

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair
Jason Blando, Public Member
Mary M. Brown, RN
Mary Dietmann, RN
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member
Gina M. Reiners, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

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
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
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Lincoln Technical Institute, Shelton Campus

CHAIR UPDATES

Nothing to report

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Mary Brown provided a report of the of National Council of State Boards of Nursing annual meeting which began on August 21, 2019

MINUTES

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2019 meeting. The motion passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

Reinstatement after practicing with a lapsed license

Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH Practitioner Licensing Unit explained the current policy regarding practitioners who have continued to practice after their license has expired and are seeking reinstatement. The current policy requires a reinstatement consent order which imposes a reprimand and a civil penalty which is calculated based on the time period the practitioner has continued to practice following the end of the 90 grace period after the license expiration date.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to endorse the DPH's current policy. The motion passed with all in favor except Jason Blando who was opposed.

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 Central Connecticut State University; Fairfield University Egan School of Nursing & Health Studies; and Sacred Heart University were reviewed at today's meeting.

B. Fairfield University, Egan School of Nursing & Health Studies - Temporary Waiver Request

Audrey Beauvais was present from Fairfield University

The Board reviewed a temporary waiver request for Kelsey Doyle, BSN, RN.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the request.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Lincoln Technical Institute - Approval of Nursing Program Administrator

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to table this matter to allow for additional information to be presented. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Norwalk Community College - Approval of Interim Director of Nursing and Allied Health

Carol Yoder was present from Norwalk Community College.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to approve Ms. Yoder as the Interim Director of Nursing and Allied Health. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Sacred Heart University– Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Mary Donius was present from Sacred Heart University. Ms. Donius explained the University's plan to offer an Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing

F. Yale University – Permanent Waiver Requests

Phil Martinez was present from the Yale School of Nursing.

The Board reviewed a permanent waiver request for Sharen McKay

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to approve the request that Sharen McKay teach Nursing 503 - Biomedical Foundations of Health and Disease. Following discussion of Ms. McKay's credentials the motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann and Jason Blando who were opposed.

The Board reviewed a permanent waiver request for Lisa Meland.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to deny the request that Lisa Meland teach Nursing 509 - Introduction to Drug Therapy for the Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing Program. Following discussion of Ms. Meland's credentials, Mary Dietmann and Jason Blando voted to deny the request, all others were opposed.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to approve the request that Lisa Meland teach Nursing 509 - Introduction to Drug Therapy for the Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing Program.

The motion passed with all in favor except. Mary Dietmann and Jason Blando who were opposed.

G. Porter & Chester Institute

Philip Krebbs, Nancy Brunet and Attorney Joan Feldman were present from Porter & Chester Institute

- Practical Nursing Program additional DPH visits for the 5 year study

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a report on campus visits and clinical site visits. Mr. Krebbs, Ms. Brunet and Attorney Feldman addressed the Board regarding the DPH findings and indicated that Porter & Chester is implementing leadership changes to correct the noted deficiencies.

Following discussion the Board requested that Porter & Chester provide monthly updates of its progress and that DPH perform repeat site visits in 6 months.

Mary Brown Made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that conditional approval of all Porter & Chester sites continue for an additional year. The motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of a Nursing Education Supervisor – Rocky Hill Campus
Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to approve Latoya Lewis as the Nursing Education Supervisor at the Porter & Chester Rocky Hill Campus. 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 during August 2019.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Allyson Allen, LPN - Petition No. 2017-429

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Allen's Licensed practical nurse license be placed on probation. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

LICENSE REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST

Dana Kendrick, RN

Ms. Kendrick was not present and was not represented.

The Board reviewed a request for a reinstatement hearing from Ms. Kendrick, whose registered nurse license was revoked effective May 15, 2019.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to grant Ms. Kendrick a reinstatement hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

PRE-HEARING REVIEW

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.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman to enter executive session to review confidential medical/treatment records. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 11:50 a.m. until 12:00 noon. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following executive session the Board recommended that a second pre-hearing review be scheduled for December 2019, to allow for additional information to be obtained.

CONSENT ORDERS

Sara Smith, RN - Petition No: 2019-443

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

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

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years.

The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Nicole Loving, RN - Petition No: 2019-621

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

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

Mary Brown moved and Gina Reiners seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of three years.

The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Christopher Kay RN - Petition No: 2019-97

The Department of Public Health requested that this matter be rescheduled to the October meeting.

Kelly Dido, RN - Petition No: 2019-726

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

Ms. Dido was present and was represented by counsel.

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years.

The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Stephani Scheurenbrand, APRN, RN - Petition Nos: 2018-234, 2018-248

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Stephani Scheurenbrand, APRN, RN.

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

Mary Brown moved and Lisa Freeman seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and a restriction from practicing in Connecticut.

The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

HEARINGS

Danielle Miranda, RN - Petition No. 2019-87

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

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

Mary Brown moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that Ms. Miranda be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mary Dietmann left for the day at 12:30 p.m.

Charlene Zikaras, RN - Petition No. 2019-522

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

Testimony was provided by respondent.

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

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that Ms. Zikaras be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Brown seconded that Ms. Zikaras' license be suspended for three months with concurrent probation with conditions for a period of four years and a \$200.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously.

Greg Ulrich, RN - Petition No. 2018-255

Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Thomas Noonan.

Mary Brown and Gina Reiners left for the day at 3:00 p.m.

The hearing did not conclude and was continued to October 16, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 4:02 p.m.

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