

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 20, 2017 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-D, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Mary Dietmann, RN
Jennifer Long, APRN
Geraldine Marrocco, RN
Gina M. Reiners, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Aimee Ballard, LPN
Elizaida Delgado, LPN
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:34a.m.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Stone Academy, East Hartford and Porter & Chester Institute, Rocky Hill.

CHAIR UPDATES

Nothing to report

OPEN FORUM

There were no comments or concerns from the audience.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Nothing to report

SCHOOL ISSUES

Fairfield University, Egan School of Nursing – Change of Location Site Visit

Dean Meredith Wallace Kazer was present on behalf of Fairfield University.

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, reported that on August 17, 2017 and September 1, 2017 a visit was made to Fairfield University Egan School of Nursing for an inspection of a new location.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the relocation of the Fairfield University Egan School of Nursing. The motion passed unanimously.

Norwalk Community College – Approval of Interim Director for Nursing and Allied Health

Judy Mocchiola, MSN, RN, was present regarding a request that she be approved as the Interim Director for Nursing and Allied Health at Norwalk Community College.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to approve Ms. Mocchiola as the Interim Director for Nursing and Allied Health. The motion passed unanimously.

University of Connecticut School of Nursing – Curriculum changes

E. Carol Polifroni, Dean and Nancy Manister, CEIN Program Director were present on behalf the University of Connecticut School of Nursing.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve the curriculum changes at University of Connecticut School of Nursing. The motion passed unanimously.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health in August 2017.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Juliet Clifford, RN Petition No. 2016-380

Jennifer Long moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Riley's registered nurse license be placed on probation for a period of four years. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Christine Tracy, LPN Petition No. 2016-967

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Tracy's licensed practical nurse license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Sarah Sanders, R.N Petition No. 2015-256

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's decision, with edits, that Ms. Sanders' registered nurse license be placed on probation for a period of one year. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER MODIFICATION - REQUEST TO TERMINATE PROBATION

Kyle McClintock, RN, APRN Petition No. 2013-974, 2014-40

The Board reviewed a request from Kyle McClintock, RN, APRN, asking that time she engaged in treatment with the HAVEN program, prior to the implementation of a Consent Order dated July 16, 2014, be credited towards the completion of the four year period of probation imposed pursuant to the Consent Order.

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health to object to the modification request.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to deny Ms. McClintock's request. The motion to deny passed unanimously.

PRE-HEARING REVIEW

Shanequa Moore, LPN Petition No. 2015-371

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a pre-hearing review packet in the matter of Shanequa Moore, LPN. Ms. Moore was present with Attorney Dan Csuka.

Following a review of the exhibits by the Board, Mary Brown made a recommendation for probation for a period of one year with completion of course work relating to ethics, professional nursing standards, empathy in caring for patients, and documentation standards in nursing.

Gina Reiners and Jennifer Long recommended the probation be for two years.

Geraldine Marrocco, Mary Dietmann and Chair Bouffard recommended that a one year suspension also be included. Mary Brown then commented that a 6 month period of suspension is appropriate. Counsel for respondent and the DPH will attempt to negotiate a proposed settlement.

CONSENT ORDERS

Nilce S. Conti, RN Petition No. 2016-1158

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented the Board with a Consent Order for Nilce Conti. Ms. Conti was not present and was not represented by counsel. Gina Reiners moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order.

Following discussion the motion to approve the Consent Order failed unanimously. It was the consensus of the Board that the proposed civil penalty should be increased.

Connie-Jo Gibeault, RN Petition No. 2017-33

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented the Board with a Consent Order for Connie-Jo Gibeault. Ms. Gibeault was present but was not represented by counsel. Mary Brown moved and Gina Reiners seconded, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a four year period of probation.

Kristin Ciasulli, RN Petition No. 2017-575

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kristin Ciasulli. Ms. Ciasulli was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

Dianne Layer-Kelly, RN Petition No. 2017-725

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Diane Layer-Kelly. Ms. Layer-Kelly was not present and was not represented by counsel. Geraldine Marrocco moved and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order.

Following discussion the motion to approve the Consent Order failed unanimously. It was the consensus of the Board that this case does not rise to a level to warrant disciplinary action.

Brian Gross, RN Petition No. 2016-236

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Brian Gross. Mr. Gross was present but was not represented by counsel. Gina Reiners moved and Mary Brown seconded, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a four year period of probation.

Cristina DiSanto, RN Petition No. 2016-1547

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Cristina DiSanto. Ms. DiSanto was not present and was not represented by counsel. Geraldine Marrocco moved and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a two year period of probation.

Concetta Mancini, R.N. Petition No. 2017-365

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Reinstatement Consent Order for Concetta Mancini. Ms. Mancini was not present and was not represented by counsel. Jennifer Long moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which reinstates Ms. Mancini's license to a four year period of probation.

Beverly Wilson, LPN Petition No. 2017-407

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Beverly Wilson. Ms. Wilson was not present and was not represented by counsel. Gina Reiners moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a one year period of probation.

HEARINGS

Bethany Bozzuto, LPN – Reinstatement Hearing

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was present for the Department of Public Health. Ms. Bozzuto was present but was not represented by counsel. This was a continuation of the hearing which began on August 23, 2017.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Mary Brown moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded that Ms. Bozzuto's license be reinstated. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded that as condition of reinstatement Ms. Bozzuto must complete a licensed practical nurse refresher program after which her license will be on probation for a period of four years with drug screens, therapy and employer reports and a narcotic key restriction. In addition, Ms. Cullen must attend a 12 step program at least eight to ten times a month. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco and Mary Dietmann left for the day at 11:00 a.m.

Jennifer Ressa, LPN Petition No. 2017-377

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Ms. Ressa was present but was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Ressa orally answered the Statement of Charges.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to enter executive session to receive testimony regarding confidential treatment records. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 11:24 a.m. until 11:59 a.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

The hearing was continued to November 15, 2017 to allow Ms. Ressa to obtain copies of treatment records, inclusive of drug screening reports as well as psychiatrist and counselor evaluations.

Presley Eze, LPN Petition No. 2016-1043

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Mr. Eze was present with Attorney Daniel Csuka.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant a request by counsel for respondent to continue the hearing to a later date allow him an opportunity to obtain respondent's treatment records. The request for continuance was granted. The hearing will be rescheduled to November 15, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 2:02 p.m.

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