

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 21, 2009 at the Department of Public Health Complex, Room 470-C, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Amanda Campbell, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Donna Roberts, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Karen Buckley-Bates, Director, Government Relations, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from E. C. Goodwin LPN Program,

Chair Bouffard would provide the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs later in the meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Karen Buckley-Bates, DPH Office of Government Relations, was present to discuss with the Board the Legislative Initiatives for the Department of Public Health for the 2009 Legislative Session. Ms. Bates discussed the following three DPH bills which she thought would be of interest to the Board; day care/youth camp bill, environmental health changes to water and radon, and the DPH tech bill which the Board should keep a watch on throughout the session. There is a Governor's Bill regarding HIV/Aids. At present the requirement is that a written consent is needed to provide testing. The Governor's Bill would change this so that testing would become a routine part of the physical examination. The Governor's Budget Address will take place on February 4th for the July 1st, 2009 fiscal year budget. DPH and other agencies have been asked to lower expenditures by 10%. Also, there is a possibility that licensure fees may increase for health care practitioners, the professions involved have not been announced. This is also a bill regarding the increasing of scholarship funding for nurses, a bill regarding background checks for nurse aides, home health aides, and foreign nurses, and discussion regarding the APRN and their scope of practice.

Department of Developmental Services Proposed, Amended Regulations Concerning Administration of Medications

Statement of Purpose: To amend the Department of Developmental Services' administration of medications regulations to 1.) update terminology used in the field, 2.) reflect current best practices, and 3.) reflect changes in practice dictated by expanded choice in service options for the department's consumers. Sections 1 (17a-210-1) and 2 (17a-210-2) make various changes that effect administration of medications for the department's consumers in all service settings. Sections 3 (17a-210-3), 5 (17a-210-4), 6 (17a-210-5), 7 (17a-210-6), 8 (17a-210-7), 9 (17a-210-8), and 10 (17a-210-9) make changes in administration of medications in residential facilities, respite centers and day programs. Sections 4 (17a-210-3a) and 11 (17a-210-10) address the area of administration of medications to consumers in individual and family support settings and in community training homes. Throughout these proposed, amended regulations, the term for a person receiving services from or funded by the department has been changed to "consumer" to reflect current preferred terminology.

The public hearing concerning these proposed, amended regulations will take place on Monday, February 2, 2009 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Room 1A of the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT. The deadline for written comments is February 18, 2009. The Board will place this on the February 4, 2009 meeting agenda for discussion. The Board questioned as to whether or not the Department of Consumer Protection was involved. Also, the Board had concerns with the words "shall" and "may" regarding training.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY – PLAN OF CORRECTION

Dr. Anne Barker, Chair, and Kathy Fries, Undergraduate Director of Nursing, were present from the program. Having examined the most recent SHU NCLEX-RN exam report, the SHU Department of Nursing has drafted a plan of action to address their published pass rate of 75% for first time takers. SHU has hired a consultant and expert in the NCLEX recovery efforts who conducted a one-day faculty workshop to develop immediate strategies to ensure success in NCLEX testing for current senior nursing students in the program while also identifying longer-term strategies to promote continued NCLEX success in future SHU graduates. The content of the workshop is on the NCLEX exam, test construction, and item analysis, and use of mastery exams. At the conclusion of the workshop they would have a policy and procedure related to testing for the department and an action plan for the next year. The action plan would address guidelines for test construction and item analysis, use of mastery exams, and NCLEX preparation activities and guidelines. In December, 2008 four undergraduate faculty members enrolled in two six-week online courses that are cited on the NCSBN web site with program objectives of promoting critical thinking in nursing students and learning how to participate in test construction and analysis. SHU is also looking at teaching strategies that appeal to the millennial generation. Several nursing faculty members recently attended a day long workshop to learn about alternative modes of teaching and engaging students and will report this information to faculty who could not attend. They will also share exemplars of utilizing these teaching methods so that all faculty can become informed and open to considering the alternative styles of presenting (and evaluating) teaching material to the student body. SHU regrets that their recent NCLEX-RN scores do not illustrate their passion and energy to facilitate learning that will have a positive impact to the patients we seek to serve. In light of these findings, SHU is committed to reassessing their current teaching modalities, testing practices, and NCLEX test preparation strategies in order to provide instructional methodologies and programmatic goals to meet the needs of their students and the patients whom to commit to serve. Katherine Pellerin moved and Heidi Darling seconded to accept SHUs Plan of Correction. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with the following Memoranda of Decision.

NOREEN SERBENT, RN

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Serbent's license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the MOD.

SARAH THOMS, LPN

Merrily Moynihan moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Thoms' license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the MOD.

LAURIE PITKIN WOODSTOCK, RN

Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present for the presentation of the MOD. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Woodstock's license on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the MOD.

FACT FINDING – JENNIFER MIEREZ, LPN

The hearing took place on November 19, 2008. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding was rescheduled. Ms. Mierez was in attendance. All Board Members not in attendance at the hearing have been provided with the exhibits and all Board Members have been provided with a copy of the transcript.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that Ms. Mierez be found as charged on paragraphs 1 and 2 and not found on 3 as there was conflicting testimony. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Ivelisse Varrone who was opposed and Veronica Kivela who abstained.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that the charges be dismissed. The motion passed with the exception of Ivelisse Varrone who was opposed and Veronica Kivela who abstained.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – STORMY DAVIS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Stormy Davis. Mr. Davis was not present and did not have representation. Amanda Campbell moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 4, 2009 at 11:30 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PATRICIA HALL, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Patricia Hall. Ms. Hall was present but did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 4, 2009 at 11:30 AM.

CONSENT ORDER – THERESA YOUNG, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Young was not present and did not have representation. Marie Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – JESSICA VITALE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Robert A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Vitale was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – PAUL PITNEY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Pitney was present with counsel, Attorney Joanne Sheehan. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – DEBORAH DELANEY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Delaney was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER MODIFICATION – DANIEL ALVES, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Alves was not present and did not have representation. Mary Brown moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Consent Order Modification be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – BELINDA GARNETT-WUTKE, LPN

The hearing convened at 10:00 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Garnett-Wutke was present without counsel. Testimony was provided by Ms. Garnett-Wutke. The hearing concluded at 10:20 AM.

Mary Brown moved and Heidi Darling seconded that Ms. Garnett-Wutke be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to enter into Executive Session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General from 10:29 AM to 10:51 AM. No motions were made and no votes were taken during Executive Session.

Mary Brown moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that Ms. Garnett-Whutke's license be suspended for six months with therapist reports and urine screens followed by probation for four years with usual conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – JOHN GINETTI, RN

The hearing convened at 11:08 AM. This is the second day of hearing for Mr. Ginetti. All Board Members who were not in attendance at the last hearing were mailed the hearing exhibits entered into the record. All Board Members were mailed the hearing transcript. Mr. Ginetti was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Mr. Ginetti. Lunch recess 12:05 PM – 12:35 PM. Testimony continued. The hearing concluded at 1:50 PM and will be rescheduled for February 18, 2009 at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 1:52 PM.

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BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Merrily Moynihan, Public Member
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ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
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Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Deborah Brown, Health Program Associate, OPLC, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the University of Hartford and the University of Connecticut, Storrs campus.

Chair Bouffard would provide the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs during the morning break.

OPEN FORUM

There were no items for discussion brought up before the Board from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS & REORDERING OF THE AGENDA

Gateway Community College – Emergency Waiver Request
Memorandum of Decision – Melanie Meade, LPN

SCHOOL ISSUES – PEARSON VUE DISCUSSION

Stephen Carragher, DPH OPLC Supervisor, was unable to be present at this meeting as he was involved in a three-day training for the new on-line licensure verification. This matter will be rescheduled for March 4, 2009 meeting.

SCHOOLS ISSUES – QUESTIONS FROM DEANS & DIRECTORS RELATED TO NCLEX RESULTS

Deb Brown was present from DPH/OPLC for this discussion. Currently the reports from Pearson Vue are critically confusing to the schools, to the public, to everyone.

Donna Canalis provided the Board with a list of recent questions from the Deans and Directors (D&D) regarding NCLEX reports which are as follows:

- Could the nursing programs self report on a quarterly basis to the Board as to their pass rate?
- Could the Board clarify the reporting period?
- Could the Board consider second time pass rates before placing programs on probation? (this goes against the regulations for nursing programs)
- Could Pearson Vue report to schools and to the Licensing Department? (Deb Brown will check into this)
- Pearson Vue should include pass rates from out-of-state takers in the scores. They do not do this consistently.

Additional questions or situations which have occurred.

An LPN student left one program and moved to another having only three months to complete her schooling. This student then failed the NCLEX and the second school had this failure added to their percentile. Should this failure be the responsibility of the first school? No, the score reflects the program that the nurse graduated from.

The D&D would like confirmation on the following: The schools first-time takers have from May 1st to April 30th to take the NCLEX. If this group of first-time takers is enough to increase the schools pass rate to 80 or above if they pass, then the school will not be put on conditional status until tests are taken and scores received.

If the number of first-time takers is not enough to increase the schools pass rate to 80 or above (if they pass) then the school is put on conditional status and the May 1st to April 30th deadline does not apply.

D&D Suggestions (to be put in a protocol)

Once NCLEX reports are received any school under the 80th percentile must submit in writing the following:

- # of candidates,
- # of students who took the NCLEX,
- # of students who passed the NCLEX,
- # of students who failed the NCLEX, and the
- # of students who still need to take the NCLEX.

The school must then calculate if the number of first-time takers is enough to increase the schools pass rate to 80 or above (if they pass) and submit the information to the Board. The school will not be put on conditional status at this time.

As first-time takers begin to take the NCLEX the school must inform the Board when their score is 80 or above and stable enough not to be effected by any further takers who fail. This will be the end of monitoring by the Board.

If the NCLEX score is below the 80th percentile, the school must inform the Board if the number of first-time takers is not enough to increase the schools pass to 80 or above, even if the first-time takers pass. The Board will then place the school on conditional status and request a plan of correction.

If the next class exceeds the 80th percentile the conditional status will be removed.

Conditional approval may be granted for one year. Could it be less? (statute states that conditional approval may be granted for one year to a program previously having initial or full approval.)

Janice Costello, Goodwin ADN Program, has concerns as the way the regulations are presently written as they do fit schools with multiple cohorts which cannot be looked at as a program with one graduating class.

A lot of the reporting issues stem from students entering incorrect information into the system as to year of graduation, the correct school program code, first-time takers, etc. Chair Bouffard will check with other states to see how they are handling the NCLEX results from Pearson Vue.

Donna Canalis will set up a protocol that would work for everyone.

Deb Brown will bring back the questions from the D&D to Stephen Carragher who will attend the March 4th BOEN Meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NCLEX RESULTS – FOURTH QUARTER

The Board reviewed the quarterly NCLEX results and the 2008 yearly summary.

DDS PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS

Staff from DPH, Wendy Furniss, Jennifer Filippone, Kathy Boulware, and Diane Cybulski met with DDS regarding the proposed amended regulations. DPH staff asked for clarification of the regulations, shared their concerns, and offered language changes. The Board has concerns regarding training and oversight. Assessment is also a concern to the Board regarding this very vulnerable population.

David Carlow from DDS will provide the Board with a copy of the training and the oversight systems which are in place, the safeguards, the team process.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Diane Cybulski had nothing new to report to the Board as it is just the beginning of the Legislative Session.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NAUGATUCK VALLEY COLLEGE WAIVER REQUEST

Naugatuck Valley College requested a temporary faculty education waiver for Kim Frederick who will complete her MSN program requirements in May, 2010. Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to reaffirm an e-mail vote of December 17, 2009 that a one-year temporary waiver be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard recused herself from the discussion and the voting.

SCHOOL ISSUES – QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY WAIVER REQUEST

Present from the program was Lisa O'Connor, Director of the Undergraduate Nursing Program requesting a permanent waiver for Eileen Hermann who currently has a Master's in Health Science and is pursuing her Doctorate in Nursing Science. Amanda Campbell moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant the permanent waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Connor also requested a permanent waiver for Patricia Melady who holds a Master's in Professional Studies with a focus in Health Administration and a Doctorate in Education. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant the permanent waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY WAIVER REQUEST

Present from the program was Dr. Karen Crouse, Chair of the Department of Nursing, requesting a one-year waiver for Monica Perry who is currently matriculated in Western's MS in Nursing Program. Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Ms. Perry be granted a temporary waiver for the Spring 2009 semester pending a letter of matriculation. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES - GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – EMERGENCY WAIVER REQUEST

Present from the program was Sheila Solernou, Division Director, requesting a permanent waiver for Jennifer Baskin who has a Master's in Health Care Administration. Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant the waiver pending receipt of the official transcript. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE – NCLEX SCORES – PLAN OF CORRECTION

Janice Costello, Director of the ADN Program at Goodwin College, was present to provide the Board with a report reviewing the graduation months of April 2008 and August 2008. The pass rates were 86.6% and 87.5%. Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded to accept the report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE – NEW LOCATION

Janice Costello advised the Board that Goodwin College AND Nursing Program would be relocating to 1 Riverside Drive in East Hartford. The school anticipates the move in May of 2009 with a starting date of May 12, 2009 for the first semester. Ms. Costello will contact Donna Canalis to schedule a time and date for the site visit at the new location prior to the start of classes.

CT COMMUNITY COLLEGES EVALUATION DATES

Linda Perfetto, Sheila Solernou, and Ellen Freeman were present to provide the Board with a brief verbal summary of their progress as a common curriculum. They have chosen to accept the recommendation of the NLNAC to go forth as per their previous program accreditation cycles. Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded that the program provide an executive summary in the fall of 2009 as the Connecticut Community College Nursing Program offered at five colleges. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Chair Bouffard.

SOUTHERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY – NEW CHAIR

The Board reviewed Lisa M. Rebeschi's CV regarding her appointment as Chairperson for the Department of Nursing at SCSU. Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to approve the appointment and wished Ms. Rebeschi the best in her new endeavors. The motion passed unanimously.

LINCOLN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WAIVER REQUEST

Jo-Ann Dean, Regional Program Administrator, and Cindy Williams, Program Manager of the New Britain Campus, was present from the program requesting two temporary faculty education waivers.

The first waiver is for Karen Wexell at the Hamden Campus. Ms. Wexell is a matriculated student in the MSN Program at the University of Hartford with projected graduation in May of 2009. Donna Roberts moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant Ms. Wexell a five-month temporary waiver. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Katherine Pellerin who was not in attendance at this time.

The second waiver is for Carol Barnes at the New Britain Campus. Ms. Barnes is a matriculated student in the MSN Program at the University of Hartford with projected graduation in May of 2010. Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant Ms. Barnes an eighteen-month temporary waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

The third waiver is for Kathryn Reed who is a matriculated student in the MSN Program at the University of Hartford with projected graduation in May of 2010. Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant Ms. Reed a temporary waiver through June, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW LPN CURRICULUM UPDATE

Patricia Fennessy was present and reviewed her report on the implementation of the revised curriculum for the Licensed Practical Nurse Program at the Connecticut Technical High School System with the Board. The revised curriculum was implemented with the class admitted in August 2008.

Mary Brown moved and Heidi Darling seconded to approve the report as written. The motion passed unanimously.

