

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 4, 2011 at 61 Woodland Street, Room B-39, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Jennifer Long, APRN
Danielle O'Connell, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Nancy Stefanski, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Porter and Chester.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bouffard participated in Webinar regarding the Robert Wood Johnson Future of Nursing Project at the Institute of Medicine
- NLN On-Line Report Re: Annual Survey of Schools of Nursing
- NCSBN Annual Meeting in Indianapolis August 3rd – 5th

OPEN FORUM

There were no comments or requests from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Legal Office Removal of Modified Consent Order for Leslie Matejek– awaiting final signatures

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jennifer Filippone provided the Board with an update.

DPH/DEANS & DIRECTORS NCLEX WORKGROUP

Jennifer Filippone, Steven Carragher, Deb Brown, and Pam Pelletier hosted the initial meeting of a workgroup with the Board of Examiners for Nursing and the Deans and Directors of Nursing Education Programs to look at NCLEX pass rates and program evaluation measures.

SCHOOL ISSUES – STONE ACADEMY FIVE YEAR SURVEY – SECOND REVIEW

Donna Bys, Program Director for the Hamden Campus, and Dale DeMille, Program Director for the East Hartford Campus, were present with Eleanor Davio, Program Manager for both campuses. Pamela Pelletier provided the Board with an overview of the survey review.

Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the East Hartford campus be granted Full Approval. The Board requested a revised Organizational Chart for the East Hartford Campus indicating the Associate Director position. The motion passed unanimously. Next Review, February 2016.

Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to place the Hamden/West Haven Campus on Conditional Approval until the site visit has been completed which is schedule to take place in June 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – STONE ACADEMY HAMDEN CAMPUS RELOCATING TO WEST HAVEN

The Hamden campus will be moving to a West Haven campus with classes expected to start at the new facility on July 5, 2011. The campus is located at 560 Saw Mill Road in West Haven.

SCHOOL ISSUES – STONE ACADEMY HAMDEN CAMPUS CURRICULUM CHANGES

The Board reviewed the curriculum changes to the Stone Academy LPN Program which will become effective September, 2011. Katherine Pellerin moved to accept the curriculum changes, which was seconded by Mary Brown, and passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM STATISTICS FOR RN PROGRAMS

Pam Pelletier reviewed the changes requested by the Deans and Directors. In the past we were calculating the results using the academic year. The form is currently being revised as there is no such thing as an academic year as many programs are entering more than one cohort per year.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NCLEX-RN/PN SCORES FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 2011 – FIRST TIME TAKERS

Pam Pelletier reviewed the first quarter of the NCLEX for 2011 with the Board.

Porter and Chester Institute, Watertown campus, had an 80% pass rate of first time candidates for the first quarter of 2011. Phyllis Del Mastro, Corporate Director of Nursing, presented the Board with a remediation plan should less than 80% of their candidates pass the NCLEX-PN on their first try.

SCHOOL ISSUES – LINCOLN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE – UPDATE SHELTON CAMPUS

The Board reviewed the written update on the corrective action plan which is a three pronged approach: compliance with credentialing, interim coverage, and recruitment of a permanent Program Manager. Rosemarie Baker, has been appointed as Interim Program manager of the day division of the Shelton campus. The program is actively recruiting for a permanent Program Manager. The Board will receive notification and provided with a copy of his/her resume for review.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE/STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Diane Cybulski reviewed the calls received in the Board Office during the month of March 2011.

FAREWELL TO NANCY STEFANSKI, RN, DPH Nurse Consultant

Diane Cybulski announced that this Thursday would be Nancy Stefanski's last day at the Department of Public Health. Nancy is leaving DPH to work in the private sector. Nancy has worked for several months with Pam Pelletier with the survey reviews for the schools of nursing. The Board thanked Nancy for all of her contributions to the Nursing Board and wished her well in her future endeavors.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARD OF NURSING UPDATE

Pam Pelletier will be attending a seminar at the NCSBN in Chicago regarding the Licensure Compact and will provide an update at a future meeting.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHERYL FRAZIER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Cheryl Frazier. Ms. Frazier was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved and Heidi Darling seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing and the Summary Suspension Order scheduling the hearing for May 25, 2011.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JAMIE GRENIER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jamie Grenier. Ms. Grenier was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing and the Summary Suspension Order scheduling the hearing for May 25, 2011.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LYNN BRADLEY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lynn Bradley. Ms. Bradley was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Heidi Darling seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing and the Summary Suspension Order scheduling the hearing for May 25, 2011.

MODIFICATION OF CONSENT ORDER – LESLIE MATEJEK, RN

The Board tabled this as the Modified Consent Order has not been signed by all parties.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – JESSICA VITALE, RN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision e-mailed to them prior to the meeting. Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision. The motion passed unanimously and Chair Bouffard signed the Memorandum of Decision.

