

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 19, 2016 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-D, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Long, APRN

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, OLC, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, OLC, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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

Students from Bullard Havens, University of Connecticut, Goodwin College, and Western Connecticut State University were welcomed.

CHAIR UPDATES

Nothing to Report

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to Report

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

A report on the annual meeting will be presented at a future Board meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Western Connecticut State University – 5 year Study

Joan Paladino was present from Western Connecticut State University. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve Western Connecticut State University's five year study. The motion passed unanimously.

Naugatuck Valley Community College - Waiver Requests

Naugatuck Valley Community College is requesting a permanent waiver for Dr. Stephanie Tyndall and Holly Mulrenan, RN, MSN. Sandy Russo and Eileen George were present from Naugatuck Valley Community College.

Mary Brown moved to grant a faculty education waiver for Dr. Stephanie Tyndall to teach pharmacology only. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed with all in favor except Geraldine Marrocco who was opposed and Mary Dietmann who recused herself from voting.

Mary Brown moved to grant a faculty education waiver for Holly Mulrenan, RN, MSN to teach pharmacology only. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed with all in favor except Chair Bouffard and Geraldine Marrocco who were opposed and Mary Dietmann who recused herself from voting.

PRE HEARING REVIEW

Shirley Powell, L.P.N. Petition No. 2015-167

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a pre-hearing review packet in the matter of Shirley Powell, RN. Ms. Powell was present with Attorney Mariella LaRosa.

The Board recommended a reprimand; a period of probation with monthly employer reports; course work relating crisis intervention and emergency care of a ventilated patient; and no employment in a home care setting involving the care of a patient requiring ventilation.

SCHOOL ISSUES (continued)

Public Act 16-120

Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH reported that the Department of Public Health and the BOEN was notified on October 5, 2016 by the Department of Higher Education that effective January 1, 2017 - the Office of Higher Education shall enter into a multistate or regional reciprocity agreement (SARA). This agreement is for the purpose of enabling the Connecticut institutions of higher education to participate in a nationwide agreement establishing uniform standards for distance learning education (on-line). This agreement will also eliminate the need for out-of-state programs (on-line) to participate in the states authorization, licensing, and accreditation process.

NCLEX Scores

Pamela Pelletier reported that all programs received their NCLEX scores from 5/1-10/6/16. This is a non-regulatory period, and only Connecticut test takers were queried from the National Council State Boards of Nursing. The programs currently on conditional status i.e.: Gateway, Central Connecticut State University, and University of St. Joseph all were above the 80%.

Three Rivers Community College, Stone Academy, both campuses, and Porter & Chester 2 campuses failed to meet the 80% required. No action can be taken at this time.

5 year Study requirements

Pamela Pelletier reported that effective January 1, 2017, five year studies will no longer be required if a school's accreditation is recognized by the Board.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, that Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) be recognized as the current accrediting bodies for nursing programs. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, suggesting that the Department of Public Health and the Board continue to receive accreditation reports, plans of correction and responses. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, strongly recommending that Connecticut LPN programs achieve national accreditation and that accreditation of LPN programs be mandated within five years. The motion passed unanimously.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health in September 2016.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Sarah Kaiser, LPN – Reinstatement

Giana Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision, as edited, that Ms. Kaiser's license be reinstated to probation with conditions. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Todd Stockheimer, RN – Reinstatement

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision, as edited, that Mr. Stockheimer's license be reinstated to probation with conditions. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Shawna Hartle, RN – Petition No. 2015-1028

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Hartle's license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Danielle Dragon, LPN – Petition No. 2016-846

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

Katherine Mezzi, LPN – Petition No. 2014-1195

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

Rachel Brazee, R.N. - Petition No. 2015-1333

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Brazee's license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Break 10:50 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Presley Eze, LPN - Petition No. 2016-1043

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Presley Eze. Mr. Eze was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Gina Reiners moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety and welfare. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing is scheduled for November 16, 2016.

CONSENT ORDER

Lindsay M. Wayman, R.N. - Petition No. 2016-1043

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prelicensure Consent Order for Lindsay Wayman, RN.

Ms. Wayman was not present and was not represented by counsel. Gina Reiners moved to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which will grant respondent the issuance of an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license. Said license will be immediately placed on probation coterminous with the probation of respondent's registered nurse license ordered in the June 2016.

HEARINGS

Adrian Kozikowski, R.N. - Petition No. 2016-874

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented. The Board granted the Department of Public Health's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted on a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Mary Dietmann.

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

Mary Brown moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded that Mr. Kozikowski be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Lisa Freeman seconded to issue an Order revoking Mr. Kozikowski's registered nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Fabrizio, R.N. - Petition No. 2016-776

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented. The Board granted the Department of Public Health's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted on a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Mary Dietmann.

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

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

Gina Reiners moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded to issue an Order revoking Ms. Fabrizio's registered nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

Dorsey Saunders, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2016-623

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented. The Board granted the Department of Public Health's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted on a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco. Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Geraldine Marrocco moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that Ms. Saunders be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco moved and Mary Dietmann seconded to issue an Order revoking Ms. Saunders' registered nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

Enid Gonzalez, R.N. - Petition No. 2015-254

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented. The Board granted the Department of Public Health's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted on a motion by Geraldine Marrocco, seconded by Mary Dietmann. Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Gina Reiners moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded that Ms. Gonzalez be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Brown who was opposed.

Gina Reiners moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded to issue an Order revoking Ms. Gonzalez's registered nurse license. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Brown and Chair Bouffard who were opposed.

David LaPierre, R.N. - Petition No. 2015-701

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented. The Board granted the Department of Public Health's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted on a motion by Lisa Freeman, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Brown and Chair Bouffard who were opposed.

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

Geraldine Marrocco moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that Mr. LaPierre be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco moved and Mary Dietmann seconded to issue an Order reprimanding Mr. LaPierre's registered nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 1:33 p.m.

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