NCSBN – RN TEST PLAN

The Board reviewed the updated RN Test Plan and did not have any feedback.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE CALLS FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER 2008

Diane Cybulski reviewed the scope of practice calls for Fall, 2008. There were several calls on the following: Botox, collagen, RN delegation, LPN scope of practice, Suboxone being used in clinics, and questions on dispensing. Ms. Cybulski also updated the Board and audience that the contact person for the H.A.V.E.N. Program was Maureen Dinnan who may be reached at 860-296-9196.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

Chair Bouffard updated the Board on the following NCSBN issues:

- Mid Year Meeting in March – Chair Bouffard unsure if she will be able to attend
- Board of Directors meeting in December regarding Delegate Assembly issues
- Authorized three Webinars
- Reviewing on how to distribute the Business Book for the Delegate Assembly
- There is Controversy with the Compact and Single State License
- Letter from CGFNS re: LPN Foreign Nurses

SCHOOLS ISSUES – THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONCERNS

Ellen Freeman, Interim Director of the Nursing Program, has concerns regarding the nursing profession which she would like documented as follows:

- Nursing shortage
- Acute care facility – concerns of aging faculty not willing to work with eight or nine students
- Impact on future nurses
- Nursing Program Regulations – need for review of the ratios which are currently 1:10 – this is unsafe
- She has been asked to have less than eight students in critical care facilities
- Because of acuity of patients – medication administration passes
- Students no longer have back ups on the units as in the past
- Budget constraints

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Melanie Meade. Katherine Pellerin moved to affirm the Board's prior decision to extend her current by six months followed by 4 years probation. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed with all in favor with one abstention, Donna Roberts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the following minutes.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with three abstentions, Katherine Pellerin, Donna Roberts, and Veronica Kivela.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with three abstentions, Amanda Campbell, Donna Roberts, and Veronica Kivela.

OCTOBER 1, 2008

Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with two abstentions, Amanda Campbell and Veronica Kivela.

OCTOBER 15, 2008

Donna Roberts moved and Mary Brown seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with three abstentions, Amanda Campbell, Katherine Pellerin, and Veronica Kivela.

NOVEMBER 5, 2008

Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with one abstention, Veronica Kivela.

NOVEMBER 19, 2008

Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with two abstentions, Heidi Darling and Veronica Kivela.

DECEMBER 3, 2008

Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with three abstentions, Katherine Pellerin, Amanda Campbell, and Veronica Kivela.

DECEMBER 17, 2008

This meeting was cancelled due to the anticipation of inclement weather.

2009 BOEN MEETINGS

All meetings during the 2009 Legislative Session through and including June 3, 2009 will be held at the Department of Public Health. There is off-site parking only for students and visitors at 55 Forest Street in parking lot "C" located at the corner of Forest and Capitol Avenue. Visitors should contact the Board Office for the shuttle schedule. The shuttle service picks up at lot "C" every 10 to 15 minutes. And as a reminder, meetings held on February 18th and March 18th will be held in Room 470-A/B, which is the smaller conference room, and we will not be able to accommodate students.

HEARING – STORMY DAVIS, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:35 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Davis was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Mr. Davis. The hearing concluded at 12:25 PM and was continued to March 18, 2009 for updated medical records and therapist reports. Mr. Davis stated that he would sign the Medical Record Release forms.

HEARING – PATRICIA S. HALL, LPN

The hearing convened at 12:28 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Hall was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Hall.

Break 12:55 PM – 1:00 PM

HEARING – VANESSA KING, RN

The hearing convened at 12:55 PM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. King was present without representation. Ms. King requested a continuance to March 4, 2009 which was granted.

Lunch Recess 1:20 PM – 1:45 PM during which time Amanda Campbell left for the day.

HEARING – PATRICIA S. HALL, LPN, continued

Executive Session till 2:08 PM.

Testimony by Ms. Hall resumed. At 2:10 PM the hearing was continued to February 18, 2009 at 9:00 AM.

HEARING – HELENA SPENCER, LPN

The hearing convened at 2:15 PM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Spencer was present with Attorney Martha Murray. Testimony was provided by Susan Anderson, RN Supervisor 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM shift. Testimony concluded at 4:50 PM. Ms. Anderson was excused and does not need to return. The hearing was continued to March 1st at 11:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 4:55 PM.

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Bonnie Pinkerton, RN Probation Monitor, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

STUDENTS

There were no students in the audience.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Janice E. Wojick presented the following Memoranda of Decision for signature.

CAROLE DENNISS, LPN

Heidi Darling moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to extend Ms. Denniss' probation for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

PAULA REGAN, RN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Regan's license. The motion passed unanimously.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – JAMIE GRENIER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Jamie Grenier. Ms. Grenier was not present and did not have representation. Mary Brown moved and Heidi Darling seconded that the Board accept the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PATRICIA INTEGLIA, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Patricia Integlia. Ms. Integlia was not present and did not have representation. Donna Roberts moved and Mary Brown seconded that the Board grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Motion and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for March 4, 2009 at 11:00 AM.

CONSENT ORDER – ROSALINE LYNCH, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Rosaline Lynch. Ms. Lynch was resent with counsel, Attorney Charles Hallas. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded that the Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. Maria Pietrantuono made an amendment, which was seconded by Donna Roberts, that Ms. Lynch successfully complete a course in medication administration and documentation. The motion passed with all in favor. If the Order can be completed today, Attorney Wilan will return for signature.

HEARING – JOHN GINETTI, RN

Mr. Ginnetti's third hearing convened at 9:05 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Ginnetti was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, RN Probation Monitor, DPH, Melissa Simonetti, Administrator, Lisa Sala, Social Worker, Frances Lescovich, Director of Nursing, and Dan Simonetti, Administrator. Mr. Ginnetti requested, under Section 4-177c, that some of the exhibits of patient's record be stricken from the hearing. The Board recessed at 10:10 AM for Mr. Ginnetti to review the patient's records.

CONSENT ORDER – ROSALINE LYNCH, LPN, CONTINUED

DPH Attorney Wilan presented the Board with a revised Consent Order which had been reviewed and signed by Ms. Lynch. The Board reviewed the revised Consent Order which included the coursework amendment. Donna Roberts moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Break 10:15 AM – 10:21 AM

HEARING – PATRICIA S. HALL, LPN

Ms. Hall's second hearing convened at 10:22 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Hall was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, RN, DPH Nurse Consultant, and Donna Perugini, Director of Nursing at the Jewish Home for the Aged.

The hearing concluded at 11:10 AM.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded that Ms. Hall be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Ms. Hall's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Break 11:18 AM – 11:28 AM

HEARING – JOHN GINETTI, RN, CONTINUED

The hearing resumed at 11:28 AM and recessed at 11:39 AM.

HEARING – DOLORES SEPELAK, RN

The hearing convened at 11:41 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Sepelak was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Testimony was provided by Beth Matteson, RN.

Lunch Recess 1:15 PM – 1:45 PM

Testimony was provided by Pam Pelletier, RN, DPH. Attorney Murray requested that testimony on confidential records be done in Executive Session. The room was cleared of all observers. When testimony completed observers returned to the hearing room. Attorney Murray made a Motion to Dismiss as the allegations were not proven. Amanda Campbell moved and Heidi Darling seconded that the Motion to Dismiss be denied for discussion. The motion failed as all were opposed. A new motion was raised on the record by Maria Pietrantuono to grant the Motion to Dismiss. The motion was seconded by Donna Roberts and passed unanimously. As this was a Bench Decision the hearing transcript will be the written order as this was dismissed on the record.

Maria Pietrantuono left for the day.

HEARING – JOHN GINETTI, RN, CONTINUED

The hearing reconvened at 2:55 PM. Exhibits were entered into the Record. Testimony was provided by Mr. Ginnetti. The hearing will be rescheduled for March 4, 2009 at 10:30 AM. Patient "GL" will testify via speaker phone as this patient is unable to attend the hearing. Patient "PT" is not locatable, therefore "PT" will not be able to testify. The hearing concluded at 3:30 PM.

HEARING – RENEE DEVOE, RN

The hearing convened at 3:35 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Devoe was not present and did not have representation. Testimony was provided by Kathleen Boulware, DPH Public Health Services Manager, and Kristine Nasinnyk, Drug Control Agent.

The hearing concluded at 4:10 PM.

Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Ms. Devoe be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Ms. Devoe's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 4:15 PM.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on March 4, 2009 at the Department of Public Health Complex, Room 470-C, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Amanda Campbell, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Merrily Moynihan, Public Member
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, OPLC, DPH
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, OPLC, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the University of Hartford and the University of Connecticut.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard had no updates to report at this meeting.

OPEN FORUM

Lynn Allchin, Chair, Deans and Directors, and Carol Poliforoni, Professor, UConn School of Nursing, were present to discuss examination and licensure issues with the Board.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

- Department of Developmental Services Regulations
- Sunset
- Licensure Fees

SCHOOL ISSUES – PEARSON VUE

Stephen Carragher, DPH, and Jennifer Filippone, DPH, were present to discuss with the Board the Pearson Vue NCLEX Examination results and to answer questions from the Deans and Directors related to NCLEX. Katherine Pellerin and Donna Roberts arrived during this discussion. Topics discussed were as follows:

- Reporting Methodologies
 - First Time Taker Pass Rates
 - Students entering incorrect school codes and incorrect graduation dates – how can this be prevented
 - Faculty needs to discuss with students the importance of the accuracy of entry issues
 - Is graduation date a required field – Stephen Carragher will check into this
 - There is confusion in the numbers with out-of-state takers
 - Problems with quarterly reporting information being provided to the public
 - Pearson reports are used across the country – we need to take a look at the regulations and what the Board needs so that the process coincides
 - Pearson reports are the only measure of examination results that the Board has
 - Schools wish to do their own reports because the Pearson report is not accurate
 - Program Codes are a problem especially with multi grad classes in the same program
 - Need to form a small group to review the regulations – 2 or 3 people from Deans & Directors, 2 or 3 people from the Board, and Donna Canalis from DPH
 - Focus would be on evaluation of criterion for programs
 - Lynn Allchin will provide the Board with names of two members from the Deans & Directors
- Regulation redrafting is a long process – Draft has to be approved by the Governor's Office and the Office of Policy and Management, published in the CT Law Journal, there is a 30 day public comment period and there may be a public hearing, then reviewed by the Office of the Attorney General and then presented to the Regulations Review Committee for their approval

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jennifer Filippone provided the Board with an overview of the current Legislative Session. This is an extremely busy session and it is much too early to tell where things are headed. Topics discussed were as follows:

- Electrologists doing laser hair removal and are meeting with dermatologists
- APRNs and collaborative agreement
- Dr. Galvin has met with the APRN Coalition
- The increase in licensure fees is a big issue this session and will probably double across the Board for all professions
- In 2007 DPH was informed of the increase on June 24, 2007, the bill passed on June 25, 2007 and became effective on July 1, 2007 – it was a nightmare for DPH
- On-Line Licensure Renewal is scheduled to become effective in CT by July 1, 2009

SCHOOL ISSUES – VINAL TECH LPN REPORT

The Board reviewed the February 18, 2009 report for Vinal Technical School. This report was in response to the Board's request for a follow-up regarding the lack of a clerical support person, and the teaching hours of the Department Head (153 hours) at the time of the fall 2008 site visit. The report indicated that the clerical person returned to work on January 5, 2009 for 32.5 hours per week and the Department Head's teaching hours have decreased from 153 hours to 83 hours for the day and evening classes. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to accept the written report. The motion passed unanimously.

DDS PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS

The Board has reviewed the proposed regs and has grave concerns regarding training for twelve hours or less. This will be placed on the March 18, 2009 agenda for further discussion with representation from the Department of Developmental Services.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NORWICH TECH LPN PROGRAM

Katherine Pellerin reports that the Norwich LPN Program has moved to their new location which is located at 7 Mahan Drive in Norwich, CT. Donna Canalis will be conducting an on-site visit within the near future.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SOUTHERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed the waiver request for Joanne Toland. Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant a one-year temporary waiver pending receipt of an official transcript. The motion passed unanimously. There was no one from the SCSU Nursing Program present at this meeting.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard and Jennifer Filippone, DPH, were unable to attend the NCSBN Midyear Meeting March 3-5, 2009. The Board of Directors met in February and conducted the following business:

- Reviewed the Financial Reports and are happy to report that the financial condition of the organization is good
- Reviewed some of the NCSBN Historical Policy and Position Statements to review the history of their decisions and to see if any of them need to be updated to include current information
- Appointed members to the Uniform Core Licensure Requirements Committee and considered a change in the Committee Appointment Policy that provides for the Board to appoint alternate members to a committee if they desire
- Reviewed and approved the Research Agenda, Research Initiatives, and the Research Program Policy
- Reviewed the results of the annual Continued Quality Improvement Survey
- Began preparing the 2010 Strategic Objectives to be completed by July 2009
- Began discussing the review process for the Mission, Vision, and Values which is to be reviewed every six years
- Discussed the TERCAP project and encouraged Member Boards to participate in this important work
- Approved a one-time \$50,000 donation to the National Student Nurses Association Foundation for the purposes of providing scholarships for nursing students
- Approved the submission of an application to be a member of FEPI which is the European Council of Nurse Regulators Organization
- Met with the Leadership Succession Committee and talked about their work to this point in identifying essential leadership competencies and formulating an improved selection, campaign, and election process for NCSBN

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 21, 2009 MINUTES

Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with Donna Roberts abstaining.

CONSENT ORDER – MICHELLE QUIGLEY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Michelle Quigley. Ms. Quigley was present with counsel, Attorney David Mester. Donna Roberts moved and Mary Brown seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – MELISSA L. WILSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Melissa L. Wilson. Ms. Wilson was present for the discussion. Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

HEARING – PATRICIA INTEGLIA, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:00 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Integlia was not present and did not have representation. Attorney Fazzina made an Oral Motion to Deem the Allegations admitted. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant the Motion to Deem which passed unanimously. The hearing concluded at 11:10 AM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that Ms. Integlia be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Ms. Integlia's license be revoked as her conduct is a violation of Section 20-99(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes as Ms. Integlia engaged in unprofessional conduct by failure to adhere to the terms of the Consent Order dated August 20, 2008.

HEARING – JEROLINE KELLY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Kelly was present with counsel, Attorney Robert Lacobelle. Testimony was provided by RoseMarie Deschenes, APRN, DPH. Lunch recess 12:50 PM returning at 1:20 PM. Amanda Campbell left for the day during the lunch break. Testimony continued by Ms. Deschenes. The Board took a five-minute recess at 3:50 PM. Testimony resumed by Ms. Deschenes. The hearing concluded at 4:45 PM and was rescheduled to May 6, 2009 and June 3, 2009 at 10:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 4:45 PM.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on March 18, 2009 at the Department of Public Health Complex, Room 470-A/B, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Amanda Campbell, RN
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya DeMattia, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Central CT State University and UConn School of Nursing.

At the conclusion of the meeting Chair Bouffard and Katherine Pellerin provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

DDS PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS

Jim Welsh and Eileen Gambo from DDS were present to discuss DDS's Proposed Instruction Program for "Trained" Non-Licensed Personnel. The Board had questions regarding the timeframe of 12 hours of training. The Board expressed its concern that the amount of content to be taught in the program cannot possibly be done in 12 hours or less. The Board strongly suggested that more than 12 hours of training be considered.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – LAURA ROY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Ms. Roy has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Attorney Martha Murray was present on behalf of Ms. Roy. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to grant the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order granting the Motion.

