

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

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy M. Schulman, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Western CT State University, Central CT State University, the University of Hartford, the John Dempsey Hospital, and the Regis College in Colorado.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs. A student questioned Chair Bouffard about the MEIN Program at UConn. She stated that her cousin said that after one year of study, she will be receiving a BS in Nursing Degree in May 2012. The Board will research this information.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard received an invitation to speak to the students of Naugatuck Valley Community College regarding the role of the Board of Examiners for Nursing in April.

OPEN FORUM

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

The Board was provided with revised agendas prior to the start of the meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The 2012 Legislative Session starts on February 8th and concludes on May 9th.

Chair Bouffard and Jennifer Filippone updated the Board on the proposed legislation. One item that was discussed was there may be legislation to mandate on-line licensure renewal *for all* health care practitioners.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY – FIVE YEAR SURVEY REPORT

Pam Pelletier provided the Board with her summary of the Sacred Heart University Five Year Survey Report. Dr. Kathleen Fries, Undergraduate Director, and Elizabeth Denny, Program Assistant, were present from the program for this review. Pam Pelletier reviewed the report with the Board. The program's last approval was in 2006. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to accept the self-study report as presented. The motion passed unanimously. The next self-study report will be due in February 2017.

SCHOOLS ISSUES – SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUEST

Dr. Kathleen Fries was present from the program to request a permanent waiver for Adetuto Olomola. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Tarah Cherry, to grant the permanent waiver for Ms. Olomola. The motion passed unanimously. This permanent waiver status is only approved Ms. Olomola while she is employed at Sacred Heart University. If Ms. Olomola moves on to another University, she loses the permanent waiver status, it is not portable.

SCHOOL ISSUES – PORTER AND CHESTER – ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

There was no one present from the Porter and Chester Programs for this discussion. Pam Pelletier updated the Board that Phyllis DelMastro retired on December 7, 2011. In the interim, Audrey Szczesiul has been designated as Practical Nursing Director and Site Supervisor for the Rocky Hill Campus. Amber Irimia has been designated as site supervisor for the Enfield Campus. The Board reviewed the documentation provided from the programs.

Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to deny Ms. Szczesiul's appointment as Interim Director, and requested additional information regards her responsibilities as Interim Director and Site Supervisor for the Rocky Hill Campus. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to deny Ms. Irimia's request to be the Site Supervisor for the Enfield Campus, and requested additional information regarding her educational experience to hold the position as a Site Supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board requested this information as soon as possible to ensure that Porter and Chester Insitiute's LPN Programs are compliant with all the regulations set forth in the Public Health Code Nursing Education Programs and Licensure sections 20-90-45 to sections 20-90-56, inclusive. The Board also requested that Ms. Szczesiul and Ms. Irimia both be present at the Board Meeting of February 15, 2012 with the requested information.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CLN/CHARTER OAK REFRESHER UPDATE

Jane Murdock and Susan Deane were present to provide the Board with the six month follow-up report regarding the CT League for Nursing/Charter Oak State College Virtual RN Refresher Course. The Virtual RN Refresher Course, which consists of two didactic and two virtual modules, was presented to the Board on June 2, 2010, approved on that date, and re-reviewed on September 7, 2011. The Board requested that they keep the Board apprised of any changes. The next review will be in February, 2015.

SCHOOLS ISSUES – NCLEX REVIEW FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER

Pam Pelletier reviewed the NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN for 2011. Pam Pelletier reminded the Board that in December, 2011 the Board placed The Lincoln Technical Institute LPN Program – Hamden Campus on Conditional Status for one year as a result of the NCLEX-PN exam scores. Year to date for the Hamden Campus 2011 was 66.67% pass rate for all first time takers.

In 2011 the RN First Time Pass Rate for CT was 92% and the LPN First Time Pass Rate for CT was 89%. For the year 2011, CT ranked third nationally in overall pass rates.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE CALLS FOR DECEMBER

Pam Pelletier apprised the Board of the calls received during the month of December. Calls of interest were related to background checks when entering into the nursing program. Jennifer Filippone stated that there was no prohibition on licensing someone with a criminal background. There were questions regarding whether or not facilities would allow students with a criminal background to enter their facilities to complete the clinical components required for the course.

Also there were calls related on how a person becomes a Board Member. Persons interested in serving on a Board or Commission are required to send a cover letter identifying which Board or Commission they would like to serve on along with a copy of their resume to the Office of the Governor Dannel P. Malloy, to the attention of Melissa Stine, Boards and Commissions, 210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 or via e-mail to Melissa.stine@ct.gov.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

