

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on July 17, 2019 the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in room 2-B.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Jason Blando, Public Member  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Elizaida Delgado, LPN  
Mary Dietmann, RN  
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member  
Jennifer Long, APRN  
Geraldine Marrocco, RN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gina M. Reiners, RN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager  
Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Deborah Brown, Health Program Associate  
Helen Smith Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Joelle Newton, 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 8:40 a.m.

#### **STUDENTS**

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Lincoln Technical Institute, Shelton Campus

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report

#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

Chair Bouffard requests that the Department of Public Health provide an update on the status of regulation changes the Board previously contributed to.

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

Chair Bouffard spoke about Virtual Reality Simulation.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REQUEST FOR DECLARATORY RULING**

The Department of Public Health has requested a Declaratory Ruling regarding Insulin adjustment by school nurses for school children with parental input. Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Salton explained the Declaratory Ruling process and the events which prompted the DPH to request a ruling on the following question:

*Is it within the scope of practice for school nurses to adjust insulin doses for school children with parental input as long as (1) a physician's order authorizes the parent/guardian of a student with diabetes to adjust the timing and/ or dosage of diabetes medication within specified limits, (2) the physician's order authorizes the school nurse to make dosage adjustment's within the same ranges(s) authorized for the parent guardian to propose, and (3) the nurse retains his/her professional judgement regarding the adjustment dose that he/she will administer?*

Lisa Freeman made a motion seconded by Mary Dietmann to consider the declaratory ruling request and to issue a ruling without further proceedings. The motion passed unanimously.

Following discussion the Board unanimously voted that question as written is not within the scope of practice.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion seconded by Mary Dietmann that it is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse in a school setting to adjust insulin doses for school children with parental input as long as (1) a provider's order authorizes the parent/guardian of a student with diabetes to adjust the timing and/ or dosage of diabetes medication within specified limits, (2) the provider's order authorizes the registered nurse in a school setting to make dosage adjustment's within the same ranges(s) authorized for the parent guardian to propose, and (3) the registered nurse retains his/her professional judgement regarding the adjustment dose that he/she will administer. The motion passed unanimously.

A proposed ruling will be drafted for review and signature at a future meeting.

## SCHOOL ISSUES

### South Dakota State University – LPN Refresher Program

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH reported that as of July 2019 the South Dakota State University (SDSU) admission guidelines for the LPN & RN Refresher courses will expand for inclusion of individuals with prior felony conviction or Board of Nursing disciplinary actions. Admission will be conditional on the results of the required background searches and the commitment for clinical placement. SDSU has stated that an applicant could complete the SDSU theory portion of the refresher course only and upon completion the applicant would be issued a certificate of completion.

### Registered Nurse Programs – Letters of Accreditation

During the Board meeting on 12/20/2017 the Department provided letters of accreditation from eighteen Connecticut registered nurse programs schools. As requested, the Department is providing letters of ongoing accreditation for the CT RN schools, since 12/20/2017. The accreditation letters provided today are for:

- Gateway Community College
- Naugatuck Valley Community College
- Northwestern CT Community College
- Quinnipiac University
- Three Rivers Community College
- Goodwin College
- Western CT State University

Going forward, the Board requests that school responses to issues identified in the accreditation process be provided. In addition, letters should be sent to the schools reminding them that regulations and statutes need to be adhered to, and to provide to the Department of Public Health for review, a list of nursing school faculty and their credentials.

### St. Vincent's College at Sacred Heart University

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH reported the school changed its name to St. Vincent's College effective July 1, 2019.

### University of Bridgeport– Approval of Interim Director, School of Nursing

Carol Papp and Dawn Marie Nair were present from the University of Bridgeport.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve Dr. Nair as the Interim Director of the School of Nursing. The motion passed unanimously.

### University of Saint Joseph

- Approval of Chairperson, Department of Nursing

Elizabeth Francis Connolly and Janet Knecht were present from the University of Saint Joseph.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve Dr. Knecht as the Chair of the Department of Nursing. The motion passed unanimously.