HEARING – JOHN GINNETTI, RN

This is the fourth hearing in this matter. The hearing convened at 9:15 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Ginnetti was present pro se. Witness/patient "GL" testified by telephone. The hearing concluded at 10:05 AM.

Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to move into Executive Session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The room was cleared of all observers. Executive Session 10:06 AM – 10:35 AM.

FACT FINDING

Petition No. 2006-1116-010-103

Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that there was insufficient evidence to substantiate the allegations in this Statement of Charges. Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Katherine Pellerin, to dismiss the Statement of Charges in Petition No. 2006-1116-010-103. The motion passed unanimously.

Petition No. 2007-0620-010-048

Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Respondent be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown, seconded by Ivelisse Varrone, made a motion for four years probation with conditions. The motion failed as all were opposed with the exception Mary Brown.

A new motion was raised by Katherine Pellerin for revocation of Mr. Ginnetti's license. The motion was seconded by Maria Pietrantuono and passed with all in favor with the exception of Mary Brown who was opposed.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING – MICHAEL ROSTOCK, RN

The hearing convened at 11:05 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Rostock was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Mr. Rostock and Margaret Rose, LCSW. The hearing concluded at 11:25 AM.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Mr. Rostock's license be reinstated to probation for 4 years with the usual probationary terms including the successful completion of an RN Refresher Program and the NCLEX-RN exam. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 11:30 AM.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on April 1, 2009 at the Department of Public Health Complex, Room 470-C, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Amanda Campbell, RN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Darling, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya DeMattia, Assistant Attorney General
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from A.I. Prince LPN Program and the UConn Master's Program.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bouffard presented a class on the functions/duties of the BOEN At Naugatuck Valley
- Chair Bouffard will attend the May 6 & 7, 2009 NCSBN Executive Officer's Meeting in Chicago

OPEN FORUM

There were no comments from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

- NCSBN RN Test Plan – comments to Donna Canalis by the end of the week
- Sacred Heart University receipt of official transcript
- Connecticut Community College Evaluation Summary – discussed at the next meeting
- Committee to discuss issues with Pearson Vue Testing

H.A.V.E.N. PROGRAM UPDATE

Attorney Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director of the H.A.V.E.N. Program was present, along with Linda Barile, APRN, PHD, Volunteer Professional Director, to report to the Board H.A.V.E.N.'s annual reporting responsibilities. Attorney Dinnan provided an overview of the program. Amanda Campbell arrived during this presentation. Presently in the program there are 50 MDs, 52 Nurses (RNs 35, LPNs 13, APRNs 2, and 2 referred to DPH) 5 Dentists including Hygienists, 5 Veterinarians, 1 Podiatrist, 1 Respiratory Therapist, and 1 Social Worker. All together there have been 15 new referrals to the program in 2009. H.A.V.E.N.'s goals are early intervention, improve communication, and to also get the Web Site up and running.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Kathy Boulware updated the Board on legislation. Licensure fees will probably double by July 1, 2009. The Board stated that Connecticut has the highest renewal fees in the country. Also the Board would like more information on Governor's Bill 6375 regarding the termination of some of the Boards.

SCHOOL ISSUES – E.C. GOODWIN – NCLEX PLAN OF CORRECTION

Ted Moskowitz, Department Head, was present with Patricia Fennessy, LPN Program Consultant, to discuss the NCLEX Plan of Correction. Mr. Moskowitz presented the program to the Board. Their next graduating class will be January, 2010 at which time the Board will review the NCLEX pass rate. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to accept the Plan of Correction. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES - LINCOLN TECHNICAL SCHOOL – NOTICES OF INTENT TO START RN/LPN PROGRAMS

JoAnn Dean, Lincoln Tech Program Administrator, was present to provide the Board with their notices of intent to start their first Associate Degree Nursing Program at Briarwood College in Southington, Connecticut and another LPN Day Program at a new location at the Connecticut Culinary Institute (CCI) in Suffield, Connecticut.

LPN PROGRAM

Lincoln Tech's plan for CCI is to expand the scope of program offerings to include Allied Health and will eventually rename the school to reflect the new programs. Upon completion of the Feasibility Study they will submit their application for approval to the Department of Higher Education. They anticipate starting classes for this day program in March 2010. They expect 50 students for the first class and anticipate the projected enrollment in the next three years to be 50 students per class four times per year. Since Suffield borders Massachusetts, they are asking the Board's approval to do clinical rotations in Massachusetts as well as Connecticut. Faculty would have to be licensed in both Connecticut and Massachusetts and CCI would need to have contracts in place with each facility, agency, or school used as a clinical site. The Board advised that the school contact the Massachusetts State Board of Nursing for their input, which has been done. The Massachusetts Board informed Lincoln Tech that instructors will need dual licensure in both states.

RN PROGRAM

Upon completion of the Feasibility Study Lincoln Technical will submit their application for approval to the Department of Higher Education. They anticipate starting classes for the RN day program in July 2010. They will be accepting 50 students for the first class with a projected enrollment in the next three years to be 50 students per class four times per year. In addition, they will also be accepting LPNs who meet the articulation requirements and successfully completed the articulation and transition courses. Pending approval, they plan to apply for accreditation of the program through the NLNAC.

SCHOOL ISSUES - SOUTHERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY WAIVER REQUEST

At the February business meeting the Board granted a temporary waiver for J. Toland pending receipt of an official transcript which has not yet been received.

SCHOOL ISSUES - DISCONTINUATION OF LPN REFRESHER COURSE IN KENT, WASHINGTON

The Board Office received a letter from Patricia L. Truit stating that she is discontinuing the Self-Study LPN Refresher Course. She has not accepted any new enrollments in the refresher course since December 1, 2008. She will give full and complete service to all students who are currently enrolled in the course until their completion – which usually takes nine to twelve months. At that time she will fully retire from providing the refresher course. CT has one student currently enrolled in the course. Ms. Truit is seeking a buyer for her business and understands that anyone who continues this course would need to apply for approval or acceptance as a provider in CT.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE & STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Diane Cybulski reviewed the scope of practice calls received in the Board Office during the month of February.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – NURSES TAKING ORDERS FROM A PODIATRIST IN A HOME-HEALTH-CARE SETTING

Diane Cybulski discussed this with the Board. This will be placed on the May 6, 2009 agenda for further discussion. This is currently under review at the Office of the Attorney General.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATES

Chair Bouffard will be attending the Executive Officers Meeting in Chicago on May 6 and 7, 2009.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FEBRUARY 4, 2009

Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Ivelisse Varrone, Maria Pietrantuono, and Merrily Moynihan.

FEBRUARY 18, 2009

Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Ivelisse Varrone, Merrily Moynihan, and Katherine Pellerin.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – RICHARD HOULE, RN – REVOKED DECEMBER 17, 2003

Mr. Houle was present to request from the Board a reinstatement hearing. Mr. Houle last worked as a nurse in the summer of 2003. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to grant Mr. Houle's request for a reinstatement hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – JOAN YAW, RN – REVOKED JUNE 18, 1992

Ms. Yaw had informed the Board office that she would not be in attendance at this meeting. Ms. Yaw has submitted a packet of information for the Board to review and make their decision as to whether or not to grant her a reinstatement hearing. Marie Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded to deny Ms. Yaw's request for a reinstatement hearing. The packet of information provided is incomplete and there were too many unanswered questions.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – JANET KRUEGER, RN – REVOKED JULY 15, 1989

Ms. Krueger had stated that she would not be attendance at this meeting. Ms. Krueger has submitted a packet of information for the Board to review and make their decision as to whether or not to grant her a reinstatement hearing. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant Ms. Krueger's request. The motion failed as all were opposed with the exception of Katherine Pellerin. A new motion was raised by Maria Pietrantuono, seconded by Donna Roberts, to deny Ms. Krueger's request due to the lack of current information. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

The Board Members were e-mailed the Draft Memoranda of Decision in the following cases.

JESSICA BLANCHETTE, LPN

Ivelisse Varrone moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Blanchette's license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the MOD.

JENNIFER TELAGE, LPN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Telage's LPN license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the MOD.

SHIRLEY RODD, RN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Rodd's RN license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the MOD.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LAURIE PITKIN WOODSTOCK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Laurie Pitkin Woodstock. Ms. Woodstock was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Amanda Campbell, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Chair Bouffard who was opposed. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Order and Notice of Hearing. Attorney Leonhardt was hand delivered the Notice of Hearing, Statement of Charges, and Summary Suspension Order.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – MICHAEL APPELL, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Michael Appell. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the ICO.

PREHEARING REVIEW – NANCY MELLO-LEWIS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino presented the Board with Prehearing Review documentation regarding Nancy Mello-Lewis. Ms. Mello-Lewis was present with Attorney Michael Kurs. It was the recommendation of the Board that this case does not rise to the level of Board action and that the case should be dismissed.

CONSENT ORDER – CONNIE ZAJAC, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Connie Zajac. Ms. Zajac was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Ms. Zajac's Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Ivelisse Varrone. Chair Bouffard signed the CO.

HEARING – HELENA SPENCER, LPN

The hearing reconvened at 10:35 AM from the February 4, 2009 hearing. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Spencer was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Testimony was provided by Lyn Karsky, RN, Director of Nursing at Kettlebrook. The Board recessed for lunch at which time they reviewed Ms. Bouchard's reinstatement hearing request.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – ROXANNE BOUCHARD, LPN – REVOKED MAY 3, 2006

Ms. Bouchard was present to request from the Board a reinstatement hearing. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant Ms. Bouchard's request for a reinstatement hearing. The motion passed with one abstention, Veronica Kivela, and with Donna Roberts and Maria Pietrantuono opposed.

The Board returned from lunch at 1:25 PM and testimony in the Helena Spencer continued by Lyn Karsky. The hearing for Helena Spencer concluded at 3:00 PM and was continued to August 19, 2009.

Maria Pietrantuono and Mary Brown left for the day.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING – SUSANNE HOLLY, RN

The hearing convened at 3:10 PM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Holly was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Holly.

Ivelisse Varrone moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Holly's license be reinstated. The motion passed unanimously.

Ivelisse Varrone moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Ms. Holly's license be reinstated to probation for four years, with a one-year narcotic key restriction, and the usual probationary terms. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Campbell left at this time.

HEARING – AMY ZIEGLER, LPN

The hearing convened at 3:35 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Ziegler was present pro se. Ms. Ziegler and the Department requested a continuance in this case to negotiate a Consent Order. Chair Bouffard granted the continuance.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 3:40 PM.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on April 15, 2009 at the Hospital for Special Care Research and Education Center, 370 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Amanda Campbell, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary M. Brown, RN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Jacqueline Hoelle, Assistant Attorney General
Norma D. Gyle, Deputy Commissioner, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Bonnie Pinkerton, RN Nurse Consultant, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the University of Hartford, Southern Connecticut State University, Central Connecticut State University, and the American International College of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Chair Bouffard and Katherine Pellerin provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs during lunch break.

CONSENT ORDER – JAMIE CORSO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Jamie Corso, RN. Ms. Corso was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order placing Ms. Corso's RN license on probation for one year with quarterly supervisor reports and successful completion of coursework in scope of practice and post-operative management of surgical patients.

CONSENT ORDER – DAWNE CATUCCIO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Dawne Catuccio. Ms. Catuccio was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Donna Roberts seconded to accept Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with all in favor placing Ms. Catuccio's license on probation for four years. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

REQUEST TO LIFT KEY RESTRICTION SPECIFIC TO ADRC FACILITY – DEBORAH MANZI, LPN

Ms. Manzi was present for this discussion. Ms. Manzi has been offered a per diem job at alcohol & Drug Recovery Centers in Hartford (ADRC), a facility that employs several nurses whose licenses are on probation. In time, the per diem job might become a full-time position. However, the job offer is contingent upon Ms. Manzi being able to administer controlled substances. The Director of Nursing has assured the Department that should any issues or suspicions arrive regarding Ms. Manzi's administration of narcotics or controlled substances, the Department would be notified promptly. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to lift the key restriction specific to the ADRC facility only. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – PETER TABAKA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Peter Tabaka. Mr. Tabaka was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with all in favor placing Mr. Tabaka's RN license on probation for four years. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – ROSE DUDEK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Rose Dudek. Ms. Dudek was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with all in favor placing Ms. Dudek's RN license on probation for one year with coursework in resident rights and behavioral nursing intervention in the care of a patient with dementia. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – ELAINE McNAMARA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Elaine McNamara. Ms. McNamara was not present and was not represented. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Donna Roberts seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously placing Ms. McNamara's RN license on probation for four years. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – LORI ANN BOURRET, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lori Ann Bourret. Ms. Bourret was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with all in favor placing Ms. Bourret's RN license on probation for four years. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – RYAN TEAGUE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Teague was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Mr. Teague. Due to the fact that treatment records are still pending, the hearing was continued to June 17, 2009.

HEARING – KIMBERLY BURROWS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Burrows was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, DPH RN Nurse Consultant, and Ms. Burrows.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Ms. Burrows be found on all charges with the exception of charges 10, 11, and 12. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Heidi Darling seconded to revoke Ms. Burrows' license. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – LAURIE WOODSTOCK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Woodstock was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Testimony was provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, DPH RN Nurse Consultant, Timothy Pitkin, Ms. Woodstock's former husband, and Ms. Woodstock.

Marie Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Woodstock be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Woodstock's probation be extended by two years. The motion failed as all were opposed with the exception of Maria Pietrantuono.

A new motion was raised by Katherine Pellerin, seconded by Donna Roberts to extend Ms. Woodstock's current probation for an additional six months with weekly urine screens. The motion passed with all in favor.

Attorney Leonhardt made a Motion to Vacate the Summary Suspension. Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant the Motion to Vacate the Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Chair Bouffard who was opposed.

Lunch Break 12:50 PM – 1:20 PM

HEARING – NANCY WALKER, LPN

This is a continuance of the hearing held on October 15, 2008. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Walker was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Ms. Walker.

Heidi Darling moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to find Ms. Walker on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Campbell moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Ms. Walker's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 2:20 PM.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on May 6, 2009 at the Hospital for Special Care Research and Education Center, 370 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair (until 11:13 AM)
Amanda Campbell, RN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN, Chair Pro Tem (starting 11:13 AM)
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary M. Brown, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, OPLC, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the Windham Practical Nurse Education Program, Western CT State University, and Southern CT State University.

Chair Bouffard spoke briefly with the students and Chair Pro Tem Katherine Pellerin will provide the students of Windham PNEP Program with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs at their facility at a later date.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bouffard welcomed Jennifer Long to the BOEN as the APRN Member appointed by the Governor
- Chair Bouffard will be leaving at 11:15 AM to attend the Executive Officer Orientation at the NCSBN in Chicago today
- Chair Bouffard spoke with students at Capital Community College and Katherine Pellerin spoke with students at A. I. Prince Practical Nurse Education Program regarding Board responsibilities, jurisdiction, scope of practice.

OPEN FORUM

There were questions from the audience regarding the proposed licensure fee increases of which we have updated information. As of today nothing has been acted on. DPH cannot oppose the Governor's initiative although DPH has been very vocal. Increase in renewal fees will be a part of the budget discussions.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additional items to add to today's agenda.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jennifer Filippone, DPH-OPLC Section Chief, provided the Board with an update on the 2009 Legislative Session.

