

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 5, 2011 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Tarah Cherry, Public Member  
Jennifer Long, APRN  
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Heidi Darling, LPN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Vinal Tech LPN Program, the University of Connecticut, and Western CT State University.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

#### CHAIR UPDATES

Danielle O'Connell resigned from the Board on September 12, 2011 due to a change in her employment status. Danielle served on the Board from August 2010 through September 2011. Danielle said that it has been an honor to serve on the Board with such extraordinary members and that she had learned so much from each and every one of the members. She is thankful to all the Board Members for everything they have taught her. She also stated that it has also been a pleasure serving with the members from the Department of Public Health and the Office of the Attorney General. Danielle will be missed for her contributions to the Board.

On Saturday evening, October 1, 2011, Chair Patricia Bouffard was honored at the University of Connecticut's Reflections of Excellence Annual Celebration of Alumni Awardees. Dr. Bouffard was awarded the Josephine A. Dolan Distinguished Service Award. Josephine A. Dolan was the First Dean of the University of Connecticut School of Nursing. Chair Bouffard was also recently chosen as a Woman of the year by the National Association of Professional Women for 2010-11.

#### OPEN FORUM

There were no issues brought up from the audience for discussion.

Please note that the 2012 Legislative Session begins on February 8, 2012 and ends May 9, 2012.

#### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additional agenda items or reordering of the agenda.

Maria Pietrantuono arrived at this time.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – PORTER AND CHESTER CURRICULUM MODIFICATION

Diane Cybulski provided a summary of Pamela Pelletier's report to the Board and to the students as Ms. Pelletier was on vacation. Phyllis DelMastro, Corporate Director and Campus Supervisor for all of the Porter and Chester Nursing Programs, was present to present to the Board their curriculum modification to a twelve month program which will start in January 2012. Students admitted into the program prior to January 2012 will remain in the fifteen month program until completion. There are no program hour changes and the program will remain at 1,565 hours. The program will go from a five semester program to a four semester program. Ms. DelMastro reviewed the semester breakdown with the Board. The Board did request that Ms. DelMastro provide Ms. Pelletier with the actual clinical evaluation forms. Mary Brown moved, which was seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to approve the school's request for a curriculum modification to a twelve month program. The motion passed unanimously.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NORWICH PROGRAM

Patricia Fennessy, Educational Consultant for the CT Technical High School System, was present to provide the Board with the additional information requested regarding the Norwich program. The Board had reviewed the program's five-year study on November 3, 2010 and requested additional information be presented to the Board by November, 2011. Board Member, Tarah Cherry, arrived during this discussion. The Board had requested the following: a current NEASC letter and recommendations, a one year update on the missing graduate and employer surveys, curriculum evaluation surveys, and clinical site evaluation surveys. As of today's meeting, still missing are the faculty evaluations from 2005-2010. There is not an updated NEASC letter from 2004.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – STONE ACADEMY – FOLLOW- UP VISIT TO NEW WEST HAVEN CAMPUS

Pam Pelletier revisited Stone Academy's new location in West Haven on September 1, 2011 to ensure that the classroom construction had been completed. The Board reviewed the updated report. There were no issues identified. Maria Pietrantuono moved to accept the updated report. The motion was seconded by Tarah Cherry and passed unanimously.

## SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Diane Cybulski reviewed the calls received into the Board Office during the month of September. The Board expressed interest in having additional information regarding the September 2011 NCSBN practice call discussion regarding various state Boards' positions as to whether verification of PICC line placement is within the scope of a registered nurse, if the nurse is the operator of the procedure. This responsibility of verifying placement prior to the use of the PICC access has resided with practitioners who have the authority to diagnose and treat. In the light of supporting the highest level of nursing within the scope of a licensed practitioner allowed by the NPA, the discussion yielded the consensus that most state Boards felt that if the RN is trained and competent to perform PICC line placement, the nurse is competent to verify placement prior to use. The CT BOEN has not formally discussed this issue and has no formal or informal position on the matter at this time.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

- The NCSBN Midyear Meeting will be held at various locations in the US and the Annual Meeting will always be held in Chicago starting in 2013
- Chair Bouffard will be participating in a webinar and a conference call

Break 9:23 AM – 9:39 AM

#### MOTION TO REVISE STATEMENT OF CHARGES – PAMELA SATULA, RN

Attorney Ellen Costello had filed a Motion to Revise Statement of Charges. Attorney Costello was not in attendance and neither was Attorney Leslie Scoville from the Department of Public Health. The Board reviewed the documentation received in the Board Office. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, that the Motion to Revise the Statement of Charges be denied. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bouffard spoke to the students in the audience.

