

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on August 20, 2014 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member
Ellen M. Komar, RN
Geraldine Marrocco, RN
Robin Rettig Cattanio. LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Long, APRN
Gina M. Reiners, RN
Carrie Simon, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy M. Schulman, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, RN, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Centano, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Sarah Montauti, Health Program Associate, DPH
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, Licensure Regulation and Compliance, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Licensure Regulation and Compliance, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Licensure Regulation and Compliance, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Licensure Regulation and Compliance, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Licensure Regulation and Compliance, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Porter and Chester and Lincoln Technical Institutes.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Porter and Chester Institute – Administration Update

SCHOOL ISSUES:

NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE – ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Dr. Coral Presti retired as Director of Nursing and Allied Health at Norwalk Community College on July 1, 2014. President Levison appointed Kathleen Fries, RN, PhD, as Director. Mary Brown moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded that Dr. Fries does meet the qualifications as outlined in the nursing school regulations. The motion passed unanimously. The Board welcomed Dr. Fries to the Community College System.

NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Dr. Fries, Director of the ADN Program, was present to present to the Board a one-year temporary faculty education waiver request for Brenda Lee Hooper. Ms. Hooper is a matriculated MSN student at Southern CT State University (SCSU) with an anticipated graduation date of May, 2016. Geraldine Marrocco moved and Lisa Freeman seconded to grant the one-year faculty education waiver for Ms. Hooper contingent upon receipt of the letter from SCSU. The motion passed unanimously.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Sheila Solernou, Division Director of Nursing, presented the Board with a one-year temporary faculty education waiver continuance for Nana Boahemaa. Ms. Boahemaa is a matriculated MSN student at the University of Hartford with an anticipated graduation date of May, 2016. Ellen Komar moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the one-year faculty education waiver continuance requested. The motion passed unanimously.

STONE ACADEMY – ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

There was no one present from the program. The Board reviewed documentation received regarding administration changes in the West Haven Campus. Deborah Wesley, RN, MSN, has been appointed Campus Supervisor in West Haven. Mary Brown moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded that Ms. Wesley does meet the criteria as outlined in the nursing school regulations. The motion passed unanimously.

THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Edith Ouellet, Interim Director of Nursing, was present from the program to request a one-year temporary faculty education waiver for Sarah Korpak. Ms. Korpak is currently a matriculated MSN student at Sacred Heart University with an anticipated graduation date of May, 2015. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Ellen Komar, to grant the one-year temporary faculty education waiver contingent upon receipt of the office transcripts in the Board Office. The motion passed unanimously.

PORTER AND CHESTER INSTITUTE – STAFF UPDATE – THREE CAMPUSES

This is an FYI for the Minutes. The Board Office received a letter dated August 14, 2014 from Patricia Donovan, Corporate Director regarding staff issues at three of the five Porter and Chester Institute (PCI) Campuses.

Regarding PCI's Stratford Campus – Grace Clark, Campus Supervisor, resigned her position on May 30, 2014. Campus is currently being covered by Patricia Donovan and they are actively seeking a replacement.

Regarding PCI's Rocky Hill Campus – the Rocky Hill Campus Supervisor, Karyn Therrien, has been covering students in clinical due to the unexpected departure of a staff member. The program is in the process of interviewing candidates for that position.

Regarding PCI's Enfield Campus – Pam Gallagher, Campus Supervisor, will be covering clinical assignments temporarily due to a staff member's departure On August 14, 2014. The program will start to actively interview for a replacement.

The Board has made it very clear in the past that Administrators are not to be teaching clinical. The Board has grave concerns that Ms. Clark resigned her position on May 30th at the Stratford Campus and they are just hearing about this. The Board requested that Porter and Chester be placed on the September 3, 2014 agenda and requested that Patricia Donovan be present at that meeting with an update on the above administrative position vacancies.

CONSENT ORDER - DOREEN BOWTRUCZYK, RN

DPH Staff Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Proposed Consent Order for Doreen Bowtruczyk. Ms. Bowtruczyk was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved, which was seconded by Ellen Komar, to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion failed as all were opposed. The Board had concerns as Ms. Bowtruczyk has been a nurse for a long time and she does not understand the scope of practice of a registered nurse.

Allegedly, Ms. Bowtruczyk picked up the phone and misrepresented herself as a physician, she forged the physician's signature, and ordered multiple medications on multiple occasions. It was the recommendation of the Board that in addition to the six month probation, the reprimand, and the coursework, that Ms. Bowtruczyk successfully complete the coursework within the first three months of her probation and she is to provide monthly employer reports for six months upon her return to work as a nurse.

CONSENT ORDER - SUZANNE CARLONA, RN

DPH Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Proposed Consent Order for Suzanne Carlona. Ms. Carlona was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Lisa Freeman moved, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to accept the Consent Order as written. After discussion, the motion failed as all were opposed. In addition to the reprimand and the coursework, it was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Carlona's license be placed on probation for one year with monthly employer reports which would commence upon her return to work as a nurse. Respondent shall not be employed as a nurse for a personnel provider service, assistant living services agency, homemaker-home health agency, or home health care agency, and shall not be self-employed as a nurse for the entire period of her probation.

