

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on August 17, 2011 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Darling, LPN
Danielle O'Connell, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, 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
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Secretary II, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter
Ralph Efird, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM.

STUDENTS

There were no students in attendance for today's meeting.

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – DAVID ZABOROWSKI, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Neither Attorney Ellen Costello nor David Zaborowski was present for this discussion. The Board reviewed Attorney Costello's Motion for Reconsideration of Memorandum of Decision. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono to deny the Respondent's Motion for Reconsideration. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Mary Brown who was opposed.

EMPLOYMENT APPROVAL REQUEST – KAREN CARLSON McPADDEN, RN

Karen Carlson McPadden submitted a written request to the Board Office on August 8, 2011, requesting approval for a full-time position, three days per week, at Highwatch Recovery Center. The position she is requesting approval for is a night shift position which would have supervision from 7PM to midnight with no supervision from midnight to 8AM. After midnight Ms. McPadden would be alone in the office building where the medications are kept although she would not have a key to the meds and this facility DOES NOT dispense controlled substances. Residents live in cottages, and each cottage has a psych tech. Ms. McPadden would make "dorm sweeps" throughout the night and would be adequately supervised, as the psych techs and the night security guard are all in recovery themselves and would be alert to any sign of impairment. Ms. McPadden has not practiced nursing in six years and due to the lack of proper supervision at Highwatch, the Department withheld approval. Approval was given to Ms. McPadden to work per diem at Highwatch, day and evening shifts, which she is currently working.

Ms. McPadden described in her letter her urgent need for full-time employment with benefits, and is currently seeking Board approval.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant Ms. McPadden's request at this time. The motion failed. Tarah Cherry moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to table this request. The Board requested that Ms. McPadden attend to provide further information to the Board.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

TAMMY RYERSON, LPN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Ryerson's license on probation for two years. The motion passed unanimously.

JENNIFER TELAGE VENTURINI, LPN

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to deny reinstatement of Ms. Telage-Venturini's licensure reinstatement at this time. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – FRANCES J. DiLORETO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Frances DiLoreto. Ms. DiLoreto was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for September 7, 2011.

CONSENT ORDER – ERICA SANCHEZ, RN

This Consent Order was presented to the Board on June 15, 2011. At that meeting the Consent Order was rejected as submitted and it was the recommendation of the Board that the length of the probationary period be reduced. The Consent Order that is being presented to you today by Attorney Antonetti also eliminates the key restriction which was not in the Board's minutes from that meeting. Ms. Sanchez was present at today's meeting with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – LINDSEY M. STEEL, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Ms. Steel has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Chair Bouffard recused herself from this case and appointed Mary Brown as Chair Pro Tem to handle this case only. Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept the Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Pro Tem Mary Brown signed the Motion to Withdraw.

HEARING – SUE PELLETTIER, LPN

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

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jeffrey Marvin seconded that this hearing be continued to September 21, 2011 to allow the Department time to compile the complete personnel file and the HAVEN records to present to the Board at September 21st hearing.

The Board also ordered that Ms. Pelletier provide one year of attendance to a support group along with a letter from her sponsor at the September 21st hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – MEGAN REILLY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department. Ms. Reilly was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. There was no testimony provided.

Attorney Newton made an Oral Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Maria Pietrantuono moved, which was seconded by Mary Brown, to grant the Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Reilly be found on all charges at the Motion to Deem had been granted. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded that Ms. Reilly's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 12:07 PM.