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 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 LaTonya 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