

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 18, 2020 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Christian Andresen, Section Chief, DPH
Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH
Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH

The meeting commenced at 8:33 a.m. All participants were present by video or telephone conference.

Rebecca Martinez was welcomed to her first meeting as a Board member.

CHAIR UPDATES

Nothing to report.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to add a Consent Order in the matter of Louisa Young, RN to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to approve the agenda as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chari Bouffard and Mary Dietmann provided updates on meetings in which they participated.

MINUTES

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to approve the minutes from October 21, 2020. The motion passed with all in favor except Rebecca Martinez who abstained.

SCHOOL ISSUES

University of Connecticut – Approval of minimum clinical hours

Deborah Chyan was present from the University of Connecticut which requested the Board allow for the CEIN BS class of 2020 to deviate from the approved 900 required clinical hours at its Groton, Stamford, Storrs and Waterbury campuses, if we are removed from the clinical sites.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to grant the request and to allow between 850 and 900 hours. The motion passed unanimously.

CONNECTICUT LEAGUR FOR NURSING – Monthly Update

Marcia Proto and Audrey Beauvais provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 46 nursing scope of practice inquires received by the Department of Public Health during October, 2020.

LICENSE REINSTATEMNT APPLICATION REVIEW

Luis Maldonado, License and Applications Analyst, DPH presented a license reinstatement application for Angela V. DiLillo, RN.

Ms. DeLillo was present for this discussion. Ms. DiLillo's license lapse in October 2019 but her last clinical practice was in 2002. Ms. DiLillo has been employed at the Connecticut Nurses Association since 2001.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann recommending to DPH that Ms. DiLillo's be reinstated without conditions in that her professional experience at the Connecticut Nurses Association qualifies as nursing practice. The motion passed unanimously.

LICENSE PROBATION TEMINATION REQUEST

Skye Muli, RN - Petition No: 2017-992

The Board reviewed a written request from Skye Muli, RN asking for a termination of her probation which is scheduled to conclude on June 6, 2021. Ms. Muli was not present or represented.

Staff Attorney, Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health was present to object to Ms. Muli's request.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to deny the request. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Christopher Kay, RN - Petition No: 2019-97

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long to reaffirm the Board's decision imposing probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Richard Brown who was preset for respondent inquired if the Board would reduce the period of probation considering Mr. Kay's hearing was in February 2020 and that he has been summarily suspended since May 2019. Attorney Brown was informed he would need to file a request for modification pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes.

Amanda Hart, RN - Petition No: 2019-1360

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to reaffirm the Board's decision imposing probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

Daisy Acosta, LPN - Petition No. 2019-1379

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long to reaffirm the Board's decision revoking Ms. Acosta's license. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Jessica D. Vitale, RN - Petition No: 2020-669

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jessica Vitale. Ms. Vitale was not present or represented.

Jennifer Long 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 Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for December 16, 2020.

CONSENT ORDERS

David Martin, RN - Petition No. 2019-31

Staff Attorney, Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of David Martin, RN. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

Anastacia Marco, LPN - Petition No. 2019-781

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Anastacia Marco. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand. The motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Williams, RN - Petition No. 2020-787

Staff Attorney, Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Patricia Williams. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

Luisa Young, RN - Petition No: 2020-730

Staff Attorney, Brittany Petano Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Luisa Young. Attorney Daniel Csuka was present with respondent.

Gina Reiners moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARINGS

Allyson Allen, LPN - Petition No: 2020-787

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

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to enter executive session to obtain evidence relating to confidential treatment records. The motion passed unanimously. No motions were made, and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following executive session and the close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding. Gina Reiners moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, that Ms. Allen be found as charged.

The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved, and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Allen's license be placed on probation with conditions for a period of four years. The conditions include drug/alcohol screening, therapy and employer reports, reports of support group attendance; no home care; and no narcotic keys for one year. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann and Geraldine Marrocco who were opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 12:33 p.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair
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