- Permanent Waiver Request

The Board reviewed a permanent waiver request for Mellissa Marcucci to teach pathopharmacology. Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve the request. Mary Brown and Jennifer Long voted in favor of the motion all others were opposed. The motion failed in that Ms. Marcucci does not have a Master's Degree in Nursing as required by regulations.

### **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health during June 2019.

### **MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

Kathryn Ford, RN - Petition No. 2018-433

Mary Dietmann moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Ford's registered nurse license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Presley Eze, LPN - Petition No. 2018-781

Jennifer Long moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Mr. Eze's licensed practical nurse license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Yachika Leonard, RN - Petition No. 2017-896

Geraldine Marrocco moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Leonard's registered nurse license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

### **LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS**

Jill Bennett, RN

Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH, presented a license reinstatement request regarding Jill Bennett, RN.

Following review, the Board concurred with the DPH recommendation that Ms. Bennett's license be reinstated to probation for a period of four years with conditions including drug/alcohol screening, therapy and employer evaluations, and attendance at AA/NA meetings, completion of a refresher program and passing the NCLEX examination.

Wendy Fitzgerald, RN

Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, and Deborah Brown Health Program Associate DPH, presented a license reinstatement request regarding Wendy Fitzgerald, RN.

Following review, the Board concurred with the DPH recommendation that Ms. Fitzgerald's license be reinstated subsequent to completion of a refresher program and passing the NCLEX examination.

### **PRE-HEARING REVIEW**

John Kemp, RN

Brittany Allen presented a pre-hearing review packet in this matter. Mr. Kemp was present without representation.

Following review, the Board recommended no action be taken.

### **MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Jasmine Quinones, LPN - Petition No. 2018-1406

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jasmine Quinones. Ms. Quinones was not present and was not represented by counsel.

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 August 14, 2019.

**CONSENT ORDERS**

Jennifer Peacock, LPN - Petition No. 2017-1466

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Jennifer Peacock, RN.

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

Geraldine Marrocco moved and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent. Following discussion the motion failed unanimously.

Tracy Kane, RN - Petition No. 2019-36

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Tracy Kane, RN.

Ms. Kane was present but was not represented by counsel.

Mary Dietmann moved and Mary Brown seconded, to approve the Consent Order which places Ms. Kane's license on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Myra Espanol - Petition No. 2018-126

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Amanda Myra Espanol, LPN.

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

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order which places Ms. Espanol's license on probation for two years. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Dana Zordan, RN - Petition No: 2019-410

Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Dana Zordan, RN.

Mr. Zordan was present with Attorney Joan Feldman.

Jennifer Long moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order which places Mr. Zordan's license on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Angela Star, RN - Petition No: 2018-892

Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Angela Star, RN.

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

Mary Dietmann moved and Mary Brown seconded, to table this matter for a recommended revision. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Hart, RN - Petition No: 2019-444

Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Amada Hart, RN.

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

Lisa Freeman moved and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order which places Ms. Hart's license on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Danielle Works, LPN - Petition No: 2018-1100

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Amada Hart, RN.

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

Mary Dietmann moved and Lisa Freeman seconded, to approve the Consent Order which places Ms. Works' license on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

## **HEARINGS**

### Brian Gross, RN - Petition No. 2019-536

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present but was not represented by counsel.

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

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, that Mr. Gross be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, that Mr. Gross' license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

### Concetta Mancini, RN - Petition No. 2019-412

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present but was not represented

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

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, that Ms. Mancini be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that this matter does not rise to a level that additional disciplinary action against Ms. Mancini's license is warranted. The motion passed unanimously.

*Geraldine Marrocco and Elizaida Delgado left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.*

### Laura Kisatsky, RN - Petition No. 2019-412

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt.

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

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

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that the current probation of Ms. Kisatsky's license be extended such that the probation ends on May 18, 2024, with weekly random drug screening for the entire period of probation. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Dietmann, moved and Lisa Freeman seconded, that the Summary Suspension of respondent's license, ordered on January 16, 2019, be vacated immediately. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 1:55 p.m.

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