

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on July 18, 2018 the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in room 1-D.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary M. Brown, RN  
Aimee Ballard, LPN  
Mary Dietmann, RN  
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member  
Gina M. Reiners, RN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Elizaida Delgado, LPN  
Jennifer Long, APRN  
Geraldine Marrocco, RN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alfreda Gaither, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH  
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, 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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Ms. Brown called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

#### **STUDENTS**

Students from Stone Academy and Lincoln Technical Institute were welcomed to the meeting.

#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

Nothing to Report.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Heather Delaney, LPN addressed the Board regarding a policy at South Dakota State University that prohibits admission to the course if an individual has an active Consent Agreement or Order from their current or former Board of Nursing or has a felony conviction.

Mary Brown asked Ms. Delaney to send her contact information to the Board office so that she can be contacted regarding this issue.

#### **NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING**

Nothing to Report.

#### **MINUTES**

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to approve the minutes from May 16, 2018. The motion passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who abstained.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the minutes from June 20, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

### **MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Ashley Dizney, RN, APRN - Petition Nos. 2018-707; 2018-709

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ashley Dizney, RN, APRN. Ms. Dizney was present and was represented by Attorney Richard Brown.

Gina Reiners moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety and welfare. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously. Mary Brown signed the Summary Suspension Order. At the request of Attorney Brown, without objection from Attorney Fazzina, the hearing will be scheduled for November 21, 2018.

### **SCHOOL ISSUES**

Porter & Chester Institute – Stratford Campus

Patricia Donovan was present on behalf of Porter & Chester.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to accept the revisions to Porter & Chester's plan of correction which was first presented at the June 20, 2018 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Five Year Study

Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH provided an overview of changes to the process by which the Department will be conducting five years studies.

The Department discussed a limitation with the current Department resources regarding the 5 year LPN Program Review clinical site visits as the CT approved LPN programs have multiple locations and day and evening student groups. As a result, the Department proposes that random clinical site visits will occur for one third of the locations with a focus on any "problematic" locations. The visits will occur with both the day and evening student groups. If there are any issues/concerns identified during this process the Department will complete additional clinical site visits. The Department stated that this random sample selection process is used in many of the Department's inspection programs.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, acknowledging these changes. 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 June 2018.

### **MEMORANDUM OF DECISION**

Shannon Eustace, LPN - Petition No. 2017-603

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Eustace's licensed practical nurse license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously. Mary Brown signed the Order.

Frances Pisaturo, LPN - Petition No. 2017-658

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Pisaturo's licensed practical nurse license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Aimee Ballard and passed unanimously. Mary Brown signed the Order.

### **MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

Linda S. Greenhill, RN

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in this matter. Ms. Greenhill surrendered her license on July 5, 2018.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to grant the motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges based on Ms. Greenhill's license surrender. The motion passed unanimously. Mary Brown signed the Order.

### **LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUEST**

#### Deborah Hardy, RN

Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH, presented a license reinstatement request regarding Deborah Hardy, RN. Ms. Hardy was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Following review, the Board recommended reinstatement with a reprimand, a \$220.00 civil penalty and course work in scope of practice and infection control.

### **MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

#### Laura Kisatsky, RN -Petition No. 2018-691

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Laura Kisatsky. Ms. Kisatsky was present but was not represented by counsel.

Gina Reiners moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety and welfare. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. Mary Brown signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for August 8, 2018.

### **CONSENT ORDERS**

#### Catherine Florio, APPN - Petition No.: 2016-556

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Consent Order in the matter of Catherine Florio, RN.

Mr. Florio was represented by Cynthia J Cocomo, Esq.

Gina Reiners and Lisa Freeman recused themselves in this matter. Due to the lack of quorum to act, this matter will be placed on the August 8, 2018 agenda.

### **HEARINGS**

#### Joshua Klies, LPN - Petition No. 2017-1029

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was present for the Department of Public Health. Mr. Klies was present but was not represented by counsel.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Aimee Ballard to grant an oral request to continue this hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Christine DeFusco, LPN - Petition No. 2017-14

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present when the hearing began but arrived after the close of the record, therefore the hearing was reopened.

Respondent answered the charges on the record.

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Dietmann seconded to enter executive session to take testimony pertaining to confidential treatment records. The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered executive session from 10:05 a.m. to 10:12 a.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken in executive session.

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

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

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that Ms. DeFusco's license be placed on probation with conditions for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Mary Brown, RN  
Board of Examiners for Nursing