CONSENT ORDER - EVA LENGYEL, LPN

DPH Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Eva Lengyel. Ms. Lengyel was present with counsel, Attorney Lawrence Brick. Ellen Komar moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion failed as all were opposed. Mary Brown moved to accept the Consent Order upon receipt of a letter from Ms. Lengyel's therapist that she is safe and competent to work. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. Upon receipt of the letter from her therapist, Chair Bouffard will sign the Consent Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW - ALICE MILLER, RN

DPH Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Alice Miller. It was the recommendation of the Board to extend Ms. Miller's current probation through March, 2016 with the frequency of reports to be the same as in the fourth year of her probation.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - JENNIFER SULLIVAN, RN

DPH Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jennifer Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt.

Mary Brown moved, which was seconded by Lisa Freeman, to move into Executive to discuss Ms. Sullivan's medical records. The motion passed unanimously and the room was cleared of all observers with the exception of Maureen Dinnan, the Executive Director of HAVEN, and Attorney Daniel Csuka, Attorney Moore Leonhardt's Assistant. Attorney Newton objected to Attorney Dinnan and Attorney Csuka being allowed to stay in the room during Executive Session. After Attorney Moore Leonhardt explained the need for both Attorney Dinnan and Attorney Csuka to remain in the room, the Board allowed it.

After discussion regarding Ms. Sullivan medical history, Mary Brown moved and Lisa Freeman seconded to return the discussion to Public Session. The motion passed unanimously and observers were invited back into the room.

Mary Brown then moved, which was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to place the Summary Suspension Packet under seal as it contains medical records regarding Ms. Sullivan health issues. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Lisa Freeman seconded to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for September 3, 2014. Attorney Moore Leonhardt was then served in hand with the Summary Suspension Order, the Statement of Charges, and the Notice of Hearing.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – TAKENYA TINSLEY, LPN

DPH Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Takenya Tinsley. Ms. Tinsley was not present and did not have representation at this meeting.

Mary Brown moved and Ellen Komar seconded to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for September 3, 2014.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Board Members were all e-mailed the following Memoranda of Decision prior to today's meeting.

CANDACE KLANESKI, LPN

Lisa Freeman moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to dismiss the charges. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision.

LESLIE MATEJEK, RN

Mary Brown moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to extend Ms. Matejek's probation to February, 2016 with a change in the frequency of reports. The motion passed with one abstention; Lisa Freeman. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision.

LAURIE B. MATHERS, LPN

Ellen Komar moved and Lisa Freeman seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Mathers' license on probation for one year. The motion passed with one abstention; Mary Brown. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision.

TAMMARA MOREY, LPN

Mary Brown moved and Ellen Komar seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to keep the current suspension in place through October 2, 2014 with concurrent probation for four years. After discussion, the Board stated that they would like this MOD tabled as it did not include tolling language. The motion failed as all were opposed.

Mary Brown then moved to table this decision due to further discussion regarding tolling language. The motion was seconded by Ellen Komar and passed unanimously. This will be placed on the September 3, 2014 agenda for discussion and signature.

NATALIE PRIMINI, LPN

Ellen Komar moved, which was seconded by Lisa Freeman, to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Primini's license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision.

DOROTA SLAWSKA, RN

Mary Brown moved, which was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Slawska's license. The motion passed with one abstention; Lisa Freeman. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision.

DAYNA WRIGHT, LPN

Mary Brown moved, which was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Wright's license. The motion passed with one abstention: Lisa Freeman. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision.

Break – 15 minutes

MINUTES – JULY 16, 2014

The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 16th meeting. Ellen Komar moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed with Geraldine Marrocco abstaining.

HEARING – GINA VINCENZI, RN

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Vincenzi was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Jay Falcioni, DPH, and Jolanta Gawinski, DPH, and Ms. Vincenzi.

Ellen Komar moved that Ms. Vincenzi be found as charged. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously.

Ellen Komar moved that Ms. Vincenzi's license be suspended for six months effective upon the signature of the Memorandum of Decision with concurrent probation for four years with the usual probationary terms including the key restriction for one year and tolling language. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING – LAURENE MORGAN, RN

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Morgan was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Ms. Morgan.

Geraldine Marrocco moved to grant Ms. Morgan's request for RN licensure reinstatement. The motion was seconded by Robin Rettig Cattanio and passed unanimously.

Mary Brown then moved to place Ms. Morgan's license on probation for one year with quarterly employer and therapist reports, coursework in professional boundaries, and tolling language. The motion was seconded by Ellen Komar and passed unanimously.

Robin Rettig Cattanio left for the day at this time.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING – JAMES F. SNOW, RN

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Snow was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Mr. Snow.

Geraldine Marrocco moved to grant Mr. Snow's request for RN licensure reinstatement. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco moved to place Mr. Snow's RN license on probation for four years with the usual probationary restrictions, including continued participation in AA/NA Support Group Meetings, after he successfully completes the NCLEX-RN examination. The motion was seconded by Ellen Komar and passed unanimously. Prior to this meeting date Mr. Snow had successfully completed the Department approved RN Refresher Program at Charter Oak State College.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 12:50 PM.

STUDENTS

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

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