

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on August 11, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)  
Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)  
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)  
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)  
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)  
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jason Blando - (Public Member)  
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member)  
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Dana Dalton, RN, 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  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH  
Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH

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The meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS.

#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

Nothing to report

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to approve the reordering of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING**

Chair Bouffard and Mary Dietmann provided a report of an Education Consultants Group teleconference held on August 6, 2021.

*Lisa S. Freeman arrived at 8:41 a.m.*

#### **SCHOOL ISSUES**

- Arizona College of Nursing  
Diane Smith-Levine was present from the Arizona College of Nursing. A notice of intent to establish a prelicensure BSN program located at 99 East River Drive, East Hartford to tentatively begin teaching students in January 2023 was presented to the Board.  
No Board action was necessary at this time.
- ReNurse Academy  
Brittany Faison, RN, MSN was present from ReNurse. The Board reviewed a proposal by ReNurse Academy to offer a Licensed Practical Nurse Refresher Program.  
Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the refresher program. The motion passed unanimously.  
Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that for the first three years the program submit an annual evaluation to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

- Lincoln Technical Institute

Patricia DeLucia and Deborah Little were present from Lincoln Technical Institute.

The Board reviewed a curriculum change proposal for the Practical Nursing Program which would increase total hours from 1591 to 1600. The proposal includes changes to program philosophy, course descriptions, and student outcomes and objectives.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to approve the curriculum change request.

Following discussion the motion failed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to allow Lincoln Technical Institute to refile its request with suggested revisions. The motion passed unanimously.

- Porter & Chester Institute

Nancy Brunet, Vicky Kane and Joan Feldman, Esq. were present on behalf of Porter & Chester.

And They provided an overview of the Practical Nursing (PN) Helpline which has been established to ensure that all practical nursing students have an easily accessible method to get answers to their questions and to provide an additional support.

No Board action was necessary at this time.

- Sacred Heart University – Temporary waiver request

Lara Siebold was present on behalf of Sacred Heart University.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to grant a twelve-month temporary waiver to Ariana Rick, RN, BSN to teach Nursing 300: Psychiatric Mental Health. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann who recused herself.

- St. Vincent's College – Approval of a Chair of the Associate Degree Nursing Program

Maryanne Davidson and Tammey Dickerson were present from St. Vincent's College.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve Tammey Dickerson MSN, CLN, RN as the Chair of the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Following discussion regarding Ms. Dickerson's teaching responsibilities the motion failed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann who recused herself.

Subsequent to advice from counsel, Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that St. Vincent's College refile its request with a detailed description of Ms. Dickerson's teaching responsibilities and administrative workload. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann who recused herself.

- Western Connecticut State University – Temporary waiver request

Jeanette Lupinacci was present on behalf of Western Connecticut State University.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to grant a six-month temporary waiver to Magdalena Szczerbacki, RN, BSN as an adjunct nursing clinical instructor for Nursing 255: Clinical Practice II. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CONNECTICUT LEAGUR FOR NURSING – Monthly Update**

Marcia Proto, Executive Director and Dawn Bunting provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing and the Deans and Directors.

### **MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

Jennifer Martin, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2018-142

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to reaffirm the Board's decision revoking the license of Ms. Martin. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Nicholas Lewonczyk, LPN - Petition No. 2017-50

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to approve the Amended Memorandum of Decision as written. Following comments from the Department of Public Health Staff Attorney Diane Wilan, the motion failed. Cynthia Arpin abstained from voting.

Subsequent to advice from counsel Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to revise the Amended Memorandum of Decision by requiring, barring unforeseen circumstances, the completion of a licensed practical Nurse refresher program and passing of the NCLEX/PN examination within 12-months of the effective date of the amended decision. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

**MOTION TO AMEND MODIFICATION OF REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER**

Adrienne DeLucia, RN, Petition No. 2021-317

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a motion to modify a Reinstatement Consent Order in the matter of Adrienne DeLucia, RN. Respondent and her attorney were not present.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that increases the probation of Ms. DeLucia's license from four to five years. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Kristen Jodoin, LPN - Petition Nos. 2021-248; 2021-615

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kristen Jodoin. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

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 Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for September 15, 2021.

Leah Pressley, RN - Petition No. 2021-441

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Leah Pressley. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

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 Cynthia Arpin and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for September 15, 2021.

Chanelle Walker, RN - Petition No. 2021-626

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Chanelle Walker. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

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 Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for September 15, 2021.

Colleen Gallagher, LPN - Petition No. 2021-630

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Colleen Gallagher. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

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 Cynthia Arpin and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for September 15, 2021.

## **CONSENT ORDERS**

Yvonne Willis, LPN - Petition No. 2019-1438

Staff Attorney, Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Yvonne Willis, LPN. Attorney Ellen Costello was present on behalf of respondent.

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

## **HEARINGS**

Meghan Frederick, LPN - Petition No. 2020-206

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

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to grant the Department's oral motion to deem allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Frederick be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, that Ms. Frederick's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Fryer, RN - Petition No. 2021-572

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Ms. Fryer orally answered the Statement of Charges on the record.

*Geraldine Marrocco and Mary Dietmann left the meeting at 1:00 pm.*

Fact-finding in this case will be held during the September 15, 2021 Board meeting.

Nichelle Robinson, RN - Petition No. 2021-516

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was presented for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Cynthia Arpin seconded to grant a Department of Public Health's motion to amend the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Robinson orally answered the amended Statement of Charges on the record.

*Gina Reiners left the meeting at 3 pm.*

The record will remain open to allow respondent to submit late filed evidence. The Department of Public Health will have the option to request a resumption of the hearing.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Lisa Freeman it was the unanimous decision to adjourn this meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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