

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 19, 2018 the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in room 1-D.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Long, APRN

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 8:37 a.m.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the Henry Abbott Technical School CNA Program and the Yale School of Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing Program.

OPEN FORUM

Mary Brown initiated a discussion regarding the LPN refresher program that is offered by the South Dakota State University, College of Nursing. Admission requirements prohibit a nurse with an active disciplinary Order or a history of a felony conviction from participating in the clinical portion of the refresher.

Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH will survey other State Boards of Nursing regarding refresher requirements for individuals subject to discipline. Results will be shared a future meeting.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard reported that the 2019 mid-year meeting of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing is scheduled for March 26-28, 2019 in San Antonio, TX.

Gina M. Reiners provided an overview of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Annual meeting which was held August 15-17, 2018. Topics of interest include:

- Guidelines for advanced practice nurses relating to medical marijuana
- Regulation of nursing in other countries

MINUTES

- July 18, 2018 - Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to table approval to clarify the discussion pertaining to 5 year studies. The motion passed unanimously.
- August 8, 2018 – Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Brown and Gina Reiners who abstained.
- August 22, 2018 – Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Geraldine Marrocco, Aimee Ballard Elizaida Delgado and Mary Dietmann who abstained.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Norwalk Community College – Approval of Interim Director of Nursing and Allied Health

Angela Cheibowski, MSN, RN, was present for Norwalk Community College.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to approve Ms. Cheibowski as the Interim Director of Nursing and Allied Health. The motion passed unanimously.

St. Vincent's College at Sacred Heart University - Approval of the Chair of the Associate Degree Program

Maryanne Davidson and Rosemary Baker were present for St. Vincent's College at Sacred Heart University.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to approve Dr. Baker as the Chair of the Associate Degree Program. The motion passed unanimously.

Stone Academy – Waterbury Campus Visit

Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH, provided a report regarding a site visit made by the Department of Public Health to Stone Academy's Waterbury campus on August 28, 2018.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to accept the site visit report. The motion passed unanimously.

Stone Academy – 5 year Study Update

Holly Mulrenan was present for Stone Academy to discuss a two year follow-up report regarding the practical nurse programs at the in East Hartford and West Haven campuses.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to accept the 5 year study update. The motion passed unanimously.

Porter & Chester Institute - Approval of the Nursing Education Supervisor, Branford Campus

Patricia Donovan was present for Porter & Chester Institute.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve Diane Marangelo as the Nursing Education Supervisor at the Branford campus pending receipt of Ms. Marangelo's Master diploma. The motion passed unanimously.

Porter & Chester Institute – 5 year Study

Patricia Donovan was present for Porter & Chester Institute.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to approve the 5 year study for Porter & Chester Institute. Following discussion regarding a Department of Public Health site visit which found deficiencies, the motion to approve the 5 year study failed unanimously.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to postpone approval and place Porter & Chester Institute on conditional approval pending the receipt of supervisor evaluations of instructors, and changes recommended by the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board suggested that the Department of Public Health perform a future site visit to confirm that corrections have been made.

Nightingale College – Utah - on-line pre-licensure program

Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH explained a request for approval of an on-line pre-licensure Bachelor Degree in Nursing program offered by Nightingale College, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Nightingale College requests approval as an out-of-state program pursuant to §20-90-59 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to deny the request for approval and that Nightingale College should seek approval as a new program pursuant to §20-90-47. The motion passed unanimously.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

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

LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUEST

Paul Pitney, RN

Dan Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH, presented an amended license reinstatement request regarding Paul Pitney, RN. An initial request was reviewed at the August 22, 2018 Board meeting.

The Board concurred with the Department's recommendation for reinstatement to probation for one year subsequent to completion of an online registered nurse refresher program with coursework in medication administration and documentation including waste documentation, with a concentration on controlled substances, plus eight hours one-on-one supervised medication administration or an in-person registered nurse refresher program with no need for a supervised med pass or coursework.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Kerrisha Stacy-Ann Hurd RN - Petition No. 2018-576

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kerrisha Stacy-Ann Hurd. Ms. Hurd was not present or represented.

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 Mar Dietmann and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for October 17, 2018.

Presley Eze, LPN - Petition No. 2018-781

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Presley Eze. Mr. Eze was not present but was represented by Attorney Daniel Csuka who filed an objection on behalf of respondent.

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 Elizaida Delgado and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for October 17, 2018.

CONSENT ORDERS

Gregory Coyle, RN - Petition No.: 2017-619

Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Gregory Coyle, RN.

Mr. Coyle was not present and was not represented by counsel.

The Board reviewed a proposed Consent Order in this matter at the June 20, 2018 and suggested revisions.

Mary Brown moved and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and certain conditions should respondent seek to resume practice in Connecticut.

HEARINGS

Nicole Miller, LPN - Petition No. 2018-788

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 Aimee Ballard, 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. Miller be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Elizaida Delgado seconded that Ms. Miller's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 11:19 a.m.

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