and Lincoln Technical Institute.

FACT FINDING – STACEY JANKOWSKI, LPN

All Board Members not present at the hearing on September 5, 2007 were mailed exhibits and transcript of the hearing.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Jankowski be found on Count One only, Count Two is dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Jankowski's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual terms of probation. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING – JESSICA BLANCHETTE, LPN

All Board Members not present at the hearing on September 5, 2007 were mailed exhibits and transcript of the hearing.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Blanchette be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Blanchette's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual terms of probation. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING - MARY SMYTH, RN

Mary Smyth was present without representation. David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Ms. Smyth requested that the hearing held on September 5, 2007 be reopened due to hearing notice issues. The Board granted Ms. Smyth's request and the hearing will be rescheduled for November 7, 2007 at 11:30 AM.

FACT FINDING - RONNIE RAMIREZ, RN

All Board Members not present at the hearing on September 5, 2007 were mailed exhibits and transcript of the hearing. At the last hearing the Board requested a report from the NCSBN NURSIS System.

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Mr. Ramirez be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Mr. Ramirez' license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES - SUZANNE NAPLES, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Charges as Ms. Naples has entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Renew Her License with the Department of Public Health. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF DECISION - ELNA HUGHES, RN

Ms. Hughes was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Hughes addressed the Board asking that her Memorandum of Decision be modified. Ms. Hughes claims that the findings in the Memorandum of Decision are not accurate. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to deny Ms. Hughes' request for modification. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER - CHRISTINE CARABALLO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Christine Caraballo. Ms. Caraballo was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER - DAVID CAPRA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for David Capra. Mr. Capra was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER - RICHARD PEPE, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Stanley K. Peck presented the Board with a Reinstatement Consent Order for Richard Pepe. Mr. Pepe was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Joan Dobbins who recused herself. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

HEARING – PAMELA JOHNSON, RN

The hearing convened at 10:20 AM. Ms. Johnson was not present and did not have representation. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Janine Cordero. The hearing concluded at 10:45 AM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Johnson be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Johnson's license be revoked along with a civil penalty of \$1,000.00. The motion passed with all in favor.

John Titsworth arrived at 10:45 AM.
Susan Neistein left for the day at 10:45 AM.

HEARING – FRANCINE FEATHLER, RN

The hearing convened at 10:50 AM. Ms. Feathler was not present and did not have representation. Attorney Martha Murray is no longer representing Ms. Feathler. The hearing was continued to January 16, 2008 so that notice can be sent to Ms. Feathler.

HEARING – JUDY SMITH, LPN

The hearing convened at 10:55 AM. Ms. Smith was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. This hearing was continued to January 16, 2008 to allow Ms. Smith to get a proper psychiatric evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 11:20 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 3, 2007 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member
John Titsworth, Public Member
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Darren Cunningham, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, RN Nurse Consultant, DPH
Cher Michaud, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Ralph Efrid, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the A. I. Prince LPN Program, Lincoln Technical Institute, and Goodwin College

OPEN FORUM

There were no comments or discussion from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Donna Canalis apprised the Board of two items to be added to the agenda: J. M. Wright LPN Program NCLEX scores and Connecticut Technical High School regarding the staggering of the start of the LPN Programs at the Connecticut Technical High School Systems.

LEGISLATION

Karen Buckley-Bates, DPH Government Relations Director, will attend the December 19th board meeting to go over the DPH's legislative initiatives for the 2008 Legislative Session.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE: UAPs Supervising Self Administration of Medication in Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities

Patricia Halloran appeared before the BOEN requesting clarification on the supervision of self-administration of medications by unlicensed personnel in substance abuse treatment facilities. It was Ms. Halloran's belief that there was no statutory exemption that allowed this activity on the part of unlicensed personnel in this clinical setting and a licensed nurse should supervise this activity.

Cher Michaud, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Facility Licensing and Investigation Section, DPH, appeared before the BOEN to explain the various license levels for substance treatment facilities and the regulatory requirement for each level. Ms. Michaud further explained that state regulations allow for Alternate Medication Systems in facilities which do not dispense or administer medication and which includes self-administration. The regulation directs that such facilities develop and implement written policies and procedures governing medications as they relate to the services provided. The following licensing categories were explained:

- Intensive Treatment means a residential service to which a person may be admitted for twenty-four hour a day supervision and services which are designed to arrest, reverse, or ameliorate the disorder or problem and motivate the person toward recognizing dependence, needs, and to obtain help and make changes. At the Intensive level of care, the regulations do not require a nurse. Self-administration of medication by the client can be utilized in this type of facility.
- Residential Detoxification and Evaluation means a residential service to which a person may be admitted for the management of detoxification from a substance or substances of abuse, for an assessment of needs and motivation toward continuing participation in an ongoing treatment process or for a combination of both detoxification and assessment. The staffing requirement at this level of care included that registered nurse, who is currently licensed in the State of Connecticut, shall be designated to direct the nursing services of the facility. Such a registered nurse shall have experience or training in providing services for substance dependent persons.