Mary Brown attended the NCSBN World Café Meeting “Shaping the Future of Nursing Education: A new Vision for Approval & Accreditation” in Chicago December 8-9, 2011 along with 200 nursing educators, regulators and accreditors from across the country. The World Café Meeting is quite energizing in that it looks for a new approach that focuses on a call to action: embracing open minded and integrated action as opposed to thinking within a structured context. This meeting has turned things upside down in an energizing, innovations and engaging manner. The purpose of this meeting was to dialogue about the future alignment of prelicensure nursing education, Board of Nursing Approval and National Nursing Accreditation. The format encourages attendees to actively engage and converse with one another, to discuss the redundancy that exists between approval (of programs by boards of nursing) and accreditation (by national nursing accreditors), and what nursing could be when education, approval and accreditation are fully aligned. Participants gathered in more intimate sets of tables of four, changing tables every 20 minutes to meet and engage with as many people as possible, sharing ideas and learning from one another. Attendees also gathered for large group discussions, using iPads to record the group’s thoughts and insights. Attendees examined the indicators needed for successful nursing education programs, including educating students on how to translate evidence to practice, the importance of building sustainable relationships, and how to incorporate the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses competencies. There were also three presentations from industry thought leaders as follows: “Building Your Plan for Monday,” “Toward a New Way of Thinking,” What could Nursing Be? Reflections on Our Future.” As the meeting came to a close, attendees were seated at regional/state tables to design action plans for their state/jurisdiction that would align prelicensure nursing education, board of nursing approval and national nursing accreditation. The discussion of accreditation vs. approval is such an important piece and we need to move forward to make things unified. Attendees walked away stating that it was quite a proactive meeting that challenges you to think differently. Hearing from so many different people was a great part of this meeting. Everyone walked away with a lot of good information.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jeffrey Marvin, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jennifer Long who abstained.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JESSICA JOHNSON, RN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jessica Johnson. Ms. Johnson was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray, who presented the Board with an Objection to the Motion for Summary Suspension. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to deny Attorney Murray's Objection to the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with the exception of Tarah Cherry who abstained.

Marie Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Tarah Cherry who abstained.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 15, 2012.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MATTHEW DALLACHIE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Matthew Dallachie. Mr. Dallachie was not present and did not have representation at this meeting.

Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 15, 2012.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

MICHAEL GORE, LPN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision for Michael Gore. Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Mr. Gore's practical nurse license. The motion passed unanimously, Chair Bouffard signed the Decision, which becomes effective upon signature.

JACQUELINE LISCIO, LPN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision for Jacqueline Liscio. Maria Pietrantonono moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Liscio's license on probation for six months during which time she is to successfully coursework in professional ethics and medication administration. The motion passed unanimously, chair Bouffard signed the Decision, which becomes effective on March 1, 2012.

CONSENT ORDER – JENNIFER PEACOCK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Jennifer Peacock. Ms. Peacock was not present and did not have representation at this meeting.

Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that this Consent Order be accepted as written. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER - KELLY CARROLL, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kelly Carroll. Ms. Carroll was present with counsel, Attorney James F. Biondo.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded that this Consent Order be denied. The motion passed unanimously. It was the recommendation of the Board that this case be dismissed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 10:00 AM.

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Heidi Darling, LPN
Jennifer Long, APRN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, 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 Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Central CT State University and Southern CT State University.

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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jennifer Filippone updated the Board regarding legislative bills which may or may not have an impact on Nursing.

SCHOOL ISSUES – PORTER AND CHESTER INSTITUTE – ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Pam Pelletier provided the Board with an update on the Campus Supervisors for all Porter and Chester Campuses. Information was also provided regarding the replacement of Phyllis DelMastro, who retired at the beginning of December 2011, and was the former Corporate Director for all campuses. Present from the Porter and Chester Institute were Audrey Szczesiul along with Pamela Reyes, who is the current Assistant Director for the LPN Programs.

Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve Audrey Szczesiul as Interim Director for all campuses. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Heidi Darling, to approve Linda Gilbert at the Interim Site Supervisor at the Rocky Hill Campus until the Permanent Site Supervisor has been hired. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to grant Ms. Irimia the position of Site Supervisor at the Enfield Campus. The motion failed as all were opposed. A new motion was raised by Maria Pietrantuono, seconded by Mary Brown, to table this discussion to the Board's March 7th meeting. During that time Ms. Irimia is to provide the Board with an updated resume in order for the Board to have a better assessment of her skills. The motion passed unanimously. The Board requested that Ms. Irimia be present at the March 7th meeting in order to answer any questions the Board may have.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE – INTERIM DIRECTOR CHANGE

Pam Pelletier reviewed documentation received requesting that Patricia A. Duclos-Miller be approved as the Interim Director at the Capital Community College Nursing Program while Dr. Cynthia Adams is out on leave effective February 15, 2012. Dr. Adams has prepared an orientation packet for Professor Duclos-Miller who will have the support of the five directors in the CT CCNP Programs during her absence. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve Professor Duclos-Miller as the Interim Director in Dr. Adams' absence. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW/MODIFIED CONSENT ORDER – KATHRYN ARMITAGE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Modified Consent Order for Kathryn Armitage. Attorney Martha Murray was present with Ms. Armitage. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Tarah Cherry, to accept the Modified Consent Order as presented which extends Ms. Armitage's probation for six months. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – LINETTE WILSON, RN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Linette Wilson. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Wilson's RN license on probation for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – MATTHEW DALLACHIE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Dallachie was present without representation at this hearing. Mr. Dallachie requested a continuance in order to allow him time to retain legal counsel.

Mary Brown moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to grant Mr. Dallachie's request for continuance to retain counsel. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be rescheduled for April 18, 2012.

Attorney Shanley requested that Mr. Dallachie file an Answer to the Statement of Charges by a date certain. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, that the Answer to the Statement of Charges be filed in the Board Office by April 4, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

INQUIRIES FROM STUDENTS

At the completion of the meeting, Chair Bouffard spoke with the students. Questions arose regarding the "Retired" Nursing Status and how a person would become a Board Member.

Information regarding Retired Nursing Status can be found on the Department of Public Health's Web Page which can be accessed at www.ct.gov/dph located in the licensure section for nursing.

Persons interested in serving on a Board or Commission are required to send a cover letter identifying which Board or Commission they would like to serve on along with a copy of their resume to the Office of the Governor Dannel P. Malloy, to the attention of Melissa Stine, Boards and Commissions, 210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 or via e-mail to Melissa.stine@ct.gov.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 9:31 AM.