HEARING CONTINUATION – CARLA COLLINS, RN

This is the continuation of the March 2, 2011 hearing. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Collins was present with counsel, Attorney Richard Brown. Testimony was provided by Ms. Collins.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Collins be found on all charges with the exception of the second part of the third charge – “and/or to draw up medication with a syringe for one or more patients.” The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Collins’ license be placed on probation for a period of two years. After a lengthy discussion and the acceptance of friendly amendments, Maria Pietrantuono moved that Ms. Collins’ license will be placed on probation for one year. During the first six months of her probation, she is to successfully complete the following coursework, with approval of the courses from the Department of Public Health: Nursing Ethics, HIPAA Regulations, and Scope of Practice. She is to provide the Department with monthly employer reports for the first six months of probation followed by bimonthly employer reports for the last six months. When Ms. Collins returns to nursing practice, she must have medication administration supervision, including IV meds, for a minimum of three to six medication passes. There is NO key restriction, Ms. Collins is not to work for any home care agencies, and the Summary Suspension is to be vacated immediately. The motion was seconded by Katherine Pellerin and passed unanimously.

Lunch Recess 1:21 PM – 1:53 PM

HEARING – TAMMY RYERSON, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Ryerson was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Drug Control Agent Pamela Jones and Ms. Ryerson.

Jennifer Long moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Ryerson be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Ryerson’s license be placed on probation for four years. After a lengthy discussion, and the acceptance of friendly amendments, Ms. Long revised her motion to place Ms. Ryerson’s license on probation for two years, during which time she is to provide weekly drug/alcohol screens for the entire probationary period, monthly therapist and employer reports for the entire probationary period, there will be NO key restriction, and the summary suspension will remain in place until the Memorandum of Decision is signed. The Memorandum of Decision is to also include the standard tolling language as Ms. Ryerson stated that she may be moving out of state in the future. The motion was seconded by Katherine Pellerin and passed with all in favor with the exception of Jennifer Long who was opposed and excluding the vote of Maria Pietrantuono who left for the day during the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 3:10 PM.

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BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Darling, LPN
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Owens, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, 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
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from A. I. Prince Tech LPN Program.

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

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – LISA CORNELL, LPN

Lisa Cornell was present for her reinstatement hearing request. Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jeffrey Marvin seconded to grant Ms. Cornell's request for a reinstatement hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be scheduled for July 20, 2011.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – LUCRETIA CAMERON, RN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision. Mary Brown moved and Danielle O'Connell seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Cameron's Registered Nurse license. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Tarah Cherry who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Memorandum of Decision.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MEGAN J. REILLY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Megan J. Reilly. Ms. Reilly was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing and the Summary Suspension Order.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PAMELA SUTULA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Pamela Sutula. Ms. Sutula was present with counsel, Attorney Ellen Costello. Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to deny the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor which the exception of Danielle O'Connell and Tarah Cherry who were opposed.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – CHARLES MONCK, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Charles Monck. Mr. Monck was present with counsel, Attorney John O'Brien. Mary Brown moved and Danielle O'Connell seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – JUDY RUGGIERO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Judy Ruggiero. Ms. Ruggiero was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Interim Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – YVES MAIGNAN, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Yves Maignan. Mr. Maignan was present with counsel, Attorney Joanne Sheehan. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

HEARINGS – CHERYL FRAZIER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Frazier was without representation at this hearing. Testimony was provided by Ms. Frazier.

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Frazier be found all on charges with the exception of 3b and 6c. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Jeffrey Marvin seconded that Ms. Frazier's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

THE HAVEN PROGRAM – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Kathleen Boulware apprised the Board that HAVEN is a confidential program. Once the Respondent is not in compliance, he/she is referred to the Department of Public Health from the HAVEN Program. Once a Statement of Charges has been issued, the Respondent cannot return to the HAVEN Confidential Program.

HEARINGS – JAMIE GRENIER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Grenier was present without representation at this hearing. Testimony was provided by Ms. Grenier.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded that Ms. Grenier be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

After discussion and friendly amendments, Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded that Ms. Grenier's license be placed on probation for an additional two years following the completion of the October 7, 2009 Consent Order which will conclude November 1, 2013.

The summary suspension will remain in place until Ms. Grenier has successfully completed coursework, approved by the Department of Public Health, in Standards of Care, Medication Administration, and Infection Control Procedures especially procedures related to IV Meds.

The terms of the October 7, 2009 Consent Order will remain in effect pending the issuance of the Memorandum of Decision, with the exception of the frequency of employer reports which will change to monthly for the remainder of the Consent Order.

Upon completion of the October 7, 2009 Consent Order, the additional two years of probation will commence with monthly employer reports. Probation will conclude November 1, 2015. Therapist and drug screens reports will no longer be required. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 10:45 AM.