After discussion among the BOEN members and based on current state regulations, the BOEN members advised that a registered nurse employed at the Residential Detoxification and Evaluation level of care has no responsibility in the supervision of unlicensed persons who have been given responsibility for the supervision of self medication by clients admitted to the Intensive Treatment Level, even though the two levels of care may be housed within the same facility. This rationale is based on the fact that there is no regulatory requirement for nursing at the Intensive Treatment level of care.

In response to Ms. Halloran's inquiry as to whether a registered nurse on duty at the Residential Detoxification and Evaluation level of care has the duty to respond to a call from a staff person on duty at the Intensive Treatment level of care and who is seeking assistance with a client with an observed change of condition. The BOEN stated the nurse has no obligation to respond to call be initiated at this level of care but should direct the caller to initiate the 9-1-1 response. However, Ms. Michaud advised the BOEN that if the facility policy directed that the nurse respond to the call, DPH would expect the nurse to be in compliance with the facility policy.

Ms. Halloran was strongly encouraged to discuss the current staffing problems and development of facility policies and procedures at her current place of employment with facility administrators in order to resolve the internal issues involving the staffing differences between the two levels of care and expected nursing responsibilities and staff expectations at both levels of care.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – UNLICENSED ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL

Janet Williams, Public Health Services Manager, Facility Licensing and Investigation Section, DPH, requested that the BOEN review within the context of the BOEN's Declaratory Ruling issued in April 1995 regarding the delegation of nursing tasks by licensed nurses to unlicensed assistive personnel and the appropriateness of delegating endotracheal suctioning to nursing assistants at Gaylord Hospital. Diane L. Cybulski, RN, Department of Public Health, presented Ms. Williams' concerns to the Board members.

The BOEN then held a discussion in which they reviewed the job description of unlicensed nursing assistants at Gaylord Hospital with attention to the delegation of endotracheal suctioning to nursing assistants. It is the BOEN's position that the delegation of endotracheal suctioning in a skilled nursing facility is inappropriate. The discussion centered on the need to assess the patient pre-procedure, during the procedure and post procedure. The discussion also identified the BOEN's concern that the employment of critical thinking skills, part of the ongoing nursing assessment process, might also involve such patient assessments as the patient's tolerance to the procedure and providing interventions (i.e., O2 or saline) that may be required during the procedures, which is not a skill expectation of unlicensed nursing assistants.

The BOEN members further commented that this concern also extended to intermittent catheterization and tube feeding, which they also felt was an inappropriate delegation by licensed nurses to unlicensed assistive personnel in a skilled nursing facility

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Diane Cybulski discussed the incoming calls for the month of August with the Board. There were a lot of inquiries regarding LPN practice.

The Department of Public Health has launched a much more user friendly Web Site at www.ct.gov/dph

SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE A. D. PROGRAM – UPDATE NCLEX SCORES

The Board reviewed the September 19, 2007 written progress report regarding the NCLEX pass rates submitted by Janice Costello.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL LPN PROGRAMS

Patricia Fennessy apprised the Board that the LPN Evening Program at Abbott Technical High School started January, 2007 with 20 students, 18 students remain in the program. Graduation will be held in January, 2009.

In addition, Ms. Fennessy discussed the possibility of staggering the start of the LPN Programs at the Connecticut Technical High School System. The Board is interested in this in order to facilitate the re-entry of students who have left the program due to personal reasons. At the present time these students have to wait 18 months before they can continue with the LPN program. Staggering the start-up dates would facilitate their re-entry in a timely manner.

SCHOOL ISSUES – J.M.WRIGHT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL NCLEX SCORES

Mary Ann Kennedy, LPN Department Head for the J. M. Wright Program, was present to discuss the recent pass rate of 80% for the class of 2006. During the meeting it was explained that there were a variety of factors which impacted the NCLEX scores; namely, facility, enrollment, and student issues. Also discussed were plans and procedures that are now in place to increase future NCLEX pass rates.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CURRICULUM REVIEW

The Board reviewed the substantive Curriculum Modification document which contained the philosophy, program outcomes, curriculum, systematic evaluation plan, evaluation forms, laboratory equipment, library services, mentoring availability, clinical sites, and student resources. The additional information submitted was also reviewed, i.e. Gateway's clinical Agency Information, the Formative Clinical Evaluation Form, and the Nondiscrimination Statement located in the student handbook. The alumni evaluation, employer evaluation, and course evaluation by the students will be completed at a later date. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board accept the Substantive Curriculum Modification Plan as written, and commended the group on the development of an excellent document. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT – FIVE YEAR EVALUATION

Dr. Anne Bavier and Dr. E. Carol Polifroni were present for the five-year school evaluation which included a review of the NSB program and the MbEin program. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the report be accepted as written without recommendations. The motion passed with all in favor. The next review will be in October, 2012.