- On-line licensure renewals for physicians, dentists, and all nurses will become operational July 1, 2009. All other professions will go on-line at a later date.
- AAC Review and Termination of Certain Boards and Commissions – periodically all Boards are reviewed to see if they are still needed, how programs are functioning, and should they continue or expire. Currently the BOEN has an expiration date of June 30, 2010 although there is a bill to extend the term to June 30, 2012. There is current review of the Natureopathy, Homeopathy, and Allied Health Boards.
- AAC Patient Safety – regarding safe transport.
- AA Establishing a Demonstration Project for an Office of Administrative Hearings.

NCLEX SCORES – 2009 FIRST QUARTER

Donna Canalis reviewed the First Quarter of the NCLEX RN/LPN Scores with the Board Members. The Board expressed their concerns regarding the Henry Abbott LPN Evening Program. Donna Canalis will contact the program regarding these issues and request that they report their plan of correction to the Board at the June 3, 2009 Board of Examiners for Nursing Meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES – COMMITTEE REGARDING PEARSON VUE ISSUES

Donna Canalis will be attending the next Deans and Directors meeting and will inquire as to who the selected representatives are that will serve on this committee.

SCHOOL ISSUES: NORWICH LPN SCHOOL SITE VISIT – NEW LOCATION

Donna Canalis made a site visit on April 30, 2009 to survey the new quarters of the Norwich LPN Program which is now located at 7 Mahan Drive in Norwich, CT. Ms. Canalis toured the secretarial office, the director's office, conference rooms, the laboratory, faculty offices, library, classrooms, cafeteria, and storage areas. Ms. Canalis stated that the LPN Program area is spacious with natural lighting throughout. There is much space available for storage making organization of supplies excellent. The entire area and equipment available makes this school conducive to learning.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE CALLS

Diane Cybulski reviewed the calls received in the Board Office for the month of March, 2009. There have been several calls requesting whether an LPN can work as a CNA. The answer is yes, and they are held accountable to that "job description" and cannot work beyond the scope of a CNA. There were also several questions regarding the RN going into independent practice and also questions regarding patient home care.

Ms. Cybulski spoke of a new abbreviated reporting format which she will present to the Board next month for frequently asked questions.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Jennifer Filippone is a member of NCSBN CORE Program and provided the Board with a review of a recent meeting she attended in Chicago. She also spoke of the "Licensure Compact." In order to participate in the Compact Connecticut would need to do criminal background checks.

MINUTES – MARCH 4, 2009

The Board reviewed the minutes for the March 4, 2009 meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Jennifer Long, Maria Pietrantuono, Ivelisse Varrone, and Merrily Moynihan.

MINUTES – MARCH 18, 2009

After review of the March 18, 2009 minutes, Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Amanda Campbell, Merrily Moynihan, and Jennifer Long.

MINUTES – APRIL 1, 2009

After review of the April 11, 2009 minutes, Donna Roberts moved, seconded by Merrily Moynihan, to accept the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention: Jennifer Long.

MINUTES – APRIL 15, 2009

After review of the April 15, 2009 minutes, Amanda Campbell moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Veronica Kivella, Merrily Moynihan, and Jennifer Long.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – BELINDA GARNETT WUTKE, LPN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Belinda Garnett Wutke. Amanda Campbell moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor with Jennifer Long abstaining. Chair Bouffard signed the MOD.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LEONA R. BILODEAU, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Leona Bilodeau. Ms. Bilodeau was present without representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing and Summary Suspension Order scheduling the hearing for May 20, 2009.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARC BILODEAU, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Marc Bilodeau. Mr. Bilodeau was present without representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing and Summary Suspension Order scheduling the hearing for May 20, 2009.

REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER – COLLEEN SPEITT-BOYKO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Reinstatement Consent Order for Colleen Speitt-Boyko. The Respondent was not present although she was represented by counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Merrily Moynihan moved, seconded by Katherine Pellerin, to accept the Reinstatement Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – SANDRA OROSCO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Sandra Orosco. Ms. Orosco was not present and did not have representation. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – CYNTHIA RICKER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Cynthia Ricker. Ms. Ricker was not present and did not have representation. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

MODIFICATION CONSENT ORDER – JOHN BALBONI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Modification Consent Order for John Balboni who was present without counsel. Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to accept the Modification. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Break 15 minutes

CONTINUANCE REQUEST – VANESSA KING, RN

Attorney Roberta A. Swafford and Ms. Vanessa King requested a continuance. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Ivelisse Varrone, to grant the continuance request. The motion passed unanimously and the hearing has been scheduled for July 15, 2009 at 9:00 AM.

CONTINUANCE REQUEST – JEAN RALICKI, RN

DPH Legal Office Attorney David Tilles requested a continuance. Attorney Michelle Holmes, counsel for Ms. Ralicki, objected to the continuance request. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Amanda Campbell, to grant the continuance request rescheduling the hearing for September 2, 2009 at 10:30 AM. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions: Veronica Kivella and Jennifer Long.

HEARING – JEROLINE KELLY, LPN

This is a continuation of the March 4, 2009 hearing held at the Department of Public Health in Hartford, CT. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Kelly was present with counsel, Attorney Robert Lacobelle. Testimony was continued by Rose Marie Deschenes, APRN, DPH. Chair Bouffard left at 11:13 PM and the remainder of the hearing was chaired by Katherine Pellerin. Lunch recess 11:45 AM – 12:25 PM. Testimony was provided by Stuart Grimes, St. Vincent's Assistant Operations Coordinator. Following Mr. Grimes' testimony the Board took a five-minute recess and then testimony was provided by Dawn Perodeau, RN, St. Vincent's Special Needs Services. Jennifer Long left during this testimony at 3:32 PM. The hearing concluded at 4:25 PM and was continued to June 3, 2009 at 10:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 4:30 PM.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on May 20, 2009 at Manchester Community College, in the Fireside Commons Room in the Learning Resource Center in Manchester, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Amanda Campbell, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Rose McGovern, Assistant Attorney General
Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Kaynor Tech LPN Program, the University of Connecticut, and the Hartford Job Corp Academy.

Throughout the meeting Chair Bouffard and Katherine Pellerin provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

VINCENT EUGENIO, LPN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Vincent Eugenio. Donna Roberts moved and Mary Brown seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Mr. Eugenio's license. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Jennifer Long and Veronica Kivela.

KAREN HATEM, RN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Karen Hatem. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Hatem's license on probation for two years. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Jennifer Long and Veronica Kivela.

CONSENT ORDER – KATHY GALLAGHER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kathy Gallagher. Ms. Gallagher was present without representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded to accept the Consent Order. Mary Brown and Heidi Darling recused themselves from the discussion and voting. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – LUCILLE BARBERO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lucille Barbero. Ms. Barbero was present without representation. Donna Roberts moved and Veronica Kivela seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – ETHLYN CHERRINGTON, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ethlyn Cherrington. Ms. Cherrington was not present and did not have representation. Merrily Moynihan moved and Donna Roberts seconded to deny the Consent Order. The motion failed as all were opposed. It was the recommendation of the Board to place Ms. Cherrington's license on probation for one year with employer reports every other month. Also Ms. Cherrington is to successfully complete a course in resident's rights, and is only to work at one facility during the probationary period, she cannot work as a floating agency pool nurse.

CONSENT ORDER – LISA MARIE MARRERO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lisa Marie Marrero. Ms. Marrero was present without representation. Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion failed as all were opposed. Chair Bouffard stated that this case does not rise to the level of Board discipline.

CONSENT ORDER – DEBRA KAHN, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Debra Kahn. Ms. Kahn was present with counsel, Attorney Patrick Noonan. Jennifer Long moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER MODIFICATION – SARAH BURKE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Sarah Burke. Ms. Burke was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Attorney Swafford reviewed the documents presented by Attorney Leonhardt and had no objections. Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – STORMY DAVIS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. This hearing is the continuation of the February 4, 2009 hearing which was continued to this date to allow Mr. Davis time to acquire his medical/treatment records. Mr. Davis was not present at today's meeting. The Board requested that Attorney Wilan contact Mr. Davis via telephone as to whether or not he would be attending today's hearing. The Board recessed while Attorney Wilan contacted Mr. Davis. Attorney Wilan returned and apprised the Board that she had spoken with Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis stated that he would not be attending today's hearing and that the Board should move forward with the hearing as he is not interested in pursuing the release of his treatment records from the VA Hospital.

Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Mr. Davis be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Mr. Davis' license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – LEONA BILODEAU, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Leona Bilodeau was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Leona Bilodeau. The hearing was continued to September 2, 2009 to allow Ms. Bilodeau time to sign releases for medical/treatment records to be sent to the Department of Public Health prior to the September 2, 2009 hearing date.

HEARING – MARC BILODEAU, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Marc Bilodeau was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Dawn Pica, Westside Care Center, RN Supervisor, Amy Muro, Westside Care Center, LPN, and Bonnie Pinkerton RN, DPH Monitoring Unit.

The Legal Office previously had filed a continuance request in part as their primary witness was unavailable due to previously scheduled vacation plans. Chair Bouffard granted the continuance to June 3, 2009 at 9:00 AM. It is Mr. Bilodeau's responsibility to provide Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina with his medical/treatment records prior to the June 3, 2009 hearing date.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 11:54 AM.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on June 3, 2009 at the Hospital for Special Care Research and Education Center, 370 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Amanda Campbell, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick Kwanashie, Assistant Attorney General
Robert Kiley, Paralegal Specialist, Office of the Attorney General
Norma D. Gyle, Deputy Commissioner, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed two summer DPH law interns to the meeting.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bouffard was an invited speaker for the 2009 Class at Capital Community College and provided the students with an overview of the role and responsibilities of the Board of Examiners for Nursing
- Chair Bouffard will be attending the NCSBN Seminar in Maine this month
- Katherine Pellerin recently visited the A. I. Prince and Windham Tech LPN Programs to provide the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs
- Chair Bouffard will be attending the NCSBN Delegate Assembly in Philadelphia August 12-14, 2009
- Chair Bouffard attended the NCSBN Executive Officer Orientation in Chicago in May
- Farewell and best wishes to Merrily Moynihan who has served on the BOEN as a Public Member since January 22, 2008. Merrily is retiring from state service and the Board of Examiners for Nursing. We wish Merrily well with her future endeavors.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda items removed: Sara Kaiser, LPN - Hearing continuance granted to October 21, 2009
Elizabeth Davis, LPN - Proposed Denial of Application for Reinstatement

OPEN FORUM

Discussion took place regarding the incomplete Patient Care Tech Regulations.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Kathy Boulware updated the Board on current legislation. As of this morning there were no other bills right now that affect the Board. There has been no final decision on the doubling of the licensure fees.

The New On-Line Licensure Renewal Program is expected to "go live" for nurses, physicians, and dentists on July 13, 2009.

SCHOOL ISSUES – HENRY ABBOTT LPN PROGRAM – PLAN OF CORRECTION

Pamela Cramer, Henry Abbott Department Head, and Patricia Fennessy, Consultant for the CT Technical LPN Programs, were both present to discuss the school's evening program which graduated in December 2008 with an 80th percentile. Although this percentile is acceptable according to the regulations, the Board requested a plan of correction, is an effort to assure that future scores will not fall below this percentile. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to accept the programs new initiatives for program improvement and wishes the program success in implementing the changes discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE – SITE VISIT OF THE NEW LOCATION IN EAST HARTFORD

On May 11, 2009 Donna Canalis performed an on-site visit to the new location of Goodwin College RN Program located on Riverside Drive in East Hartford. Donna Canalis reviewed her report with the Board and stated that the entire area and equipment available makes this school conducive to learning.

SCHOOL ISSUES – WAIVER REQUEST – LINCOLN TECH

Jo-Ann Dean, Regional Program Administrator of the Lincoln Tech LPN Programs, presented the Board with a waiver request for Kathryn Reed. The Board reviewed the documents provided including a letter from the University of Hartford stating that Ms. Reed is on track for an expected graduation date of May 2010. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant Ms. Reed a one-year faculty education waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

Susan Smith received her MSN in May 2009, leaving the New Britain campus with a total of three waivers, which includes Ms. Reed. The Board requested that Ms. Dean update the faculty credentials for the New Britain campus.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE & STATISTICS FOR APRIL, 2009

Diane Cybulski discussed incoming calls received during the month of April, 2009. Ms. Cybulski also discussed the new reporting format.

Again, there were questions regarding whether or not an LPN can work as a CNA. The answer is yes, although you are held accountable to the "job description" that they you hired at and cannot work beyond that scope.

If a nurse has both an RN and an LPN license, she/he may work as an RN or an LPN and would be held accountable to the "job description" at which they were hired and cannot work beyond that scope.

Another question received was whether an APRN could work in an RN position. According to statute the APRN must hold both an APRN license and an RN license. An APRN can work as an RN but must work within the scope of practice of the RN, and cannot function as an APRN in the RN position. She/he is not expected to work beyond their job description irrespective of his/her advanced degree.

CHANGE IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT – LAUREEN MANCINONE, RN

Ms. Mancinone was present to request from the Board a change in her probationary employment terms. She would like to accept a position of "Unit Manager" at Cheshire House in Waterbury, which is a 60-bed facility divided into two units. Ms. Mancinone would manage one of the units along with another nurse and would be overseen by the DNS. As Unit Manager, she would make doctors' rounds and transcribe doctors' orders, and book lab work and/or x-rays with follow-up. Occasionally she would be required to supervise when the DNS is on vacation. Respondent would be on-call once every 7 – 8 weeks, which could include a 3-11 or 11-7 supervisory assignment. The Respondent is requesting that the restriction concerning managerial/supervisory positions be lifted. Katherine Pellerin moved to grant Ms. Mancinone's request. Mary Brown seconded the motion for discussion. The motion failed as all were opposed. The motion is denied.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ELIZABETH GARCIA, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Elizabeth Garcia. Ms. Garcia was not present and did not have representation. Amanda Campbell moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 17, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building.

CONSENT ORDER – LYNDA T. YOUNG, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lynda Young. Ms. Young was not present and did not have representation. Mary Brown moved to accept the Consent Order. Jennifer Long seconded the motion for discussion. The motion failed as all were opposed. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Young successfully complete a course in medication administration/documentation.

HEARING – MARC BILODEAU, RN

This is the second hearing in the case of Marc Bilodeau. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Bilodeau was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Kimberly St. Pierre, DNS, and Mr. Bilodeau. During Mr. Bilodeau's testimony the Board went into Executive Session to review and discuss the treatment records. Executive Session ended at which time David Tilles arrived. The hearing concluded.

Mary Brown moved to find Mr. Bilodeau on all charges. Katherine Pellerin seconded the motion for discussion. The motion failed as all were opposed with the exception of Mary Brown. A new motion was raised by Katherine Pellerin to dismiss the charges. The motion was seconded by Donna Roberts and passed with all in favor with the exception of Mary Brown. Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Amanda Campbell, that the Summary Suspension be vacated immediately. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Mary Brown.

CONSENT ORDER – AMBER ALBERT, LPN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Amber Albert. Ms. Albert was not present and did not have representation. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to deny the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Albert successfully complete a course in nursing concepts/scope of practice with a civil penalty of \$500.00. The Board stated that if you carry a license you need to know what your scope of practice is.

The Board recessed for lunch from 11:55 AM to 12:30 PM.

