

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on December 18, 2019 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in room 2A.

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jason Blando, Public Member  
Elizaida Delgado, LPN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alfreda Gaither, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH  
Joelle Newton, 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 8:35 a.m.

### **STUDENTS**

Students from Stone Academy, East Hartford, Connecticut were in attendance.

### **CHAIR UPDATES**

Nothing to report.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report.

*Gina M. Reiners arrived at 8:40 a.m.*

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

- The NCSBN mid-year meeting will be held in Boston March 3-5, 2020.
- The passing standards for the NCLEX-LPN examination have been increased.
- A next generation NLCEX examination is under development.

### **SCHOOL ISSUES**

#### **A. Faculty Credential Review**

At its meeting on May 15, 2019, the Board requested that the DPH conduct an audit of faculty credentials for all pre-licensure programs in Connecticut.

Credentials for faculty at the University of Hartford were reviewed at today's meeting

B. Connecticut Community College Nursing Program

Linda M. Perfetto was present on behalf of the Connecticut Community College Nursing Program and explained changes to the final program learning outcomes.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to accept the changes to the curriculum. The motion passed with all in favor.

Chair Bouffard recused herself from the discussion and vote in this matter.

C. Lincoln Technical Institute – Approval of Program Administrator

Deborah Little and Hillary Holiday were present from Lincoln Technical Institute.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown to approve Hillary Holiday as the Interim Director of Nursing at the New Britain campus. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Porter & Chester Institute – Plan of Correction

Nancy Brunet was present from Porter & Chester Institute.

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH, provided a synopsis of the Porter & Chester's plan of correction regarding NCLEX pass rates

Following a review and discussion Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to accept the plan of correction relating to pass rates. The motion passed unanimously.

Helen Smith, provided a synopsis of the Porter & Chester's general plan of correction monthly update. Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to accept the monthly update. The Board requested that future updates include data relating to outcomes.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to approve Michelle Tanner as the Interim Nursing supervisor at the Rocky Hill campus. The motion passed unanimously.

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of nursing scope of practice inquires received by the Department of Public Health during November, 2019. 42 calls were received in November.

**LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS**

Patricia Zapullo, RN

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH Office of Practitioner Licensing presented a request from Patricia Zapullo asking that her registered nurse license be reinstated to retired status. Ms. Zapullo's license has been in retired status since at least 2009 but lapsed due to nonrenewal on April 30, 2017.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to recommend reinstatement to retired status.

**REQUEST TO MODIFY MEMORANDUM OF DECISION**

The Board reviewed a request from Judith Cullen, RN asking for a modification of a Reinstatement Memorandum of Decision dated April 19, 2017.

This matter will be scheduled for a hearing on March 17, 2020.

**MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Kaitlyn Sutton, LPN - Petition No. 2019-769

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension. Kaitlyn Sutton. Ms. Sutton was not present and was not represented.

Mary Dietmann 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 Brown and passed unanimously.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for January 15, 2020.

Denise Ambrose, LPN - Petition No. 2019-751

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Denise Ambrose. Ms. Ambrose was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long 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.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for January 15, 2020.

**CONSENT ORDERS**

Jill Cavanaugh, RN - Petition No: 2018-443

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a pre-hearing review packet in this matter.

Ms. Cavanaugh was present with Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt.

Following review the Board recommended that additional information be presented.

Mary Reed, RN - Petition No: 2019-1131

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Mary Reed, RN.

Ms. Reed was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Jennifer moved and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order

Jennifer moved, Mary Dietmann and Geraldine Marrocco voted in favor of the motion to approve. Chair Bouffard, Mary Brown and Gina Reiners were opposed. The motion to approve the Consent Order failed.

**HEARINGS**

Joseph Iannicelli, LPN - Petition No. 2019-701

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health.

Respondent was present but was not represented by counsel.

Following close of the hearing the Board began fact-finding. Mary Brown moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded that Mr. Iannicelli be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded that the probation of Mr. Iannicelli's license, set forth in a March 6, 2019, Memorandum of Decision remain in effect. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded that the Summary Suspension of Mr. Iannicelli's license ordered on August 14, 2019 be vacated immediately. The motion passed unanimously.

Amy Slepica, RN - Petition No. 2018-1418

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that the Board grant the Department of Public Health's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted based on an Answer to the Statement of Charges not being filed. The motion passed unanimously. Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

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

Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded that Ms. Slepica's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Dana Kendrick, LPN - Petition No. 2018-896

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present but not represented by counsel.

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

Mary Dietmann moved, and Gina Reiners seconded that Ms. Kendrick's license be reinstated. The motion passed unanimously.

Elaine Reynolds, RN - Petition No. 2018-1301

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health.

Respondent was present but was not represented by counsel.

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

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

Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded that the Board issue a Memorandum of Decision ordering Ms. Reynold to cease and desist practicing beyond that of a registered nurse that her license be reprimanded, and that she pay a \$200.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 12:38 p.m.

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