ST. VINCENT'S COLLEGE NCLEX SCORES

Margo McCarthy attended the meeting to discuss the recent NCLEX pass rate of 80.33% for the class of 2007. Addressed were probable causative factors as well as methods which will be instituted to increase the future NCLEX Pass rates.

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Chair Bafundo had nothing new to report regarding the NCSBN.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – ROXANNE BOUCHARD, LPN

Ms. Bouchard was present to request a reinstatement hearing regarding her LPN license which was revoked on May 3, 2006. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to deny Ms. Bouchard's request at this time. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board is troubled by some of the issues in the Statement of Charges and feels that Ms. Bouchard is not ready to return to nursing. There is no evidence that Ms. Bouchard has worked on the denial and boundary issues and how she would handle this type of situation in the future.

Break 11:25 AM – 11:42 AM

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARY HAGAN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mary Hagan. Ms. Hagan was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing and the Summary Suspension Order.

CONSENT ORDER – SHARON PETERSEN, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Sharon Petersen. Ms. Petersen was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

Maria Pietrantuono left at 12:05 PM

CONSENT ORDER – GREGORY KLAUS, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Gregory Klaus. Mr. Klaus was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – TRACY SHUGRUE, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Tracy Shugrue. Ms. Shugrue was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

HEARING – PAMELA LYDING, RN

The hearing convened at 12:18 PM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Lyding was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss the sealed Exhibit G. The motion passed and at 12:50 PM the room was cleared of observers. Executive Session ended at 1:28 PM. The Board reaffirmed the Fact Finding of July 18, 2007 where Ms. Lyding was found on all charges with the exception of 6C (20-99(b)) due to the fact that there was no evidence to support this charge. The remedy was probation four years with the usual probationary terms.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 1:35 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 17, 2007 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Susan Neistein, APRN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick Kwanashie, Assistant Attorney General
Robert Kiley, Paralegal Specialist, Office of the Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Kaynor Tech LPN Program and Central Connecticut State University.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MELISSA Grady, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Melissa Grady. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Grady was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Attorney Murray filed an objection to the Motion for Summary Suspension. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – PAULA REGAN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Paula Regan. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Regan was present without representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Interim Consent Order be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – AMANDA E. GRANT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Amanda Grant. Ms. Grant was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CEASE & DESIST CONSENT ORDER – DANIELLE DUBEE, UNLICENSED

Legal Office Section Chief Stanley K. Peck presented the Board with a Cease & Desist Consent Order for Danielle Dubee. Ms. Dubee was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – EILEEN MULLIN, RN

Legal Office Section Chief Stanley K. Peck presented the Board with a Consent Order for Eileen Mullin. Ms. Mullin was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. Following discussion Joan Dobbins withdrew her motion to approve and made a motion to table. The motion was seconded by Katherine Pellerin and passed unanimously.

HEARING – MARY HAGAN, RN

The hearing convened at 9:40 AM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Hagan was present but did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Hagan requested a continuance to prepare and to consider seeking legal counsel. The Department objected to the request. The Board granted the continuance request and the hearing is rescheduled for February 20, 2008. This hearing concluded at 9:50 AM.

HEARING – ANDREA BUTLER, RN

The hearing convened at 9:53 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Butler was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Andrea Butler and Lynn Keenan. During the hearing the Board entered Executive Session to obtain testimony from Ms. Butler concerning confidential medical records from 10:08 AM – 10:21 AM.

The Board entered Executive Session from 10:41 AM – 10:57 AM to obtain testimony from Ms. Butler's therapist concerning confidential medical records. The hearing concluded at 11:08 AM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Butler be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Joan Dobbins moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that Ms. Butler's probation, pursuant to her current Consent Order dated May 2004, be extended by one year to June 1, 2009. Therapist and Employer reports are to be provided monthly with weekly random supervised/witnessed urine screens during the last year of the probationary period June 2008 to June 2009. Drug/alcohol screening prior to June 2008 shall be twice per month. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 11:15 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 7, 2007 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya DeMattia, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Ralph Efrid, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the University of Hartford, Goodwin College, the University of Connecticut, and Lincoln Technical School.