HEARING – JEROLINE KELLY, LPN

This is the third hearing in the case of Jeroline Kelly. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Kelly was present with counsel, Attorney Robert Lacobelle. Testimony was provided by Sin R. Carrion, NA, Sharon Smith, Direct Care Counselor, and Jeroline Kelly, LPN. The Board recessed for five minutes at 2:30 PM. Maria Pietrantuono left during Ms. Kelly's testimony. Jennifer Long left during re-direct of Ms. Kelly by Attorney Lacobelle just prior to closing statements. Amanda Campbell left during Attorney Lacobelle's closing statement. The hearing concluded.

Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Donna Roberts to find Ms. Kelly on charges 1, 2, 3c "documented the MAR" only, and 4. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved that Ms. Kelly's license be placed on probation for six months, successfully complete a course in medication administration and documentation during the first three months of probation, and observed medication administration techniques for the entire probationary period with monthly employer reports. The motion was seconded by Donna Roberts and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 4:41 PM.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on June 17, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Amanda Campbell, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Jacqueline Hoell, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, OPLC, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8.35 AM.

STUDENTS

There were no nursing students in the audience.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CENTRAL CT STATE UNIVERSITY

Donna Canalis provided the report of her on-site visit of the laboratory at Central CT State University. The BSN program started in September 2008 with 85 pre-nursing students. As of March 2009, 58 students were accepted into the nursing program. The fall of 2009 will start the second year of the program. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded that the on-site inspection of the CCSU nursing program meets the regulation requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

In addition, the Board would like Dr. Wagner to contact the Board Office to schedule a date to attend a Board Meeting in the fall to review the progress made in the hiring of new faculty and to provide a summary of the progress of this new program.

SCHOOL ISSUES – THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Donna Canalis presented the Board with a waiver request for Three Rivers Community College. Amanda Campbell moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to grant Alexandra Brown a one-year waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUEST

Donna Canalis presented the Board with a faculty education waiver extension for Jessica Farrone at Sacred Heart University. Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant a one-year waiver extension through June 2010. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who was opposed.

PEARSON VUE

The Board questioned as to how many Pearson Vue examination sites there are in Connecticut. Presently there are two locations in CT: Wallingford and Wethersfield. The NCLEX examination can be taken every 45 days.

FAREWELL TO DONNA CANALIS

Donna Canalis announced to the Board that she is retiring from State Service on June 30, 2009. Donna has been a DPH RN Nurse Consultant to the Board since the fall of 2000. The Board is very grateful and would like to thank Donna for her commitment to the Board's mission. Donna has been a valuable resource to the Board regulating all RN and LPN nursing programs and responding to the public regarding scope of practice inquiries. Donna will be greatly missed for her diligence as well as her kindness and good humor. The Board wishes Donna well with her future endeavors.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – JACQUELINE BARTON, LPN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Ms. Barton. Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Barton's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER - BETTY LICHTENSTEIN, UNLICENSED

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Cease and Desist Consent Order for Ms. Lichtenstein. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER - MARY WARGO-BROWN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Wargo-Brown. Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – ELIZABETH GARCIA, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Garcia was not and did not have representation. Due to the question of service with the State Marshal's documentation, the notice of hearing will be reserved to Ms. Garcia and also mailed to her certified and first class mail. The hearing has been rescheduled to July 15, 2009.

HEARING – RYAN TEAGUE, LPN

This is a continuation of Mr. Teague's April 15, 2009 hearing, which was continued to allow Mr. Teague to provide the Department of Public Health with treatment records. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Teague was present without counsel. The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss confidential records from 9:20 AM to 9:31 AM. Jeffrey Kardys arrived at this time. Testimony was provided by Mr. Teague. The hearing concluded at 9:40 AM.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Mr. Teague be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded that Mr. Teague's license be placed on probation for four years, medication key restriction for two years, employment must be preapproved by DPH, urine screening is to include Fentanyl testing. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to vacate the summary suspension immediately. Attorney Matthew Antonetti spoke in opposition to the Board's motion. Katherine Pellerin rescinded her motion to vacate the summary suspension.

HEARING – L. BONNIE EASLER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Easler was present with counsel, Attorney John Donovan. Testimony was provided by Alicia Petit.

Amanda Campbell moved and Veronica Kivela seconded that Ms. Easler be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Campbell moved and Veronica Kivela seconded that Ms. Easler's license be placed on probation for six months, written reprimand, civil penalty of \$500.00, and she is to successfully complete courses in ethics/patient's rights and combative patients. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OR CHARGES - LISA J. RAMOS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented THE Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges based on Ms. Ramos' voluntary surrender of her LPN license. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant the motion to withdraw. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 11:20 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on July 15, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Amanda Campbell, RN
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary M. Brown, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya DeMattia, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Kristina Kerwin, DPH Law Intern
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed DPH Summer Law Intern Students from Suffolk Law School and Boston University Law School.

PRESENTATION: STANDARDS OF CARE DURING A PROLONGED PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Attorney Marianne Horn, DPH Attorney in the Office of Research and Development, was present to discuss the draft whitepaper on the Standards of Care During a Prolonged Public Health Emergency. Commissioner J. Robert Galvin formed an advisory workgroup on January 10, 2008. The workgroup was comprised of ethicists, clinicians, local and state public health professionals, and lawyers. The workgroup was chaired by two of the DPH legal staff, Donna Brewer and Marianne Horn. Wendy H. Furniss, RNC, Branch Chief of Healthcare Systems and Dr. Albert Geetter, Section Chief of the Operation Branch at the Department served as subject matter experts to the workgroup. The first meeting was held on February 28, 2008. Dr. Galvin invited people to participate in an advisory workgroup whose responsibility was to identify key ethical, legal, and practical principles to guide decision-making for health care delivery during mass casualty events such as pandemic influenza. Everyone's expertise was needed for this important initiative. DPH will utilize these guiding principles to assist the public in gaining advance understanding of the difficult ethical choices that will need to be made if such an event occurs. These principles will also assist the provider community by insulating them from potential punitive responses as a result of their involvement in caring for the victims of a mass casualty and/or pandemic influenza. In a prolonged emergency situation, the goal will be to do the "greatest good for the greatest number of people."

Roll out of the whitepaper will be in the fall, 2009. One possibility is that the workgroup will organize the roll out to communicate with the five Regions in Connecticut to ensure a good outreach. Each team will cover a multitude of topics in their regional meetings. The goal of the regional roll out is to get the information to health professionals, town officials, and the public and to get their comments, provide feedback, and make any necessary changes. Meetings will need to be in a venue that is comfortable to the audience such as universities, town halls, etc. Each group will focus on the same issues. We will also provide speakers at public meetings and to groups such as the Connecticut State Medical Society, the CNA Annual Meeting and other nursing organizations, etc. The workgroup is hoping to have this finalized by the end of the year.

Questions from the Board were as follows:

Will this document address the various levels of nursing?
Could someone speak to the Departments Heads of the LPN Programs at the Technical Schools?
Should this whitepaper be part of the curriculum in all nursing programs?
Who makes the decisions – are there guidelines on who that should be and their expertise?
Who trains the people to make sure they follow the whitepaper?

Attorney Horn reiterated that this document is not considered "guidelines," it is a "guidance tool."

REVIEW OF MINUTES

MAY 6, 2009

Amanda Campbell arrived at this time. The Board reviewed the minutes of May 6, 2009. Donna Roberts moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with one abstention, Patricia Bouffard.

MAY 20, 2009

The Board reviewed the minutes of May 20, 2009. Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with two abstentions: Ivelisse Varrone and Maria Pietrantuono.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – MARY McMANUS aka MARY SMYTH, RN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Mary McManus aka Mary Smyth. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm their prior decision to revoke the respondent's license. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES - FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER REQUEST – GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Diane Cybulski introduced Pamela Pelletier who is a DPH Nurse Consultant. Ms. Pelletier has been appointed as Donna Canalis' replacement and will assume responsibilities for the nursing programs. Ms. Pelletier can be reached via phone @ 860-509-7445 or e-mail @ pam.pelletier@ct.gov The Department is also hoping to train another person as a back up to assist the Board.

The Board reviewed documentation received from Sheila Solernou, Director of Nursing at Gateway Community College. Ms. Solernou is requesting a permanent faculty education waiver for Maryjo M. Gargano beginning with the fall 2009 semester. Ms. Gargano has a BSN degree and a Master's in Business Administration with a concentration in Health Care Management which will be helpful in providing leadership skills/time management delegation of activities, and assist in providing the students with information for payer systems, Medicare and Medicaid. She will be placed with freshman level students in a geriatric clinical rotation. She will be oriented to the school August 27, 2009. She has already completed a four-day shadow experience in the clinical area with a full-time faculty member. She will also be mentored by the course leader and nurse counselor. Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant Ms. Gargano a permanent waiver for Gateway Community College. The motion passed unanimously. Permanent waivers are not transportable. If Ms. Gargano moves to another nursing program she would have to apply to the Board for another permanent waiver for that facility.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MELANIE MEADE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville and Suffolk Law School Summer Intern Kristine Kerwin presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Melanie Meade. Ms. Meade was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 19, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – YOLAINE JEAN-GUILLAUME, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti Law Intern Kristina Kerwin presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order (ICO) for Yolaine Jean-Guillaume. Attorney Martha Murray was present representing Ms. Jean-Guillaume who was not in attendance. Jennifer Long moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant the ICO suspending Ms. Jean-Guillaume's license until such time as the petition is ultimately resolved. The ICO will allow the Department and the Respondent further opportunity to evaluate this matter while providing protection to the public in the interim. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHRISTINE M. WEST, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Christine M. West. Ms. West was not present and did not have representation. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 19, 2009.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MICHELE WHEELER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Michele Wheeler. Ms. Wheeler was present without representation. Amanda Campbell moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 19, 2009. Ms. Wheeler was hand delivered the Summary Suspension Order, the Notice of Hearing, and the Statement of Charges.

CONSENT ORDER - LISA VINCENZI, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Lisa Vincenzi. Ms. Vincenzi was present without representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER - ELDRED MATHIEU, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Eldred Mathieu. Eldred Mathieu was not present and did not have representation. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – DAVID CHOMICK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for David Chomick. Mr. Chomick was present without representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – ELIZABETH GARCIA, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges as Ms. Garcia has signed a Voluntary Surrender of License Affidavit. Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept the Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – MARLEE GARLANDA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Marlee Garlanda. Ms. Garlanda was not in attendance nor was she represented by counsel. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard and Amanda Campbell who were opposed.

CONSENT ORDER – JOHN COOKSON, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for John Cookson. Mr. Cookson was not in attendance nor was he represented by counsel. Amanda Campbell moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

Break 10:02 AM – 10:18 AM

HEARING – VANESSA KING, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. King was not present and was not represented. Attorney Ellen M. Shanley received a phone call from Ms. King stating that she would not be attending the hearing.

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion to Amend the Statement of Charges. Katherine Pellerin moved to accept the Motion, which was seconded by Donna Roberts, and which passed unanimously.

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted in the Amended Statement of Charges. Katherine Pellerin moved to accept the Motion, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, and which passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded to find Ms. King on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that Ms. King's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – BILLIE J. PRITCHETT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Billie Pritchett was not present and did not have representation.

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Ivelisse Varrone moved to accept the Motion, seconded by Katherine Pellerin, and which passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Pritchett's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 11:04 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on August 19, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Amanda Campbell, RN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Darling, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Rose McGovern, Assistant Attorney General
Henry Salton, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, OPLC, DPH
Donna Brewer, Section Chief, PHHO, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pam Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Alfreda Gaither, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Olinda Morales, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Stacy Owens, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joanne V. Yandow, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Kristina Kerwin, DPH Law Intern
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the University of Hartford and Suffolk University Law School.

MINUTES

JUNE 3, 2009

Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Ivelisse Varrone.

JUNE 17, 2009

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Ivelisse Varrone.

JULY 15, 2009

Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Mary Brown and Veronica Kivela.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

MICHAEL ROSTOCK, RN

Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to reinstatement Mr. Rostock's license to probation for four years following the successful completion of a Board approved refresher program and the NCLEX-RN examination. The motion passed with all in favor.

RENEE DEVOE, RN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Devoe's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

PATRICIA HALL, LPN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Hall's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

JOHN GINETTI, RN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Mr. Ginetti's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

SUSANNE HOLLY, RN

Donna Roberts moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to reinstatement Ms. Holly's license to probation for four years after the successful completion of a Board approved RN refresher program. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE - WAIVER REQUEST

Joanne Ottman, Director of Allied Health, Nursing and Physical Education, was present to request a waiver for Patricia O'Brien Winn. Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded to extend Ms. O'Brien-Winn's temporary waiver for one year pending receipt of a letter from Southern CT State University stating that Ms. O'Brien-Winn has matriculated into their MSN program along with her date of anticipated graduation. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – WESTERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUEST

WCSU is requesting a waiver for Eileen Campbell. Pamela Pelletier presented the waiver to the Board as there was no representation from WCSU. Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant Ms. Brown a one-semester waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – JANET DiGIOVANNI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented an Interim Consent Order (ICO) for Janet DiGiovanni which will remain in effect until the petition is resolved. Ms. DiGiovanni was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the ICO be granted. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LAURIE WOODSTOCK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Laurie Woodstock. Ms. Woodstock was present without representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for September 2, 2009 at 10:00 AM. Ms. Woodstock was hand delivered at this meeting the Notice of Hearing, Statement of Charges, and the Summary Suspension Order.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CAROLE DENNISS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Carole Denniss. Ms. Denniss was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Amanda Campbell moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for September 2, 2009 at 10:00 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – VICKI MROSEK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Vicki Mrosek. Ms. Mrosek was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Donna Roberts moved and Jennifer Long seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for September 2, 2009 at 10:00 AM.

CONSENT ORDER – DONATA BANKS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Consent Order for Donata Banks. Ms. Banks was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion failed as all were opposed. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Banks complete a course in therapeutic communication skills and an education course in resident rights along with monthly employer reports.

CONSENT ORDER – ERINN BIRNEY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented a Consent Order for Erinn Birney. Ms. Birney was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – KATHERINE MEZZI, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Katherine Mezzi. Ms. Mezzi was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Amanda Campbell moved and Mary Brown seconded that the Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. It was the recommendation of the Board that employer reports be provided to DPH every month.

CONSENT ORDER – JESSICA JOHNSON, RN/APRN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Jessica Johnson. Ms. Johnson was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – SARAH BARNEY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Sarah Barney. Ms. Barney was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Donna Roberts moved and Mary Brown seconded that the Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. It was the recommendation of the Board that the license needs to be restricted.

CONSENT ORDER – LYNDA T. YOUNG, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lynda Young. Ms. Young was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – BEATRICE BELTRAN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Beatrice Beltran. Ms. Beltran was present with counsel, Attorney Mariella LaRosa. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – KARRIE ELLIS, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Karrie Ellis. Ms. Ellis was not present although she was represented by counsel, Attorney Julie M. Strzeminski. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – LYNN KUCZENSKI, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lynn Kuczenski. Ms. Kuczenski was present although she did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW – MICHELLE SANDWITH, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Michelle Sandwith. Ms. Sandwith was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. It was the recommendation of the Board to dismiss this case.

