

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 17, 2018 the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in room 1-D.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary M. Brown, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Lincoln Technical Institute - Shelton and New Britain campuses; Western Connecticut State University; Tunxis Community College - Medical Assistant Program; and the University of Connecticut

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Nothing to report

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard reported that the Connecticut Nurses Association and Connecticut League for Nursing will be holding a meeting to discuss the Multi-Sate Compact. Licensing staff from the Department of Public Health will be participating.

Chair Bouffard explained the Multi-Sate Compact to students.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Lincoln Technical Institute – Approval of Interim Director of Nursing

Patty Delucia and Kelly Quijano were present for Lincoln Technical Institute.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve Ms. Quijano as the Interim Director of Nursing at the New Britain campus. The motion passed unanimously.

Stone Academy, Waterbury Campus – Approval of Program Manager

Holly Mulrenan was present for Stone Academy.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by _Elizaida Delgado, to approve Elizabeth Begley as the Program Manager of the Practical Nursing Program at the Waterbury campus. The motion passed unanimously.

Stone Academy, West Haven Campus – Approval of Interim Program Manager

Holly Mulrenan was present for Stone Academy.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve Kate Galmbos Interim Program Manager of the Practical Nursing Program at the West Haven campus. The motion passed unanimously.

LPN Refresher Course Update

Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided an update regarding the acceptance of individuals with a current disciplinary order and/or prior felony history into RN & LPN Independent Study Refresher Courses at South Dakota State University.

Ms. Smith also reported that Capitol Community College no longer has an interest in offering a refresher program but that St. Vincent's College at Sacred Heart has an interest in creating an LPN refresher program.

Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH reported on survey results from 15 other states regarding criteria for requiring a nurse to complete a refresher program.

Ms. Dalton will explore the question of limited licensure for the purpose of completing a refresher program.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health in September 2018.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Renee Devoe, RN – Reinstatement Request

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Devoe's registered nurse license be reinstated to probation with conditions. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed with all in favor except Lisa Freeman who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Kokumo Lauray, LPN – Reinstatement Request

Mary Dietmann moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Lauray's licensed practical nurse license be reinstated to probation with conditions. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Brian Gross, RN - Petition No. 2017-1504

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Mr. Gross' registered nurse license be placed on probation for four years. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed with all in favor except Lisa Freeman who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

LICENSE REINSTATMENT REQUESTS

Adrienne Delucia, RN

Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH, presented a license reinstatement request regarding Adrienne Delucia, RN.

Following review, the Board recommended that Ms. Delucia's license be reinstated to probation with conditions including completion of a refresher program and attendance at AA/NA meetings.

Herbert Terry, LPN

Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH, presented an amended license reinstatement request regarding Terry Herbert, LPN.

Following review, the Board recommended that Mr. Terry's license be reinstated to probation with conditions including completion of a refresher program and an ethics course.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Kerrisha Stacy-Ann Hurd RN

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in this matter based on Ms. Hurd's surrender of her license subsequent to a Summary Suspension Order on September 19, 2018.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to grant the motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Kathryn Ford, RN - Petition No. 2018-433

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Nicole Miller. Ms. Miller was not present.

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 Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for November 21, 2018.

Heather Breen, RN - Petition No. 2018-871

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Heather Breen. Ms. Breen was not present.

Mary Dietmann moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety and welfare. The motion was seconded by Elizaida Delgado and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for November 21, 2018.

PREHEARING REVIEW

Jennifer Rivers Biltultte, LPN - Petition No.: 2017-1043

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a pre-hearing review in the matter of Jennifer Rivers Biltultte, LPN. Ms. Biltultte was not present

Following review, the Board recommended that this case be brought to a hearing.

CONSENT ORDERS

Shaniqua Moore, LPN - Petition No.: 2015-371

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Shaniqua Moore, LPN. Ms. Moore was present with Attorney Daniel Csuka.

Jennifer Long moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a two year probation

Ana Alvarez, RN - Petition No. 2017-829

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Ana Alvarez, RN. Ms. Alvarez was present with Attorney Kevin Green.

Geraldine Marrocco moved and Lisa Freeman seconded, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a one year probation.

Marcia Guerry, LPN - Petition No. 2017-830

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Marcia Guerry, LPN. Ms. Guerry was present with Attorney John Kardaris. Gina Reiners moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a one year probation.

HEARINGS

Melissa Tackett, RN - Petition No. 2018-158

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

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that the Board grant the Department of Public Health's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted based on an Answer to the Statement of Charges not being filed. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that Ms. Tackett be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that Ms. Tackett's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Joseph Iannicelli, LPN - Petition No. 2017-26

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

Geraldine Marrocco moved and Mary Dietmann seconded to enter executive session to take testimony pertaining to confidential treatment records. The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered executive session from 11:45 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken in executive session.

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

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that Mr. Iannicelli be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that Mr. Iannicelli's license be placed on probation for a period of four years.

Geraldine Marrocco moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that the Summary Suspension of respondent's license ordered on June 21, 2017 be vacated. Pending the issuance of a Memorandum of Decision, respondent shall submit to weekly urine screening, submit therapy and employer reports, shall not administer controlled substance if working as a nurse and shall not work in home care/agency setting. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 12:20 p.m.

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