

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 19, 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
Mary M. Brown, RN
Elizaida Delgado, LPN
Mary Dietmann, RN
Jennifer Long, APRN
Geraldine Marrocco, RN
Gina M. Reiners, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Sara Montauti, HPA, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Principal 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

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Lincoln College of New England.

CHAIR UPDATES

No report/update

OPEN FORUM

There were no comments or concerns from the audience.

There was discussion amongst Board members regarding the Nurse Licensure Compact.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to add a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Samantha Angelini, RN to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard and Kathleen Boulware provided an overview of the National Council State Boards of Nursing midyear meeting which was held in Salt Lake City on March 13-15, 2017.

Geraldine Marrocco reported on the APRN Roundtable that was held on April 4, 2017.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Stone Academy – Request to approve Kate Galambos R.N., as interim LPN Program Manager
Holly Mulrenan, and Kate Galambos were present from Stone Academy.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve Ms. Galambos as the Interim LPN Program Manager at the Stone Academy West Haven campus. The motion passed unanimously.

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH reported on the following:

- St. Vincent's College updated the Department, on 03/27/2017, that the College has recently engaged in a significant dialogue with Sacred Heart University to pursue the potential acquisition of St. Vincent's College. Currently the two institutions have entered into a management agreement which merges valuable resources and is mutually beneficial. There will be no change in faculty, location curriculum or clinical affiliations.
- Porter & Chester Institute informed the Department that they may need to add an additional classroom in the future (Waterbury campus). The Department would not make an on-site visit (as visits to the Waterbury campus were made in the fall of 2016 and in 02/2017 -prior to a 2nd nursing laboratory being "opened"). Patti Donovan, the Director of Practical Nursing and Curriculum Chair will keep the Department informed.

Ms. Smith and Sara Montauti, Health Program Assistant 2, DPH discussed the 2016 RN and LPN Program statistics. DPH staff will review attrition rates for select RN programs to determine if Board review will be necessary.

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 March 2017.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Fernando Roldan, R.N. - Petition No. 2015-994

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to table this matter to allow for a modification of the proposed probationary terms. The motion passed unanimously.

Megan Surprenant, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2016-515

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

Judith Cullen, R. N. - Reinstatement

Jennifer Long moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Cullen's registered nurse license be reinstated to probation with conditions. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUEST

Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present to discuss a license reinstatement request Judith Ruggiero, RN. Ms. Ruggiero's license was revoked in August 2016.

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present to object to the request.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to deny the request. The motion passed unanimously.

PRE-HEARING REVIEW

Lauren Collins, RN -Petition No. 2016-5013

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a pre-hearing review packet in the matter of Lauren Collins, RN. Ms. Collins was present with Attorney Timothy Grady.

The Board recommended probation for six months with monthly employer reports and course work relating to emergency response and care. In addition, respondent must make two in-service presentations to staff to include mock fall scenarios relating to a spine and head injury and a fractured hip or pelvis.

CONSENT ORDER

Richard Nadan, RN - Petition No. 2015-812

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Richard Nadan. Mr. Nadan was not present or 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 reprimand and a \$2500.00 civil penalty.

Shirley Powell, RN - Petition No. 2015-167

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Shirley Powell. Ms. Powell was present with Attorney Mariella LaRosa. Mary Brown moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order as written.

The motion passed with all in favor, except Jennifer Long who was recused. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which places Ms. Carlson's registered nurse license on probation for two years and permanently restricts Ms. Powell from caring for any patient with an artificial airway, including, but not limited to, a tracheostomy tube or any type of mechanical ventilation, while she is employed in a home health care setting or at any practice setting that does not physically include other licensed nursing staff on-site at all times.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Samantha Angelini, RN - Petition No. 2015-804

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Samantha Angelini, RN. Ms. Angelini was not present nor represented by counsel.

Ms. Angelini voluntarily surrendered her license on April 18, 2017. Mary Brown moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to grant the Department's Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges. The Motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

HEARING

Lisa Piatak, LPN - Petition No. 2016-1062

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti 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 Mary Dietmann.

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

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded that Ms. Piatak be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded to issue decision ordering Ms. Piatak to cease and desist from practicing nursing without a current license. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Fernando Roldan, R.N. - Petition No. 2015-994

Gina Reiners made a motion moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Mr. Roldan's license be placed on probation for four years with conditions. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

HEARINGS

Christine Tracy, LPN - Petition No. 2016-967

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton 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 Jennifer Long.

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

Mary Brown moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that Ms. Tracy be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Juliet Clifford, RN - Petition No. 2016-380

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 Geraldine Marrocco.

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

Gina Reiners moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded that Ms. Clifford be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Dietmann seconded to issue an Order revoking Ms. Tracy's registered nurse license. After discussion the motion to revoke failed. All were opposed to revocation except for Mary Dietmann who was in favor.

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Dietmann seconded to issue an Order placing Ms. Clifford's license on probation for a period of four years with conditions. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann who was opposed.

Presley Eze, LPN - Petition No. 2016-1043

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present on behalf of respondent.

Attorney Moore Leonhardt asked for a continuance so as to attend to a personal matter. Without objection from Attorney Newton the request for continuance was granted. Attorney Newton objected that Mr. Eze was not present for the scheduled hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 12:25 p.m.

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