OPEN FORUM

Dede Dwyer, CT Nurses' Association, questioned the Board on why individuals calling DPH seeking a refresher program are given information about out of state programs and not the in state programs. The problem with the out of state programs is the difficulty in scheduling the clinical portion of the program.

Current refresher programs in Connecticut are as follows:

Charter Oak On-Line Refresher for RNs & LPNs – 860-832-3837 or 860-832-3812
Capital Community College in Hartford - RN Refresher Program – 860-906-5141
Kaynor Technical School in Waterbury - LPN Refresher Program – 203-596-8706.

Also discussed was "On-Line Licensure Renewal" which is still not available in Connecticut. The question brought up was why do other state agencies, specifically the Department of Motor Vehicles, have on-line registration renewals and DPH still does not have licensure renewals. Polly Barey from the CT Nurses' Association stated that DPH was given 1.8 million dollars by the Legislature specifically for On-Line Licensure. In the minutes of February 4, 2004 the Board was told that on-line licensure programs were moving along and Dr. Galvin stated that Mark Ryan from OPM had given DPH permission to move forward with on-line licensure renewals. At that time the Board was told that one of the concerns was the \$3.00 conveyance fee.

As we all know nursing licensure renewal fees were doubled as of July 1, 2007 for approximately 60,000 nurses and Connecticut still does not have on-line licensure. There are several states that have on-line licensure renewal for all licensed health professionals. There are concerns as to what is being done with the money designated for this program?

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

The agenda will be reordered during the course of the meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER CONTINUANCE REQUEST

The Board was provided with a request for a continuance of the waiver granted to Mary Ann Abramczyk in the fall of 2006. Ms. Abramczyk is a matriculated student in the MSN Program at the University of Hartford with expected graduation in May of 2008. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Ms. Abramczyk be given a temporary faculty education waiver extension through June 2008. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL – BULLARD HAVENS DEPARTMENT HEAD

Patricia Fennessy, Consultant for the CT Technical High School System LPN Programs, was present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the documentation received announcing the appointment of Karen Ivers as the Department Head at the Bullard Havens Technical High School LPN Program. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Ivers meets the qualifications of the Department of Public Health Nursing School Regulations. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM CHANGE

The Board reviewed the documentation provided. The Board agreed that this did not rise to a substantive change, therefore the entire curriculum does not need to be submitted. It is just a reordering which makes complete sense and there is more clarity.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE – NCLEX UPDATE

Janice Costello, Director of the RN Program at Goodwin College, mailed in a report regarding the NCLEX pass rates. In the August 2007 Cohort there were 34 students. As of October 22, 2007 32/34 (94.1%) have passed the HESI in either their first or second attempt and have met graduation requirements. This is an enormous improvement over past cohorts, where only 30-35% of students passed the exam in the first two attempts. This supports the fact that the implemented strategies are having a positive effect on the program. Additionally in January 2008 the program will be implementing NLN testing throughout their curriculum which will further support their efforts to pass only the appropriate students through their program.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NCLEX SCORES

The Board reviewed the NCLEX Scores for the third quarter of 2007. The Board would like the University of Connecticut to attend the December 19th Board meeting to discuss their NCLEX pass rates.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DDS – REPLACEMENT OF G/J TUBE BY RNS & LPNS

Valencia Bagby-Young, Florence Johnson, and Eileen Gamba representing nurses employed by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), addressed the BOEN members requesting clarification as to whether the following function is within the scope of practice for nursing. This client is in a group home and has a G-tube that is used as a J-tube; in other words, the G-tube goes through to the jejunostomy (supposedly just the beginning portion of the jejunostomy). The RNs and LPNs were given an order that if the G-tube falls out/comes out of the jejunostomy, they are to reinsert it back into the jejunostomy, but "it does not have to go as far in as a J-tube." J-tubes are usually done under fluoroscopy. There is no order for a follow-up with radiology, gastroenterologist, etc. The RNs are not comfortable with this as they feel this is a medical procedure, and regardless of what kind of tube it is, it is still being placed in the jejunum. The Board stated that this function does not fall within the scope of practice for RNs and LPNs.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Diane Cybulski reviewed the incoming calls for the month of September with the Board.