PREHEARING REVIEW – ELIZABETH D'AGOSTINO

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Elizabeth D'Agostino. Ms. D'Agostino was present. It was the recommendation of the Board to dismiss this case and that the current Consent Order remain in effect.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – RENEE L. JONES, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement or Charges as Ms. Jones has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Ms. Jones was not present nor was she represented by counsel at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant the Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – DAWN SPINNEY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Ms. Spinney has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Ms. Spinney was not present nor was she represented by counsel at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant the Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Katherine Pellerin who recused herself from this case.

Break 10:00 AM – 10:20 AM

HEARING – MICHELE WHEELER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Wheeler was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, RN Nurse Consultant at DPH and by Donald Wheeler, Ms. Wheeler's husband. The hearing concluded.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Wheeler be found as charged as she has admitted to all the charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Wheeler's license remain under the probationary terms of the current Memorandum of Decision with the exception of the urine screens. The Board requested that the urine screens be changed to weekly for the remainder of the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Summary Suspension ordered on July 15, 2009 be lifted. The current MOD remains in place until the new MOD is signed. The Board does not feel that Ms. Wheeler poses an immediate danger to the public. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – MELANIE MEADE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville and Law Intern Kristina Kerwin were present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Meade was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Testimony was provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, RN. The hearing concluded.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Ms. Meade be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Veronica Kivela seconded that Ms. Meade's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Lunch recess 12:05 PM to 12:45 PM

REINSTATEMENT HEARING – ROXANNE BOUCHARD, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Bouchard was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Roxanne Bouchard. The hearing concluded.

Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Board grant Ms. Bouchard's request for licensure reinstatement. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Donna Roberts and Ivelisse Varrone.

Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to place Ms. Bouchard's license on probation for two years after successfully completing a Board approved refresher program. Following the completion of the LPN refresher program, Ms. Bouchard is to provide monthly therapist and employer reports and she is to complete coursework in nursing ethics and boundary issues during the first six months of the probation. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING – RICHARD HOULE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Houle was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Petitioner Richard Houle and Gary Barnes.

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to grant Mr. Houle's request for licensure reinstatement. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to place Mr. Houle's license on probation for four years with the normal probationary restrictions. Mr. Houle is to successfully complete a Board approved refresher program and successfully complete the NCLEX-RN at which time he will be available to start the probationary terms. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – HELENA SPENCER, LPN

This is the third hearing for Helena Spencer. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Spencer was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Testimony was provided by Ms. Spencer. Katherine Pellerin left during the hearing at 3:30 PM and Ivelisse Varrone left at 4:00 PM.

The hearing recessed from 4:10 PM to 4:30 PM during which time Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton spoke with the Board regarding support to Boards/Commissions by the Office of the Attorney General. Maria Pietrantuono left at 4:30 PM.

Testimony resumed at 4:30 PM and the hearing concluded at 4:59 PM. The hearing has been rescheduled for September 16, 2009 and will immediately follow the scheduled summary suspension hearings.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 5:00 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 2, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Amanda Campbell, RN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Darling, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Stacy Owens, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joanne V. Yandow, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM.

WELCOME

Chair Bouffard welcomed Kathy K. Shea as a new Public Member to the Board.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Henry Abbott Tech LPN Program.

Katherine Pellerin answered questions from the student during the morning break. Ms. Pellerin will contact Pam Cramer from the Henry Abbot Program to schedule a time to visit the students and provide them with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard and Amanda Campbell attended the NCSBN Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

OPEN FORUM

Chair Bouffard stated that everyone looks forward to hopefully having a Budget on Sunday. Pennsylvania is the last state that remains without a budget.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Ridley-Lowell Institute – withdrawing their Letter of Intent to start an LPN program in the New London area
J. M. Wright Technical School closure and relocation of LPN students to Bullard-Havens Tech

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jennifer Filippone updated the Board on the following issues:

- Nurse licensure fees DID NOT increase, all other professions did have an increase
- On-line licensure renewal is being used - Jen Filippone will bring in the stats at a later date
- Eventually work force survey questions will be attached to on-line licensure renewal
- The current renewal card will continue to be sent with a letter explaining the on-line renewal process
- Licensed professionals will eventually be able to update their address information on-line
- Target date for all professions to have access to on-line renewal is the end of 2009 – presently only nurses, physicians, and dentists have access

SCHOOLS ISSUES

GOODWIN COLLEGE – SURVEY REVIEW

Janice Costello, Chair of the Goodwin College Associate Degree Nursing Program, was present for the school's five-year survey review. Accompanying Ms. Costello, were Goodwin's nursing faculty as follows: Rosemary Hathaway, RN to BSN Program Director, Marlene Harris, Administrative Assistant, and Ed Kobylanski, Teresa Twomey, Pam Walker, Marcia Scanlon, Barbara Morey, Catherine Thomas, and Nancy Peer.

Pam Pelletier reviewed the report with the Board. It was the decision of the Board that Goodwin College has met all regulatory requirements outlined in Criteria 1 through 17 of the Nursing Education Program Review for Registered Nurses Preparatory Programs. The BOEN requested that the school submit a copy of their faculty handbook and a sample of their clinical contract agreement for the file. This information was received and added to the file on September 3, 2009.

Katherine Pellerin moved to accept the self-study and grant the program Full Approval. The motion was seconded by Maria Pietrantuono and passed with all in favor with one abstention, Kathy Shea. The next review will be in September 2014.

Ms. Costello introduced Rosemary Hathaway who is the Program Director for the Hybrid RN to BSN Program. The program is currently up and running and has approximately 25 students enrolled.

STONE ACADEMY LPN PROGRAM – EAST HARTFORD CAMPUS

Pam Pelletier provided an oral review of the facility inspection at 745 Burnside Avenue in East Hartford. This building formerly housed the Goodwin College RN Program. In reviewing the report the Board questioned as to whether or not there was handicap accessibility to the second floor. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to table this matter to acquire further information regarding the handicap accessibility to the second floor. The motion passed unanimously. This will be placed on the October 7, 2009 agenda. The program did not have representation at this meeting.

LINCOLN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Jo-Ann Dean and Cindy Williams were present regarding the waiver requests for the Lincoln Technical Programs.

Carolyn Nicholson – Shelton Campus: Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to grant Ms. Nicholson a one-year waiver. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention: Kathy Shea.

Donna Lisewski – Shelton Campus: Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant Ms. Lisewski a one-year waiver. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention: Kathy Shea.

Joanne Nanavaty - Shelton Campus: Ivelisse Varrone moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant Ms. Nanavaty a six-month waiver. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention: Kathy Shea.

Patricia Donovan – Hamden Campus: Mary Brown moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to grant Ms. Donovan a one-year waiver. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention: Kathy Shea.

Patricia DeLucia – New Britain Campus: Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant Ms. DeLucia a one-year waiver. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention: Kathy Shea.

RIDLEY-LOWELL INSTITUTE – LETTER OF INTENT TO START LPN PROGRAM

The Ridley-Lowell Institute withdrew their letter of intent to start an LPN Program.

NURSING EDUCATION STATISTICS

Pam Pelletier provided an oral review of the nursing education program statistics which Donna Canalis had presented to the Deans and Directors before her retirement.

NCLEX SCORES – SECOND QUARTER

Pam Pelletier provided an oral review of the NCLEX scores for the second quarter.

J. M. WRIGHT LPN PROGRAM

The Board Office received information that the J. M. Wright LPN Program has merged their students with Bullard Havens. The J. M. Wright Technical School has suspended operations at their facility for two years. The Board requests that someone from Connecticut Technical High School attend the October 7, 2009 meeting to apprise the Board of the program change and also a site visit will need to be made at Bullard-Havens. Pamela Pelletier has received a letter from Patricia Fennessy regarding this change.

COMMITTEE RE: PEARSON VUE/CHANGES REQUIRED

Jennifer Filippone updated the Board on the committee. The committee will consist of Patricia Bouffard and Katherine Pellerin from the BOEN, Sheila Solernou from the ADN Program at Gateway Community College, Ellen Freeman from the ADN Program at Three Rivers Community College, Janice Costello from the ADN Program at Goodwin College, Lisa M. Rebescki from the BSN Program at Southern CT State University, Patricia Fennessy, CT Technical High Schools, and Jennifer Filippone, Deb Brown, and Pam Pelletier from the Department of Public Health. The first meeting will be an organizational meeting and for the second meeting Jennifer Filippone will contact the Department of Higher Education to see if a speaker from the DOE can attend to explain the process.

CORRESPONDENCE & STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES – MAY, JUNE, JULY, 2009

Diane Cybulski reviewed the incoming calls to the Board Office during the summary months. Frequently received calls were regarding flu clinics, nursing working below the level of their license and even working on the unlicensed level.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard and Amanda Campbell attended the NCSBN Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA in August. The NCSBN Delegate Assembly met to consider pertinent association business with its member boards of nursing. There were 59 member boards represented by delegates which was a record attendance this year. The dialoguing and networking opportunities that this meeting provided to all attendees will be invaluable to nursing regulators throughout the coming year.

Highlights of some of the significant actions approved by the member boards included:

- Election of new directors to the Board of Directors and members of the Leadership Succession Committee.
- Adopted revisions to the Education Model Rules.
- Approval of the College of Nurses of Ontario, the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba, and the College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta as Associate Members of the NCSBN.
- Adopted the 2010 NCLEX-RN Test Plan.
- Next Annual Meeting is August 10-13, 2010 in Portland, Oregon.
- Missouri recently passed legislation to join the Nurse Licensure Compact and will begin the rule writing process to work toward implementation of the Compact in 2010. Currently 23 states participate in the Compact as follows: AS (American Samoa), AR, CO, DE, ID, IO, KY, ME, MD, MS, NE, NH, NM, NC, ND, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA & WI.

Break 10:25 AM – 10:40 AM during which time Katherine Pellerin spoke with the students.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – JEAN RALICKI, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Jean Ralicki. Ms. Ralicki was present without her counsel, Attorney Michelle Holmes. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant the Motion to Withdraw. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea who abstained.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LINDA J. KASOWITZ, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Linda Kasowitz. Ms. Kasowitz was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea who abstained. Maria Pietrantuono made a motion to overrule the objection to the Summary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Donna Roberts and passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea who abstained.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ERICA HILL, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Erica Hill. Ms. Hill was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea who abstained.

HEARING – VICKI MROSEK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Mrosek was present pro se. Ms. Mrosek requested a continuance of this hearing. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant the continuance to the December 2, 2009 meeting. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea who abstained.

HEARING – CAROLE DENNISS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Denniss was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Ms. Denniss and Bonnie Pinkerton, DPH Nurse Consultant. Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss treatment records with Ms. Denniss. Once completed Amanda Campbell moved and Jennifer Long seconded to conclude the Executive Session. The hearing concluded.

Amanda Campbell moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to find Ms. Denniss on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Campbell moved and Veronica Kivela seconded to revoke Ms. Denniss' license. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – LAURIE WOODSTOCK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Woodstock was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Ms. Woodstock. The hearing concluded.

Donna Roberts moved and Veronica Kivela seconded to find Ms. Woodstock on all charges as all charges were admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Donna Roberts moved and Veronica Kivela seconded to revoke Ms. Woodstock's license. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – LEONA BILODEAU, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Bilodeau was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Testimony was provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, DPH Nurse Consultant. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Board go into Executive Session to question Ms. Pinkerton on Ms. Bilodeau's therapist reports. Upon the conclusion of Ms. Pinkerton's testimony, the Board moved out of Executive Session and the hearing concluded. Kathy Shea recused herself from this case.

Donna Roberts moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to reopen the hearing to remark Exhibit 1 "Original Exhibit" on the record which was granted. Donna Roberts then moved to close the hearing, which was seconded by Amanda Campbell and passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to find Ms. Bilodeau on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor with one recusal, Kathy Shea.

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to revoke Ms. Bilodeau's license. The motion passed with all in favor with one recusal, Kathy Shea.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board members present that this meeting be adjourned at 1:25 PM at which time Stacy Owens and Joanne V. Yandow, DPH Staff Attorneys, introduced themselves to the Board.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 16, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Amanda Campbell, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Olinda Morales, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Stacy Owens, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joanne V. Yandow, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:29 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the Howell Cheney LPN Program, the University of Hartford, Porter and Chester LPN Program, and Stone Academy, East Hartford Campus.

Chair Bouffard and Katherine Pellerin provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs during the morning recess.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – RUTH DUSHAY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ruth Dushay. Ms. Dushay was present without her counsel at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion was opposed by Katherine Pellerin, Jennifer Long, Heidi Darling, and Mary Brown. In favor of the motion were Patricia Bouffard, Kathy Shea, Ivelisse Varrone, and Donna Roberts with Veronica Kivela abstaining. It was a tie vote and on the advice of the Board's counsel the motion was denied. The hearing is scheduled for October 7, 2009 and the Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges were hand delivered to and accepted by Ms. Dushay at this meeting. Ms. Dushay's counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett, was unable to attend this meeting and the Board Office will provide her with an electronic copy of the notices.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PAMELA PECKRUL, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Pamela Peckrul. Ms. Peckrul was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Heidi Darling seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JENNIFER E. MARSHALL, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jennifer Marshall. Ms. Marshall was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with one abstention, Ivelisse Varrone. The Notice of Hearing, Summary Suspension Order, and Statement of Charges were hand delivered to and accepted by Attorney Murray at this meeting.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – JESSIE HELLER-WORK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Ms. Heller-Work has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – LUCRETIA CAMERON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lucretia Cameron. Ms. Cameron was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – KIMBERLY CAPTOR, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kimberly Captor. Ms. Captor was present with counsel, Attorney John Costa. Jennifer Long moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to deny this Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. It was the recommendation of the Board that this case does not rise to the level of Board action.

CONSENT ORDER – LAUREN DUCHON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lauren Duchon. Ms. Duchon was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – ERICA HILL, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Hill was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin made an oral motion to deem the factual charges admitted. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously. The hearing closed and the Board moved into Fact Finding.

Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to find Ms. Hill on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to revoke Ms. Hill's license. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – HELENA SPENCER, LPN

This is the fourth hearing in the case of Helena Spencer. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Spencer was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. There were questions from the Board to the Respondent followed by closing arguments. The hearing closed and the Board moved into Fact Finding.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Ms. Spencer be found on all charges with the exception of Number 4. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Kathy Shea.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Spencer's license be placed on probation for one year with employer reports every two months and education in scope of practice, problem solving and critical thinking, and enteral feedings and complications. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstentions, Kathy Shea.

The meeting recessed at 10:25 AM returning at 10:45 during which time Chair Bouffard and Katherine Pellerin spoke with the students.

HEARING – AMY ZIEGLER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Ziegler was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Testimony was provided by Diane Cybulski, DPH RN Nurse Consultant, Supervisor of Investigations. The hearing closed and the Board moved into Fact Finding.

Jennifer Long moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Ziegler be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Donna Roberts seconded to revoke Ms. Ziegler's license. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – CAROLYN SCHEIREY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Scheirey was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Attorney Leonhardt requested a continuance with objection from the Department of Public Health. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the continuance to December 2, 2009 at 8:45 AM. Katherine Pellerin then amended her motion to state that this will be the final continuance granted to Ms. Scheirey. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea who was opposed.

The Department presented a Motion to Amend the Statement of Charges. Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant the motion, which passed unanimously.

HEARING – JOANNE PRELI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Preli was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Ms. Preli. The hearing closed and the Board moved into Fact Finding on this case.

Donna Roberts moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Preli be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Heidi Darling and Veronica Kivela who were opposed.