#### HEARING – WILLIAM DiCHELLO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. DiChello was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. There was a notice issue and the USPS Web Site did not specify the address at which delivery attempts were made. The hearing will be rescheduled for October 19, 2011 and the hearing notice will be sent out certified mail – return receipt requested and first class mail.

#### HEARING – SONNY DIAZ, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Diaz was present pro se. Attorney Shanley presented the Board with a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to deny the motion which passed unanimously. Testimony was provided by the Respondent and the hearing concluded.

Maria Pietrantuono moved to find Mr. Diaz on all charges which had been verbally admitted. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jeffrey Marvin seconded that Mr. Diaz' license be placed on probation for one year with employer reports every two months. After discussion, a friendly amendment was made by Jennifer Long, seconded by Tarah Cherry, that Mr. Diaz' license be placed on probation for three months during which time he must successfully complete an enteral feeding course. If the coursework has been completed and accepted by the Department of Public Health prior to the signing of the Memorandum of Decision, the probationary requirements will be completed. The motion passed unanimously.

#### HEARING – LYNN BRADLEY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Bradley was present at this hearing pro se. Testimony was provided by Ms. Bradley. At 11:47 AM, Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to move into Executive Session in order for questioning regarding Ms. Bradley's medical records. The motion passed unanimously and the room was cleared of all visitors. At 12:11 PM, Mary Brown moved, seconded by Tarah Cherry, to conclude the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously and visitors were allowed back into the room and testimony continued and concluded.

Jeffrey Marvin moved and Mary Brown seconded that Ms. Bradley be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Marvin moved and Mary Brown seconded that Ms. Bradley's license be placed on probation for four years with the standard substance abuse parameters including a one year narcotic key restriction, the standard tolling language, and EtG Testing on all positive alcohol screens. The Summary Suspension shall remain in place until the Memorandum of Decision is signed by the Board and the probation commences when Ms. Bradley returns to work as a nurse. The motion passed with all in favor with exception of Tarah Cherry who was opposed.

Break 12:35 PM – 1:10 PM

HEARING – LINETTE WILSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Wilson was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Ms. Wilson. Tarah Cherry and Maria Pietrantuono left for the day during the testimony.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded that Ms. Wilson be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded that Ms. Wilson's license be placed on probation for one year commencing when Ms. Wilson returns to work as a nurse. Random drug/alcohol screen reports are to be provided weekly, therapist reports monthly, employer reports quarterly, no pool or agency work, and during the probationary period the Board requested two random EtG tests. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 2:50 PM.

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Board of Examiners for Nursing

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Jennifer Long, APRN  
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Heidi Darling, LPN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Owens, Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LESLIE MATEJEK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Leslie Matejek. Ms. Matejek was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 2, 2011.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with the following Memoranda of Decision.

SUE PELLETIER, LPN

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Pelletier's license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Memorandum of Decision which becomes effective upon signature.

CHERYL FRAZIER, RN

Mary Brown moved and Jeffrey Marvin seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Frazier's license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Memorandum of Decision which becomes effective upon signature.

CONSENT ORDER – JUDY REGGIERO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Judy Ruggiero. Ms. Ruggiero was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jeffrey Marvin seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the A. I. Prince LPN Program, Western CT State University, and UConn.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs. Tarah Cherry and Jennifer Long arrived during the presentation to the students.

HEARING – WILLIAM DiCHELLO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. DiChello was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. There was no testimony provided.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Mr. DiChello be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jeffrey Marvin seconded that Mr. DiChello's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Break 9:30 AM – 9:50 AM

HEARING – LISA A. BRETON, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Breton was present with counsel, Attorney William L. Stevens. Today is the third hearing regarding Ms. Breton. Testimony was provided by Ms. Breton.

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Breton be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Breton's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn at 10:16 AM.

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