Multiple calls were received for information as to whether an APRN certified in pediatrics could prescribe to adults as well as children. The Nurse Practice Act (NPA), regarding APRN practice, states that you must have current certification from an approved credentialing body and a collaborative agreement with a physician. Should you wish to practice outside the scope of your current certification, the NPE does not preclude you from this practice. The nurse must be able to demonstrate training and competency in the area of new or additional area of practice and the collaborating physician must be agreement with such practice. Calls were referred to the NPA, CT General Statutes, Section 20-87(a), and the Decision Making Model which are available on the Nursing Board Web Site at www.ct.gov/dph

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NCSBN is providing fully paid expenses for one person from every state to attend a one-day meeting in Chicago in December regarding NURSUS. Chair Bafundo was told that even though all expenses are being paid by the NCSBN, DPH will not allow any out of state travel even though this training would benefit DPH.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

MAUREEN MATTIA, RN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Maureen Mattia. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Mattia's license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

MICHAEL HASSELBACHER, RN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Michael Hasselbacher. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to extend Ms. Hasselbacher's probation to August 16, 2010. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

HOLLY MUND, LPN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Holly Mund. Joan Dobbins moved Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Mund's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

Break 9:55 AM – 10:50 AM during which time Chair Bafundo, Patricia Bouffard, and Katherine Pellerin spoke with the students. Susan Neistein arrived at 10:20 AM.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – DEBORAH GRIFFIN

Ms. Griffin was present without representation. Ms. Griffin's license was revoked in October 2004. The Board reviewed the documentation presented by Ms. Griffin. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Griffin's request for a reinstatement hearing be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing will be held on February 20, 2008. The Board did recommend that Ms. Griffin provide a clearer timeline of events at the hearing.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – LAURIE PITKIN

Ms. Pitkin was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Ms. Pitkin's license was revoked in June, 2007. The Board reviewed the documentation presented by Attorney Leonhardt. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Pitkin's request for a reinstatement hearing be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board stated that this case has not met the threshold of lengthy period of time. The Board advised Ms. Pitkin that she may reapply for a reinstatement hearing in the future and at that time she would need to present a good solid period of recovery.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – DENISE PINDER

Ms. Pinder was present without representation. Ms. Pinder's license was revoked in May, 1995. The Board reviewed the documentation presented by Ms. Pinder. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Pinder's request for a reinstatement hearing be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing will be scheduled for April 16, 2008. The Board stated that at the hearing Ms. Pinder provide verification of her Pennsylvania license.

SECOND INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – NICOLE LaPOINTE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Second Interim Consent Order for Nicole LaPointe in which the Respondent will refrain from the practice of nursing through and until the February 20, 2008 Board meeting. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Second Interim Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – FRANKLIN JONES, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Franklin Jones. Mr. Jones was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 21, 2007. (Mr. Jones did arrive while the Board was reviewing Consent Orders. Janice E. Wojick handed Mr. Jones a signed Notice of Hearing, Summary Suspension Order, and Statement of Charges and Mr. Jones was told that the hearing was scheduled for two weeks on November 21, 2007.)

CONSENT ORDER – REGINA FITZGERALD, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Regina Fitzgerald. Ms. Fitzgerald was present with counsel, Attorney Joanne Sheehan. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – SARAH LOUISE HOAGLAND, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Sarah Louise Hoagland. Ms. Hoagland was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Susan Neistein. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – MARY SMYTH, RN

The hearing convened at 11:36 AM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Smyth was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Ms. Smyth. The Board continued the hearing to March 19, 2008 to allow Ms. Smyth to provide the Board with three months of additional information including employer and therapist reports, drug screens, meeting dates, etc. The Board stated they would allow a continuance due to the holiday season but that the deadline for the hearing would be May 7, 2008. The hearing closed at 12:20 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that the meeting be adjourned at 12:21 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 21, 2007 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Darling, LPN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN

ALSO PRESENT: Jacqueline Hoell, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising 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
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Secretary I, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 8:55 AM

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Vinal Tech LPN Program and the University of Connecticut. The Board gave the students an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

MINUTES

Review of the September 5, September 19, October 3, and October 17, 2007 minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

Linda Sacheli arrived at 9:25 AM and Aura Alvarado arrived at 9:28 AM.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

VINCENT EUGENIO, LPN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Vincent Eugenio. Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Mr. Eugenio's license on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously.

SHAWNA BOWERS, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Shawna Bowers. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Bowers' license on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MICHAEL HASSELBACHER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Michael Hasselbacher. Mr. Hasselbacher was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 5, 2007. The Summary Suspension Order, Notice of Hearing, and Statement of Charges were delivered in hand to Mr. Hasselbacher at this meeting.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – AMY ZIEGLER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Amy Ziegler. Ms. Ziegler was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Katherine Pellerin moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 5, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – TRACY MALUK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Tracy Maluk. Ms. Maluk was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 16, 2008.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – REBECCA JENNINGS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Rebecca Jennings. Ms. Jennings was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Consent Order be denied. The motion passed unanimously. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Jennings' license be placed on probation for one year, with no pool or agency work, she must provide employer reports, and she must successfully complete a medication documentation/administration course during the first six months of her probation.