Donna Roberts moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that Ms. Preli's license be placed on a one-year probation with coursework in diabetic foot care and delegation of responsibilities. The motion failed as all were opposed. A new motion was raised by Mary Brown, seconded by Jennifer Long, to assign Ms. Preli a civil penalty of \$150.00 which is due and payable one month after the Memorandum of Decision has been issued. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 1:37 PM.

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Amanda Campbell, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Donna Roberts, LPN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Stacy Owens, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:39 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed two students from the University of Hartford.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard and Katherine Pellerin will be attending the Connecticut Nurses' Association Convention.

OPEN FORUM

There were no questions or concerns from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Meeting location during 2010 Legislature Session which starts February 3, 2010.

H.A.V.E.N. (Health Assistance interVention Education Network) PROGRAM UPDATE

Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director of the H.A.V.E.N. Program was present to provide a program update. The Web-site www.haven-ct.org is now up and running. Dr. George Kelly has joined their staff as the Program Director. Dr. Kelly is a psychiatrist from the Norwalk area. Currently in the program there are 59 MDs, 5 Dentists and no Dental Hygienists, 5 Veterinarians, 2 Podiatrists, 1 Chiropractor, 2 Physician Assistants, 2 Social Workers, 2 Respiratory Therapists, 55 RNs, 9 LPNs, and 5 APRNs. Approximately 90% of the nurses are joining the H.A.V.E.N. Program after Drug Control interventions. On-going communication has been going very well between H.A.V.E.N. and the Department of Public Health thanks to Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager. In 2009 there were a number of nurses referred back to DPH, 20 for non-compliance and/or the financial burden of participation in the program. The H.A.V.E.N. program monitors all professions for five years. H.A.V.E.N. will be having a seminar "Connecticut: Meeting the Challenges of Professional Health" which will be held on Friday, November 13, 2009, at Wesleyan University in Beckham Hall.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jennifer Filippone provided the Board with an update on Legislative issues.

Licensure fee increases for initial licensure have doubled for ALL professions including nursing. RNs will now pay \$180, APRNs are now \$200, and LPNs are now \$150. This will effect all initial licensure applications not completed prior to October 1st even if they were received in this office prior to October 1st.

On-Line licensure renewals seems to be working well. Jennifer Filippone will provide data at a later date.

Jennifer Filippone also provided an update on the Review and Investigations Committee which will have their recommendations in December.

CERTIFIED LICENSURE PACKET IN CASE FILES

Kathleen Boulware, DPH Public Health Services Manager, was present to discuss the need for licensure packets in case files. The Department provides a licensure affidavit in each packet from the OPLC Office within the Department of Public Health. Kathleen Boulware questioned whether the information the Board reviews could be added to the cover sheet rather than Xeroxing the actual entire initial application packet. She will provide the Board with a draft at the November 4, 2009 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE & STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Pamela Pelletier provided the Board with a synopsis of the most recent trend of calls received in the Board Office throughout the summer months.

H1N1 PROTOCOL RE: NURSING STUDENTS

What will nursing students do if the clinical sites are closed due to the H1N1 virus? RNs can use a SIM Lab but it clearly states in the regulations that LPNs cannot do their clinical in a SIM Lab. Students need to meet the required number of hours in order to graduate. The nursing programs need to be proactive and get ahead of the curve. Patricia Fennessy, DOE LPN CT Technical High School Consultant, has placed this on the agenda of their next Department Head Meeting for discussion. Patricia Fennessy will report back to the Board at their November 4, 2009 meeting regarding discussions which have taken place with the CT Technical High School LPN Department Heads.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CENTRAL CT STATE UNIVERSITY – PROGRESS REPORT ON BSN PROGRAM

Dr. Linda Wagner, Chair of the Nursing Department, was present to provide the Board with a progress report on the BSN Program at CCSU. Dr. Wagner stated that since the Board's approval, the program continues to do well and they have ordered additional supplies and are attempting to hire additional faculty to meet the needs of the program.

SCHOOL ISSUES – STONE ACADEMY LPN PROGRAM

At the September 2, 2009 meeting the Board reviewed the inspection report of August 18, 2009 of the Stone Academy East Hartford facility located at 745 Burnside Avenue. East Hartford's Zoning Enforcement Official has stated that Stone Academy is in compliance with all zoning regulations. Their letter stated in part that the property received a "Special Permit Use" for a classroom building and that this permit is still in effect. This site has served as an approved location for a registered nurse program for the last six years.

The building was constructed as a classroom and lab facility and has been accepted as ADA-compliant; since all courses and services are available on the first (wheelchair accessible) floor. The scheduling of classes on the first floor is considered for the ADA to be a reasonable accommodation under the criteria of a modification of a school policy or procedure. For example, the student lounge services are available in a designated section of our new library should they be needed for a motor disabled student. The Board accepted the letter as written.

SCHOOL ISSUES – J. M. WRIGHT/BULLARD HAVENS LPN PROGRAM MERGER

Patricia Fennessy, DOE LPN Consultant for CT Technical High Schools, was present for this discussion. She apprised the Board that J. M. Wright Technical High School in Stamford has suspended operations for two years in order to study options for restructuring. In December 2008 the State Board of Education recommended that if budgetary considerations required a significant cut to the budget of the CT Technical High School System, the least harmful way of effecting those cuts would be to suspend operations at J. M. Wright. The J. M. Wright LPN Program has merged with the Bullard-Havens Technical High School in Bridgeport. The facilities at Bullard-Havens are spacious and include state of the art classrooms, clinical labs, technologies, and faculty offices will support both programs. This merger gives J. M. Wright students the opportunity to complete the LPN Program by January 2010.

W. F. Kaynor and A. I. Prince LPN Programs have completed extensive school renovations and have moved into their new facilities. Both programs have large areas for classrooms, clinical lab, and faculty offices as well as updated technologies.

All three sites are able to provide educationally sound environments conducive to increasing student success. Pam Pelletier will be doing an on-site inspection of all three sites this month and will be reporting back to the Board with the findings.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL CONCERNS

The Board has the following concerns regarding the CT Technical High Schools LPN Programs:

- 25-hour per week clerical staff member assigned to the LPN Program is being used to assist other school departments as needed and at times is not on-site. Any changes in the approved number of clerical hours must be reviewed by the Board to ensure that clerical availability continues to meet the LPN Programs needs. School Regulations 20-90-48(a)(3)
- Non-nursing faculty are reviewing the appropriateness of clinical assignments and observing clinical skills while students are providing direct care and services to patients.
- Students are required to spend more time in the program than is outlined in the curriculum for remediation, even if they are passing and completed the required number of hours.
- Counting NCLEX review as clinical experience and the possible elimination of educational/clinical hours in excess of the 1500 required by state statute.

- Substantive changes to the curriculum must be approved by the Board.
- The Board should be notified regarding decisions to close a nursing education program and a plan must be submitted along with a timetable for termination as outlined in Section 20-90-47(2)(b) of the School Regulations.
- The Board is to be notified when there is a change in LPN Program Department Heads. Notice of the appointment of a new Department Head should be submitted with a summary of the qualifications of the appointee which is to be reviewed by the Board that the appointee meets the required qualifications.

A letter with the Board's concerns will be drafted for Chair Bouffard's signature and will be forwarded to Dr. Ceferino Lugo, Assistant Superintendent of the CT Technical High School System.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard had nothing new to report at this time.

MINUTES

AUGUST 19, 2009

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Kathy Shea.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2009

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – JENNIFER TELAGE-VENTURINI, LPN

Ms. Telage-Venturini was present to request a reinstatement hearing due to licensure revocation effective April 1, 2009. Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to deny Ms. Telage-Venturini's request at this time as the Memorandum of Decision was just signed on April 1, 2009. In the reinstatement hearing request letter that was forwarded to Ms. Telage-Venturini it clearly states that in applying for a hearing the nurse must be able to demonstrate to the Board a lengthy period of a drug/alcohol free status. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Katherine Pellerin who recused herself from this discussion.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

All Board Members received the Memoranda of Decision via e-mail.

NANCY WALKER, LPN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Walker's license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision.

JENNIFER MIEREZ, LPN

Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to dismiss the charges in this case. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention: Jennifer Long. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PATRICIA HARRISON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Patricia Harrison. Ms. Harrison was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Heidi Darling seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be scheduled for October 21, 2009. Chair Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing and the Summary Suspension Order.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – CHERYL DUBOVIK, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Cheryl Dubovik. Ms. Dubovik was not present and was not represented by counsel at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Interim Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – SARAH BARNEY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Sarah Barney. Ms. Barney was not present nor was she represented by counsel at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – WENNIE GONZALES, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Wennie Gonzales. Ms. Gonzales was not present and was not represented by counsel at this meeting. Amanda Campbell moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – JAMIE GRENIER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Jamie Grenier. Ms. Grenier was present without representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – DONATA BANKS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Donata Banks. Ms. Banks was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Heidi Darling seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CEASE & DESIST CONSENT ORDER – ANNE ALDINGER, UNLICENSED

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Cease & Desist Consent Order for Anne Aldinger. Ms. Aldinger was not present and was not represented at this meeting. Amanda Campbell moved and Heidi Darling seconded to grant the Cease & Desist Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – KATY DUCLOS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Katy Duclos. Ms. Duclos was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – SARA KAISER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Sara Kaiser. Ms. Kaiser was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – JACQUELINE S. HOWARD, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Jacqueline S. Howard. Ms. Howard was present without representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – STEVEN BUCKLEY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Steven Buckley. Mr. Buckley was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – PAMELA PECKRUL, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Peckrul was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. There was no testimony provided.

Amanda Campbell moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to find Ms. Peckrul on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Campbell moved and Heidi Darling seconded that Ms. Peckrul's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUANCE REQUEST – RUTH DUSHAY, RN

The Board reviewed a continuance request received in the Board Office on Tuesday afternoon which was granted by the Board for today's hearing.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – RUTH DUSHAY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Revised Motion for Summary Suspension for Ruth Dushay. Ms. Dushay was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be scheduled for October 21, 2009. Chair Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing and the Summary Suspension Order.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 11:50 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 21, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 2-D, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Amanda Campbell, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Jennifer Long, APRN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joanne V. Yandow, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the University of Hartford, Bullard Havens LPN Program, Kaynor Tech LPN Program, and Eli Whitney LPN Program.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – PATRICIA INTEGLIA, LPN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Patricia Integlia. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Integlia's license. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision.

CONSENT ORDER – LORI KOCH, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville and DPH Law Intern Kristi Fanelli were present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Koch was present with counsel, Attorney Hope C. Seeley. It was the unanimous decision of the Board to deny this Consent Order as the case does not rise to the level of Board action.

CONSENT ORDER – AMBER ALBERT, LPN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Amber Albert. Ms. Albert was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Amanda Campbell moved and Heidi Darling seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Kathy Shea. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – KATE MEZZI, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kate Mezzi. Ms. Mezzi was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Kathy Shea. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – ROBERT HALL, LPN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges as Mr. Hall has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – REGINA M. MAHLER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville and DPH Law Intern Kristi Fanelli presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Regina M. Mahler. Ms. Mahler was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Amanda Campbell moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Interim Consent Order.

HEARING – STACEY JANKOWSKI, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Jankowski was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. There was no testimony provided. The hearing closed at 9:40 AM.

Jennifer Long moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to find Ms. Jankowski on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Jankowski's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the close of the record Ms. Jankowski arrived. Heidi Darling moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to keep the record closed and to not reopen the hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – KATHRYN ARMITAGE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kathryn Armitage. Ms. Armitage was present without representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – GEOFFREY PERKINS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Perkins was present with counsel, Attorney Melissa Testa. Testimony was provided by the Respondent, Geoffrey Perkins; Kenneth Forte, RN, Bridgeport Hospital; Stephanie Andrade, RN, Bridgeport Hospital; and, Kristine S. Borgognone, RN, Bridgeport Hospital.

The Board recessed for lunch at 1:00 PM and the hearing continued at 1:45 PM. Testimony continued. The hearing concluded at 2:00 PM. The hearing was continued to December 2, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 2:05 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 4, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Amanda Campbell, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
Stacy Owens, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Norwich Tech LPN Program and Yale School of Nursing.

Chair Bouffard and Katherine Pellerin provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard and Kathleen Boulware presented at the CNA Convention on the role of the Board
Katherine Pellerin will do a presentation to the Henry Abbott Tech LPN students on the role of the Board.

OPEN FORUM

No response from the audience

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jennifer Filippone updated the Board on the work of the Legislative Committees.

SCHOOL ISSUES – YALE SCHOOL OF NURSING FIVE-YEAR SURVEY REPORT

Dr. Margaret Grey, Dean of the Nursing Program at Yale School of Nursing, and Barbara Guthrie, Associate Dean, were both present for this report. The Board was apprised that the program has received full CCNE accreditation for ten years and will forward written documentation to Pam Pelletier upon receipt. Diane Cybulski provided the Board with Pam Pelletier's report as Ms. Pelletier was unable to attend today's meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept Yale's self-study report as written. The motion passed unanimously. Amanda Campbell wanted to thank Ms. Pelletier for her outline which was most helpful to the Board when reviewing this report.

SCHOOL ISSUES – LINCOLN TECH – FEASIBILITY STUDY

Jo-Ann Dean, Regional LPN Director, and Craig Avery, Vice President, were present for this discussion regarding the Feasibility Study for their Suffield Campus. The Board reviewed the report and stated the report has not demonstrated a need for an LPN Program in the Suffield area. The report failed to demonstrate that students would get a job without moving out of the area. In reviewing the report the Board stated that there were too many holes and too many unanswered questions. The geographic report did not provide a need for this type of program in the Suffield area. Mary Brown moved to reject the Feasibility Study as presented. The Board stated that they need more data. The motion was seconded by Katherine Pellerin and passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CT COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM

The Board received notification from Linda Perfetto that her title at the Connecticut Community College System has been changed to more accurately reflect her duties. Ms. Perfetto's new title is Director of System Nursing Curricular Operations.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL CHANGES IN DEPARTMENT HEADS

The Board reviewed documentation from Patricia Fennessy regarding changes in Department Heads within the LPN Programs of the CT Technical High School System. Patricia Fennessy was present for this discussion and provided the Board with an explanation as to why they did not receive the information prior to the appointments.

Connie Gibeault is the new Department Head at Windham Technical High School. Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded to approve Ms. Gibeault's credentials. The motion passed unanimously.

Donna McBrien is the new Department Head at Vinal Technical High School. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to approve Ms. McBrien's credentials. The motion passed unanimously.

Audrey Szczesiul is the new Department Head at Howell Cheney Technical High School. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded to approve Ms. Szczesiul's credentials. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board wishes the new Department Heads success in their endeavors.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SITE VISITS RE: LOCATION CHANGES

A.I. Prince's on-site visit to survey renovated building took place on October 1, 2009. The entire area and equipment available makes this school conducive to learning. Amanda Campbell moved and Mary Brown seconded to accept the site visit report. The motion passed unanimously.

W. F. Kaynor's on-site visit to survey renovated building took place on October 1, 2009. As stated above in the A. I. Prince report, the entire area and equipment available makes this school conducive to learning. Katherine Pellerin moved and Heidi Darling seconded to accept the site visit report. The motion passed unanimously.

