

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on March 22, 2017 at the Department of Public Health Complex, Room 470-A/B, 470 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair
Elizaida Delgado, LPN
Mary Dietmann, RN
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary M. Brown, RN
Geraldine Marrocco, RN
Gina M. Reiners, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Brittany Allen, 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 9:05 a.m.

Elizaida Delgado, LPN was welcomed to her first meeting as a member of the Board.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard reported that she recently gave a lecture about the Board at Naugatuck Valley Community College.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to add discussion of the National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) New Membership Model to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Patricia Bouffard provided an overview of discussion from the NCSBN mid-year meeting regarding the addition of new NCSBN membership categories.

Chair Bouffard also provided an update regarding the Nurse Licensure Compact which allows nurses to practice in other compact states with a single multistate license.

HEALTH ASSISTANCE INTERVENTION EDUCATION NETWORK (HAVEN)

Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director provided an update regarding the Haven Program and the services offered to participants. Ms. Dinnan reported that of the current 267 participants in the program, 132 are registered nurses, 15 are licensed practical nurses and 10 are advanced practice registered nurses.

Ms. Dinnan discussed that on October 1, 2015, a \$5.00 increase in healthcare provider licensing fees went into effect for the purpose of providing funding to HAVEN, however, no funds have been released to HAVEN by the Department of Public Health.

The budget that has been proposed by the Governor would redirect this \$5.00 licensing surcharge from the Department of Public Health to the State's general fund. Ms. Dinnan explained that without this funding, the services provided by HAVEN would be greatly impacted. Following discussion Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that it be resolved that the Board of Examiners for Nursing supports the ongoing services offered by HAVEN and that the \$5.00 surcharge from licensing fees continue to be provided to the Health Assistance Intervention Education Network Program every year and that the \$5.00 surcharge should not go into the general fund. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Freeman, to approve the minutes from January 18, 2017. The motion passed with all in favor except Elizaida Delgado who abstained.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the minutes from February 15, 2017. The motion passed with all in favor except Elizaida Delgado who abstained.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Stone Academy - Ted Moskowitz, RN Permanent Waiver Request

Holly Mulrenan, Deborah Detrick and Ted Moskowitz were present from Stone Academy.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to grant a permanent waiver request for Mr. Moskowitz to teach all aspects of the LPN curriculum at Stone Academy. 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 January and February 2017.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Lisa Fabrizio, R.N. - Petition No. 2016-776

Jennifer Long moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Fabrizio's registered nurse license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed with all in favor except Elizaida Delgado who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Adrian Kozikowski, R.N. - Petition No. 2016-874

Mary Dietmann moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Mr. Kozokowski's registered nurse license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed with all in favor except Elizaida Delgado who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

David LaPierre, R. N. - Petition No. 2015-701

Lisa Freeman moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Mr. LaPierre's registered nurse license be reprimanded. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed with all in favor except Elizaida Delgado who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Dorsey Saunders, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2016-623

Mary Dietmann moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Saunders' licensed practical nurse license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed with all in favor except Elizaida Delgado who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Alycia Witzmann, R.N. - Petition No. 2015-495

Jennifer Long moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that charges against Ms. Witzmann be dismissed. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed with all in favor except Elizaida Delgado who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Dawn Noyce, RN - Petition No. 2016-61

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Dawn Noyce, RN. Ms. Noyce was not present nor represented by counsel.

Ms. Noyce voluntarily surrendered her license on January 30, 2017. Jennifer Long moved to grant the Department's Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges, which was seconded by Mary Dietmann. The motion passed with all in favor except Elizaida Delgado who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER MODIFICATION - REQUEST TO TERMINATE PROBATION

William Gilmour, LPN was present to discuss his request to terminate the probation imposed pursuant to a Consent Order in Petition No. 2012-571. Mr. Gilmour was not represented by council. Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present to object to the modification request.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Elizaida Delgado, to deny Mr. Gilmour's request. The motion to deny passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER

Amanda Alarcon, RN - Petition No. 2016-86

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented the Board with a Consent Order for Amanda Alarcon. Ms. Alarcon was not present or represented by counsel. Jennifer Long moved and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed with all in favor except Elizaida Delgado who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which places Ms. Alarcon's license on probation for four years.

Jessica Carlson, RN - Petition Nos. 2016-550

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented the Board with a Consent Order for Jessica Carlson. Ms. Carlson was not present or represented by counsel. Mary Dietmann moved and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order as written.

The motion passed with all in favor except Elizaida Delgado who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which places Ms. Carlson's registered nurse license on probation for two years.

Akiko Mallet, LPN - Petition No. 2016-513

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Akiko Mallet. Ms. Mallet was present but was not represented by counsel. Lisa Freeman moved and Jennifer long seconded, to approve the Consent Order as written.

The motion passed with all in favor except Elizaida Delgado who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which reprimand's Ms. Mallet's licensed practical nurse license.

Melissa Tackett, RN - Petition No. 2016-1270

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented the Board with a Consent Order for Melissa Tackett. Ms. Tackett was not present or represented by counsel. Mary Dietmann moved and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order as written.

The motion passed with all in favor except Elizaida Delgado who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of one year.

Heather Wettemann, RN - Petition No. 2016-1481

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented the Board with a Consent Order for Heather Wettemann. Ms. Wettemann was present but was not represented by counsel. Jennifer Long moved and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order as written.

The motion passed with all in favor except Elizaida Delgado who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which reinstates Ms. Wettemann's registered nurse license to probation for four years.

HEARINGS

John Ayres, RN - Petition No. 2016-1387

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Richard Brown.

Mary Dietmann moved and Lisa Freeman seconded, to enter executive session to obtain testimony regarding confidential medical/treatment records. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 11:44 a.m. until 11:59 a.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 Lisa Freeman seconded that respondent be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Lisa Freeman seconded to issue an Order placing Mr. Ayer's registered nurse license on probation for two years with conditions for random drug and alcohol screening, 12 step program attendance as well as therapy and employer reports

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 12:20 p.m.

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