CONSENT ORDER – PATRICIA S. HALL, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Patricia S. Hall. Ms. Hall was present without representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – KATHLEEN NORDMARK, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kathleen Nordmark. Ms. Nordmark was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – KATHLEEN WENTWORTH, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kathleen Wentworth. Ms. Wentworth was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – FRANKLIN JONES, RN

The hearing convened at 10:17 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Jones was present without representation. Mr. Jones requested a continuance to obtain counsel. The Board granted the continuance and the hearing will be rescheduled for January 16, 2008. The hearing concluded at 10:20 AM.

HEARING – DOREEN FLAHERTY, RN

The hearing convened at 10:24 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Flaherty was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Doreen Flaherty. The hearing concluded at 10:56 AM.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Flaherty be found on the charges as amended. The motion passed with all in favor.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Flaherty's probation be extended by two years until July 1, 2010 with weekly drug/alcohol screen reports from July 1, 2008 through July 1, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – SHERRY STONER, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:04 AM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Stoner was not present and did not have representation. The hearing concluded at 11:27 AM.

Ivelisse Varrone moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Stoner be found on all charges with the exception of paragraph 4a. The motion passed with all in favor.

Ivelisse Varrone moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Stoner's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – JAIME WATSON, RN

The hearing convened at 11:38 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Watson was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Testimony was provided by Rosemarie Deschenes, APRN, Barry Cerreto, Drug Control Agent, Lynn Keenan, RN, and Jamie Watson. Aura Alvarado left at 1:00 PM, lunch recess was 1:45 PM to 2:05 PM during which time John Titsworth and Katherine Pellerin left for the day, and Ivelisse Varrone and Maria Pietrantuono left at 2:30 PM. The hearing concluded at 2:55 PM. Due to the loss of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on December 5, 2007 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Joan Dobbins, RN, Chair Pro Tem
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Aura Alvarado, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Darrin Cunningham, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins welcomed students from the Windham Tech LPN Program and Southern Connecticut State University. Board Members provided an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

The Board reviewed the minutes of September 5, 2007. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Ruth Espinoza, Heidi Darling, Katherine Pellerin, Maria Pietrantuono, and Ivelisse Varrone.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

The Board reviewed the minutes of September 19, 2007. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Heidi Darling, Maria Pietrantuono, and Ivelisse Varrone.

OCTOBER 3, 2007

The Board reviewed the minutes of October 3, 2007. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Heidi Darling and Ivelisse Varrone abstaining.

OCTOBER 17, 2007

The Board reviewed the minutes of October 17, 2007. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Heidi Darling, Patricia Bouffard, and Linda Sacheli.

NOVEMBER 7, 2007

The Board reviewed the Minutes for November 7, 2007. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Heidi Darling.

NOVEMBER 21, 2007

The Board reviewed the minutes for November 21, 2007. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Heidi Darling, Joan Dobbins, and Ruth Espinoza.

CONSENT ORDER – CATHERINE ABRAHAM, APRN

Stanley K. Peck, Legal Office Chief, presented the Board with a Consent Order for Catherine Abraham. Ms. Abraham was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be tabled as there was not enough information to warrant just a reprimand. The Board also questioned as to whether or not Ms. Abraham was licensed as an RN as there were no details in the packet to make an effective assessment.

CONSENT ORDER – ROCKFELLER SAINT-MARC, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Rockefeller Saint-Marc. Mr. Saint-Marc was present with counsel, Attorney Joanne Sheehan. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be denied as written. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Heidi Darling. It was the recommendation of the Board that Mr. Saint-Marc take a course in medication administration in addition to the courses outlined in the Proposed Consent Order.

HEARING – MICHAEL HASSELBACHER, RN

The hearing convened at 9:35 AM. Legal office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Hasselbacher was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson and Darrin Cunningham were present to provide Counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Mr. Hasselbacher. The hearing concluded at 10:35 AM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Mr. Hasselbacher be found on all charges with the exception of number 3 as the abuse was not connected to work. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Linda Sacheli and Patricia Bouffard who were opposed.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Mr. Hasselbacher's license be placed on probation for two additional years to the November 7, 2007 Memorandum of Decision which will place Mr. Hasselbacher's license on probation through August 16, 2012. He is to provide the Board with weekly urine/drug screen reports weekly for the first and last year of the new Memorandum of Decision, otherwise normal probationary terms, and the Summary Suspension is to be vacated immediately. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Linda Sacheli who was opposed.