The Bullard-Havens on-site visit took place on October 1, 2009 upon notification that the J. M. Wright Technical School closed and that the J. M. Wright LPN Program had merged with Bullard-Havens LPN Program in order to allow students to complete the program in January 2010. Bullard-Havens was inspected to ensure that students who transferred from the J. M. Wright Program were appropriately provided space, facilities, and faculty as outlined in the regulations. The transition process went well and was completed at the time of the on-site visit. Donna Roberts moved and Heidi Darling seconded to accept this site visit report. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NCLEX SCORES RN & LPN

Diane Cybulski reviewed the Third Quarter NCLEX results with the Board. The program scores for the 2009 Third Quarter were in compliance with the percentile for a passing grade as stated in the regulations. Some programs were borderline passing and the Board will watch for the results from the next quarter.

LICENSURE PACKETS IN CASE FILE EXHIBITS

Kathleen Boulware was present to provide the Board a draft of the summary of the individual licensee's licensure packet that will be summarized on the "cover" page of the discipline packets provided to the Board. The Board unanimously approved the draft cover page as was presented.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – H1N1 PROTOCOL RE: NURSING CLINICAL SITES

Patricia Fennessy was present from the CT Technical High School System to share with the Board discussions that have taken place with the LPN Department Heads within the CT Technical High School System.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

Chair Bouffard had no updates regarding the National Council.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Janice E. Wojick presented to the Board the following Memoranda of Decision which they received via e-mail prior to the meeting.

KIMBERLEY BURROWS, RN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Burrows' license. The motion passed with all in favor.

LAURIE WOODSTOCK, RN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to extend Ms. Woodstock's probation for six months. The motion passed with all in favor.

On August 19, 2009 a Motion for Summary Suspension was ordered and signed by the Board of Examiners for Nursing suspending Ms. Woodstock's Registered Nurse license until the issuance of the pending Memorandum of Decision from the September 2, 2009 hearing before the Board. Ms. Woodstock's license remains summarily suspended.

Break 10:10 AM – 10:23 AM

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JESSICA D. VITALE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jessica Vitale. Ms. Vitale was present without representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to deny the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for January 17, 2010. It was the recommendation of the Board that the Department withdraw the charges.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JENNIFER PECCERILLO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jennifer Peccerillo. Ms. Peccerillo was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 18, 2009.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PETER DAWBER, RN, TEMPORARY PERMIT

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Peter Dawber. Mr. Dawber was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 18, 2009.

CONSENT ORDER – RHONDA TROTIER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino presented the Board with a Consent Order for Rhonda Trotier. Ms. Trotier was present with counsel, Attorney Len Horvath. Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – JENIFER FRANCESCHI-BAXTER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Franceschi-Baxter was not present and did not have representation at this meeting.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to find Ms. Franceschi-Baxter on all charges. There was no Answer to the Statement of Charges filed therefore the Motion to Deem Charges Admitted was granted. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded to revoke Ms. Franceschi-Baxter's license. Veronica Kivela, Donna Roberts, and Maria Pietrantuono voted in favor of revocation while all others were opposed. The motion failed.

A new motion was raised by Katherine Pellerin, seconded by Amanda Campbell, to place Ms. Franbceschi-Baxter's license on suspension for six months with concurrent probation for two years, reprimand, with monthly employer reports and no agency or pool work during the entire probationary period. During the first six months of probation/suspension a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 must be paid and the Respondent is to successfully complete courses in medication administration, nursing scope of practice, and nursing ethics. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimous decision of the Board that this meeting be adjourned at 11:38 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 18, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Amanda Campbell, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Owens, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Olinda Morales, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:28 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Windham Tech and Vinal Tech LPN Programs, the University of Hartford, UConn, and Goodwin Technical School.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MICHELE WHEELER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Wheeler was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 2, 2009.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARK POWER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Power was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 2, 2009.

CONSENT ORDER – ALLYSON ALLEN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Allen was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Amanda Campbell moved and Veronica Kivela seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – JANICE THIEDE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Thiede was not present nor was her counsel, Attorney Costello, present at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – CHERYL DUBOVIK, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Dubovik was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Amanda Campbell moved and Jennifer Long seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – ARLENE DUMAIS, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Dumais was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved and Heidi Darling seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – JESSICA D. VITALE, RN

Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges for Jessica Vitale. Ms. Vitale was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – BRYAN SHERMAN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Sherman was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Pam Pelletier, Department of Public Health, and Jennifer Carnovale, Nursing Home Administrator at Kettle Brook.

Amanda Campbell moved and Heidi Darling seconded that Mr. Sherman be found on paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 but not found on paragraph 5. Amanda Campbell, Jennifer Long, and Heidi Darling were in favor, Kathy Shea abstained, and all others were opposed. The motion failed.

A new motion was raised by Maria Pietrantuono and seconded by Donna Roberts to find Mr. Sherman on all charges. All were in favor with the exception of Amanda Campbell, Jennifer Long, and Heidi Darling who were opposed and Kathy Shea who abstained. The motion carried.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Mr. Sherman's license be placed on probation for one year with employer reports every two months and a course in medication administration and a course related to medication administration to geriatric patients. Coursework is to be completed within the first six months of probation. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Heidi Darling who was opposed and Kathy Shea who abstained.

Break 11:28 AM – 11:35 AM

HEARING – PETER DAWBER, RN-TEMPORARY PERMIT

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Dawber was not present and did not have representation at this Hearing. There was no testimony provided.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that Mr. Dawber be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to revoke Mr. Dawber's license. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – KOKUMO LAURAY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Lauray was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Gary Griffin, DPH Investigations Supervisor.

Jennifer Long moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that Ms. Lauray be found on Count Three of the charges only and not found on Counts 1 & 2. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that Ms. Lauray's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Lunch 1:15 PM – 1:45 PM

HEARING – SARA CANFIELD-HORNIG, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Canfield-Hornig was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. There was no testimony provided.

Donna Roberts moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that Ms. Canfield-Hornig be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Donna Roberts moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Canfield-Hornig's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 2:15 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on December 2, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Amanda Campbell, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne V. Yandow, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Norma D. Gyle, Deputy Commissioner, DPH
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from E.C. Goodwin Tech LPN Program.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard announced that Ivelisse Varrone has resigned from her position as a Public Member on this Board effective November 25, 2009.

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET MITIGATION PLAN TO SUSPEND LPN PROGRAMS AT THE CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS

The Board discussed the possibility of Governor Rell suspending the CT Technical High School LPN Programs effective after the present class graduates in January 2010 which the Governor has the power to do without Legislative approval. Pam Pelletier apprised the Board that there are presently 10 LPN programs which have full-time day programs and two of these programs have part-time evening programs. Presently there are adult students who have made life changes to enter into these programs and are waiting their acceptance letters to start classes on January 25, 2010. While one Board Member understood and discussed the Governor's position regarding the need to suspend the programs, the majority of the discussion from the Board and the audience was to keep the LPN programs up and running. There was discussion that the Governor would not even entertain the idea of increasing the tuition. The Board questioned how long the programs would be suspended, would it be eighteen months or longer? The Board heard discussion from the students, Kaynor's LPN Department Head, Patricia Fennessy, DOE Consultant for the CT Technical High School System, and Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. The President of the CLPNA works at Southbury Training School and stated that nurses have paid overtime in this facility since June as the Governor will not fill the nursing vacancies. Chair Bouffard will write a letter to the Governor on behalf of the Board. The discussion ended at 9:15 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JESSICA JOHNSON, RN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jessica Johnson. Ms. Johnson was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Veronica Kivela seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. Discussion followed and the motion failed as all were opposed. A new motion was raised by Amanda Campbell, seconded by Donna Roberts, to deny the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. It was the recommendation of the Board that the charges be dismissed.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

The Board Members received the Memoranda of Decision for review via E-Mail.

STORMY DAVIS, LPN

Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Mr. Davis' LPN license. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea who abstained.

MARC BILODEAU, RN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to dismiss this case. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea who abstained.

Break 9:52 AM – 10:10 AM

CONSENT ORDER – SAMANTHA ANGELINI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Angelini. Ms. Angelini was not present was not represented at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Veronica Kivella seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – DENISE ROBIN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Robin. Ms. Robin was not present and was not represented at this meeting. Amanda Campbell moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea and Patricia Bouffard who were opposed.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – ANTHEA MENDEZ, RN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Mendez was not present although she was represented by counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Jennifer Long moved and Veronica Kivella seconded to accept the Withdrawal of the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Motion to Withdraw.

HEARING – MARK POWER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Power was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Valerie Latrelle, Director of Nursing at Noble Horizons, and Mr. Power.

Amanda Campbell moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to find Mr. Power on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Campbell moved and Heidi Darling seconded to revoke Mr. Power's license. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – GEOFFREY PERKINS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Perkins was present with counsel, Attorney Michelle Testa. This is the second day of hearing for Geoffrey Perkins. Testimony was provided by Mr. Perkins.

Lunch break during Mr. Perkins' testimony was from 1:03 PM to 1:40 PM.

Prior to the fact finding and determining a remedy in this case, Katherine Pellerin recused herself from discussion and voting on this case. Amanda Campbell left during closing statements.

Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded to find Mr. Perkins on all charges with the exception of 3c. The Board cannot find on 3c based on the evidence presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded to place Mr. Perkins' license on probation for one year, a civil penalty of \$500.00, and coursework in Scope of Practice, Medication Administration, and Documentation. Mr. Perkins is not to work for a nursing pool agency and will have his employer provide the Department of Public Health quarterly employer reports. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard, Heidi Darling, and Jennifer Long who were opposed.

Maria Pietrantuono left at this time.

HEARING – ETHLYN CHERRINGTON, LPN

Attorney Daniel Schopick requested a continuance as it appeared that the Board would not be able to start his case today. A continuance was granted to February 3, 2010. Documentation will follow in the mail.

HEARING – CAROLYN SCHIEREY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Schierey was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Testimony was provided by Diane Cybulski. At 4:20 PM Jennifer Long motioned that the Board move into Executive Session to hear testimony regarding confidential treatment records. The motion was seconded by Heidi Darling and passed unanimously. At 4:30 PM Katherine Pellerin and Donna Roberts left the day at which time the Board lost a quorum. The hearing concluded at 5:10 PM and was rescheduled to January 20, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

HEARING – CAROL SCHAFFER, RN

The hearing for Carol Schaffer was rescheduled to December 16, 2009 at 10:00 AM. This hearing will be the first hearing scheduled. Attorney David Tilles had questions regarding the need for an expert witness in this case. This discussion will be continued to the December 16th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 5:15 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on December 16, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Amanda Campbell, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Donna Roberts, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Olinda Morales Staff Attorney, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the 2010 graduating classes of A. I Prince and Howell Cheney LPN Programs.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard participated in the NCSBN Member Board Dial-in regarding the financial audit, the expose' of the California Board of Nursing, the Multistate Licensure Compact, and questions regarding Connecticut becoming a formal member of NURSYS.

Chair Bouffard was interviewed for scope of practice for the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee.

OPEN FORUM

No questions from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

No additions to the agenda.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Nothing new to report at this time. Session starts February 3, 2010. It is too early for agenda items.

As the State of Connecticut is facing a financial crisis that requires immediate action to reduce the state's budget deficit, the CT Technical High School Licensed Practical Nurse Program class scheduled to begin on January 25, 2010 has been suspended.

Students that are presently enrolled in the day and evening programs will have the opportunity to complete their programs, but all future programs are suspended. Any inquiries regarding the LPN program can be e-mailed to Patricia.Fennessy@ct.gov.

LICENSURE ISSUES

Kathleen Boulware was present to answer the Board's questions on licensure issues.

SCHOOL ISSUES

NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUESTS

Joanne Ottman was present from the program to request a waiver for Kimberly Frederick. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to extend the waiver through May, 2010 for Ms. Frederick. The motion passed unanimously.

THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUESTS

Ellen Freeman was present from the program to request three waivers.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant the waiver for Paula Sullivan through May, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to table the waiver request for Zina Y. Ruban. The program must provide an updated transcript and a letter that she has matriculated into the MSN program at the University of Connecticut. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to table the waiver request for Shawna Edwards. The program must provide an updated transcript and a letter that she has matriculated into the MSN program at the University of Connecticut. The motion passed unanimously.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUESTS

No one was present from the program to request/present the waiver. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to deny the request for a permanent waiver for Rosemary Ozyck. The motion passed unanimously. The decision was based upon Ms. Ozyck's lack of nursing experience (two years) and the school's failure to demonstrate that Ms. Ozyck will receive the appropriate level of mentorship required in a faculty role.

Lynette Palmer's waiver request was tabled as we need verification of the accreditation status of the institution.

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUEST

Kathleen Fries was present from the program to request two faculty education waivers.

Jennifer Long moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant Kathleen Jimmie a one-year temporary waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono Michelle Towle seconded to table this waiver request pending receipt of letter of matriculation into the master's program and an updated transcript from Sacred Heart University. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – HOWELL CHENEY LPN PROGRAM SURVEY REPORT

Audrey Szezesiul, Acting Department Head at Howell Cheney, and Patricia Fennessy, CT Technical High School Consultant, were present for the presentation of the survey review. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to approve the five-year survey as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – RN PRECEPTORSHIP

The school is responsible for assuring that preceptors meet the regulations and that they shall guide and direct an advanced level RN student in the final year of study in an RN program. The faculty member of the school must be available to the preceptor for questions and/or concerns regarding the RN student while in the clinical setting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Diane Cybulski apprised the Board and the audience of the scope of practice calls received in the Board Office during the months of October and November.

A frequently asked question, can someone with an RN and LPN license work as an LPN? The answer is yes although they cannot work beyond the scope of the license for which they were hired. If the nurse was hired as an LPN, the nurse cannot be held to the higher level of an RN. The nurse cannot exceed the scope of the role for which he/she was hired.

Break 10:00 AM – 10:10 AM

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – KAREN CARLSON McPADDEN, RN

Ms. McPadden was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray, to request a reinstatement hearing. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant Ms. McPadden's request for a reinstatement hearing. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing will be scheduled for February 17, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

REQUEST TO LIFT LICENSURE RESTRICTIONS – LAUREEN MANCINONE, RN

Ms. Mancinone was present to request that the Board lift the supervisory restriction as stated in her current Consent Order in order to allow her to supervise on an occasional basis. She has demonstrated safe and appropriate nursing skills and decisions. A letter was received by the director of nursing stating that by allowing Ms. Mancinone to be able to supervise, it would help with staffing to utilize Ms. Mancinone's skills as supervisor to assist with call-outs and vacation. The current Consent Order expires March 1, 2010. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant Ms. Mancinone's request to lift the licensure restrictions to allow her to supervise occasionally. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – JESSICA JOHNSON, RN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges. Ms. Johnson was not present although she was represented by counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Jennifer Long moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant the Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KELLY JEAN RUDY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kelly Jean Rudy. Ms. Rudy was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for January 20, 2009.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – MICHAEL R. GORE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Michael R. Gore. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – VIRGINIA PAYTON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Virginia Payton. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – JOHN DiGIOVANNI, RN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for John DiGiovanni. Mr. DiGiovanni was present although he was not represented by counsel. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

HEARING – CAROL SCHAFFER, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Schaffer was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Testimony was provided by Carol Schaffer and Dr. Terry Walsh Gottlieb.

Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding has been scheduled for February 3, 2009 at 9:30 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn today's meeting at 4:28 PM.