

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 18, 2017 at the Department of Public Health Complex, Room 470-A/B, 470 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member  
Jennifer Long, APRN  
Geraldine Marrocco, RN  
Gina M. Reiners, RN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mary Dietmann, RN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH  
Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, 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

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

**CHAIR UPDATES**

Chair Bouffard reported that she recently participated in two National Council State Boards of Nursing webinars.

**OPEN FORUM**

Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager provided a list of proposed bills that have been submitted during the legislative session which started on January 4, 2017.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE**

Nothing to report

**SCHOOL ISSUES**

**Naugatuck Valley Community College Change in Leadership**

Sandra Roosa and Carol Gabriel were present from Naugatuck Valley Community College. Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to approve Carol Gabriel as the Associate Dean of Health Sciences and Director of Nursing. The motion passed unanimously.

**University of Bridgeport nursing lab**

Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a report on a visit to the University of Bridgeport nursing lab on December 6, 2016

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of nursing scope of practice inquires received by the Department of Public Health in December 2016.

**MEMORANDUM OF DECISION**

Arlene Dumais, RN, APRN – Petition Nos. 2015-1184; 2015-1207

Mary Brown moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Dumais' advanced practice registered nurse license be revoked and that her registered nurse license be placed on probation for one year. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

## **CONSENT ORDER**

### Michael Mase, RN - Petition No. 2015-576

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Michael Mase. Mr. Mase was present with attorney Gretchen Randall. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order as written.

The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which places Mr. Mase's license on probation for one year and imposes a \$3000.00 civil penalty.

### Alyson Evans, APRN, RN - Petition Nos. 2016-941; 2016-944

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Alyson Evans. Ms. Evans was not present or represented by counsel. Jennifer Long moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order as written.

The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which reprimands Ms. Evans' registered nurse and advanced practice registered nurse license.

The Board requests that in future ceases pertaining to out-of-state discipline that proposed Consent Orders include language requiring a respondent to successfully complete the terms of any out-of-state disciplinary orders.

### Tracy Kane, RN - Petition No. 2016-540

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Tracy Kane. Ms. Kane was not present or represented by counsel. Gina Reiners moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order as written.

The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which places Ms. Kane's license on probation for three years.

### Dawn Palmer, RN - Petition No. 2016-263

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented the Board with a Consent Order for Dawn Palmer. Ms. Palmer and her attorney were not present. Jennifer Long moved and Gina Reiners seconded, to approve the Consent Order.

Jennifer Long moved and Gina Reiners seconded to enter executive session to discuss confidential treatment records. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 9:32 a.m. to 9:38 a.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following executive session the motion to approve the Consent Order failed. Only Jennifer Long voted to approve the Consent Order.

It was recommended that a 6 month restriction prohibiting the administration, counting or access to narcotics or other controlled substances, in the course of her nursing duties and a restriction prohibiting employment for personnel provider service, assisted living services agency, homemaker - home health aide agency, home health care agency, or self-employment be added to the proposed order.

## **HEARINGS**

### Mary Field, RN - Petition No. 2016-1387

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented. The Board granted the Department of Public Health's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted on a motion by Jennifer Long, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco.

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

Jennifer Long moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that Ms. Field be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded to issue an Order revoking Ms. Field's registered nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer McArdle, RN - Petition No. 2016-584

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented. The Board granted the Department of Public Health's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted on a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Lisa Freeman.

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

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that Ms. McArdle be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded to issue an Order revoking Ms. McArdle's registered nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

Hester Munyon, RN - Petition No. 2016-1382

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented. The Board granted the Department of Public Health's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted on a motion by Mary Brown, seconded by Gina Reiners.

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

Mary Brown moved and Gina Reiners seconded that Ms. Munyon be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded to issue an Order revoking Ms. Munyon's registered nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

Lynn Fletcher, RN, APRN - Petition Nos. 2016-517; 2016-749

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Richard Brown.

Lisa Freeman moved and Gina Reiners seconded, to enter executive session to obtain testimony from respondent regarding confidential medical/treatment records. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 12:25 p.m. until 12:46 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

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

Jennifer Long moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded that respondent be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Gina Reiners seconded to issue an Order placing Ms. Fletcher's registered nurse and advanced practice registered nurse licenses on probation for four year with conditions for random drug and alcohol screening, therapy and employer reports. Ms. Fletcher is also assessed a \$1000.00 civil penalty for paragraph 3a of the Statement of Charges. In addition, Ms. Fletcher is required to obtain approval from the Department of Public Health and her therapist prior to reapplying for her controlled substance registration and her prescribing practices must be supervised by a physician or another advanced practice registered nurse. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 1:31 p.m.

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