Break 11:05 AM – 11:16 AM during which time Linda Sacheli left and Ms. Sacheli returned at 11:37 AM

HEARING – MARCUS HASSELL, RN

The hearing convened at 11:17 AM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Darrin Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Hassell was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Mr. Hassell. The Board recessed for lunch from 12:50 PM to 1:24 PM and the hearing concluded at 1:37 PM.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Mr. Hassell be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Patricia moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Mr. Hassell's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

Patricia Bouffard left for the day at 1:45 PM.

HEARING – MICHAEL DOYLE, LPN – REINSTATEMENT HEARING

The hearing convened at 1:45 PM. Legal Office Chief Stanley K. Peck was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Doyle was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Darrin Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Mr. Doyle. The hearing concluded at 2:31 PM.

Linda Sacheli moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that Mr. Doyle successfully complete an LPN refresher course and successfully complete the NCLEX-PN exam. Upon the successful complete of the NCLEX-PN, and once Mr. Doyle returns to the practice of nursing, his license will be placed on probation for two years with the usual probationary terms with the exception of the drug/alcohol screen reports which will be presented to the Department/Board weekly for the first and last six months of probation and twice per month at all other times. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 2:45 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on December 19, 2007, at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair – *arrived 9:56 AM*
Aura Alvarado, Public Member – *arrived 9:30 AM*
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Joan Dobbins, RN – *Chair Pro Tem*
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member – *arrived 10:26 AM*
Susan Neistein, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, R
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya DeMattia, Assistant Attorney General – *available via telephone*
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH

Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM

STUDENTS

There were no students.

ADDITIONAL ADENDA ITEMS

There were no additional agenda items.

LEGISLATION

Karen Buckley-Bates, Director of Government Relations at DPH, was present to update the Board on the Department's Legislative proposals for the 2008 Legislative Session which convenes on February 6, 2008. Items discussed were as follows: Work Force Competitiveness, On-Line Licensure issues. APRN scope of practice, reporting issues regarding health care associated infections, Public Act re: Public Health Preparedness, Tech Bill (not pertaining to nursing this year as of yet), HIV Testing Consent Law, Minute Clinics re: CVS, Stop & Shop, etc., New Task Force re: Teen Driving, Primary Care Access Committee and Health First Committee. There were seven proposals sent to OPM which have very little to do with nursing. Aura Alvarado arrived during this discussion.

SCHOOL ISSUES – WESTERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUEST

Dr. Karen Crouse sent in a request for a faculty education waiver of Monica Perry, RN, for clinical supervision of students. Ms. Perry is currently a student in the WCSU MS Program. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the faculty education waiver be granted for one year. The program has no outstanding waivers. The motion passed with all in favor.

BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING – WAIVER REQUEST

The Board Office received correspondence from Carol A. deBlois, Director of the School of Nursing at Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing, requesting a temporary waiver for an adjunct instructor to clinically teach nursing for Elizabeth Cozza. Ms. Cozza has a BSN from Southern and is currently enrolled in their MSN program with an expected graduation in January, 2008. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the faculty education waiver be granted for the Spring 2008 semester. The motion passed with all in favor.

THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUESTS

Linda Perfetto, Director of Nursing and Allied Health at Three Rivers Community College, was present to request three faculty education waivers.

MELISSA BULLOCK

Ms. Bullock is matriculated into the MSN Program at UConn. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the waiver be granted for six months with the provision that there would be a full-time on-site mentor. The motion passed with all in favor.

EDITH OUELLET

Ms. Ouellet is matriculated into the MSN Program at the University of Hartford with an expected graduation in Spring, 2009. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the waiver be granted for one year. The motion passed with all in favor.

SUZANNE TURNER

Ms. Turner is matriculated into the MSN Program at Saint Joseph's College of Maine. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the waiver be granted for one year. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT – NCLEX PASS RATES

Dr. Anne Bavier, Dean of the UConn School of Nursing, was present to review the NCLEX results for the July 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007 quarter, and to explain strategies that will be put in place to increase the NCLEX scores. The BS program for this quarter was 80.58% and the MbEin Program was 75.76%. The Board did request that the report be put in writing so that the Board can review these strategies with Dr. Bavier at the time of the next scheduled NCLEX report if necessary. Nancy Bafundo arrived during this discussion.

J. M. WRIGHT LPN PROGRAM – SELF EVALUATION REPORT

Mary Ann Kennedy, Department Head of the LPN Program at J. M. Wright, and Patricia Fennessy, Consultant for the CT Technical High School System, were present for this discussion. On-site visits were made on December 4 and 5, 2007. The Board reviewed the report and found no violations of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, Nursing Education Programs. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the program be granted full approval status. The motion passed with all in favor.

CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM – LPN PROGRAM PROPOSED CURRICULUM REVISION

Patricia Fennessy, Consultant for the CT Technical High School System, was present to update the Board on the proposed changes to the LPN programs at the CT Technical High Schools. Charter Oak State College received funding through a grant to review the LPN program. The goal of this was: to review the State LPN Program curriculum, compare the LPN curriculum to the State of CT Community College AND Program, determine equivalency with similar course in the CT Community College System, and propose recommendations that would align the two curriculums in order to provide greater access and seamless transition for graduates of the State LPN programs to enter an RN program. Charter Oak convened an advisory committee of LPN educators, nursing practitioners and employers to assist in examining career options for LPNs. A group of faculty was also used to evaluate the LPN curriculum to determine if credit could be recommended in math, science, behavioral science and nursing. Recommendations were made and once implemented, graduates of the program will have 15 college credits in course work and 12-16 credits in nursing. The prerequisites the graduate will still need to enter an ADN Program would be Chemistry and Anatomy & Physiology. These changes will make the transition into RN Programs easier for students who wish to attend or to pursue other career tracks. Implementation of the changes will occur with the class entering in August 2008. Consultants will be hired for curriculum revision. The administrators and LPN instructors at the Connecticut Technical High School System are very supportive of these proposed changes and look forward to the implementation. These changes will strengthen the academic foundation that graduates have upon graduation and enhance career mobility into RN programs or other careers. The new curriculum will be completed and brought before the Board at the September 3, 2008 meeting for review and approval. The Board commented that having college level credits will give the students a positive incentive to move forward.

GOODWIN COLLEGE – NCLEX UPDATE

The Board received a written report updating the NCLEX pass rates which are as follows: December 2006 Cohort – pass rate 74%; April 2007 Cohort – pass rate 81%; August 2007 Cohort – pass rate 92%. The August 2007 Cohort is an enormous improvement over past cohorts, where only 30-35% of students passed the exam in the first two attempts. This supports the fact that the implemented strategies are having a positive effect on the program. Additionally in January 2008 the program will be implementing NLN testing throughout their curriculum which further supports their efforts to pass only the appropriate students through their program. The report was accepted as written. In addition, the Board approved Ms. Costello's request to defer the September 2008 self-evaluation to September 2009 to coincide with the National League for Nursing review. Ruth Espinoza arrived at this time.

The program would like to defer their self-evaluation to September 2009 (instead of September 2008) because of their NLN Accreditation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the request to defer the self-evaluation report be granted to coincide with the NLN review. The motion passed with all in favor.

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY – CURRICULUM CHANGE

On November 7, 2007 the Board had request that the program further clarify the proposed curricular changes to their First Program Degree Program. It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that the report be accepted as it meets regulatory requirements.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS

There were several calls this month regarding RNs doing assessments and whether or not they can diagnose.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

PN Exam – NCSBN increased pass score
Midyear – put in request for two attendees

Break 10:37 AM – 10:53 AM

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – SAMARA DiMEOLA

Ms. DiMeola's license was revoked in February, 2003. Ms. DiMeola is present today requesting a reinstatement hearing from the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. DiMeola be granted a reinstatement hearing. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing will be scheduled for May 21, 2008.

FACT FINDING – JAIME WATSON, RN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Watson was not found on any charges with the exception of 3B. The motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the charges be dismissed. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARGARET WILKINSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Margaret Wilkinson. Ms. Wilkinson was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. A six-month continuance was requested, with objection from the Department of Public Health, and granted. Chair Bafundo recused herself from the voting. Chair Bafundo signed the Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 18, 2008.

CONSENT ORDER – EILEEN MULLIN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Eileen Mullin. Ms. Mullin was present with counsel, Attorney Joanne Sheehan. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order placing Ms. Mullin's license on probation for one year with a course in wound care management.

CONSENT ORDER – ELIZABETH BURNS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta S. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Elizabeth Burns. Ms. Burns was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order placing Ms. Burns' license on probation for two years and six months. Chair Bafundo recused herself from the voting. Katherine Pellerin withdrew her motion, with approval of Linda Sacheli and requested that the Consent Order be tabled and the following information be provided to the Board: the Drug Control Report, the work agency report, treatment letter from her physician, and the substance abuse letter. These documents need to be provided to the Board to support the Consent Order that has been presented.

REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER – DEBORAH MANZI, LPN

Legal Office Chief Stanley K. Peck presented the Board with a Reinstatement Consent Order for Deborah Manzi. Ms. Manzi was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 11:45 AM.