

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 2, 2012 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  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jennifer Long, APRN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alfreda G. Gaither, Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Wendy H. Furniss, Branch Chief, Healthcare Quality and Safety, DPH  
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

#### STUDENTS

There were no students in the audience today.

#### CHAIR UPDATES

There were no Chair updates.

#### OPEN FORUM

There were no questions or concerns from the audience.

#### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

There were no additional agenda items.

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jennifer Filippone updated the Board on the Department's Legislative Proposals.

This 2012 Legislative Session ends May 9, 2012.

#### CORRESPONDENCE/STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Diane Cybulski provided the Board with an update regarding the calls received this month. There was nothing unusual, mostly the same routine questions. There were several inquiries regarding laser treatments, who can administer and the different types of laser treatment.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

There was an Educational Call on April 12, 2012 regarding exit exams and how they are being used.

Myra Broadway is on the slate of candidates for President.

## MEMORANDA OF DECISION

The Board reviewed the following Memoranda of Decision.

### LAURENE MORGAN, RN

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

### NADINE K. WHITAKER, LPN

Mary Brown moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to dismiss the charges regarding Ms. Whitaker's LPN license as this matter did not rise to a level that warrants the imposition of disciplinary action at this time. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Memorandum of Decision.

### DIEDRA ALLAYNE TIDWELL, RN

Jeffrey Marvin moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Tidwell's license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Memorandum of Decision.

## MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – RENEE KROFSSIK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan provided the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Renee Kroffsik. Ms. Kroffsik was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to grant this Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Motion for Summary Suspension and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 16, 2012.

## PREHEARING REVIEW – SHERYL MARINONE, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan provided the Board with a Prehearing Review for Sheryl Marinone. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present with Ms. Marinone. The Board reviewed the documentation provided. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Board that this case be dismissed.

## CONSENT ORDER – PAMELA J. SUTULA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Pamela Sutula. Attorney Ellen Costello was present with Ms. Sutula. After discussion, Mary Brown moved and Jeffrey Marvin seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

#### CEASE & DESIST CONSENT ORDER – MAUREEN O’BRIEN, UNLICENSED

Legal Office Attorney Maureen O’Brien presented the Board with a Cease and Desist Consent Order for Maureen O’Brien regarding her unlicensed practice of nursing. Ms. O’Brien was not present and neither was counsel for the Respondent. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jeffrey Marvin seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

#### HEARING – VIRGINIA PAYTON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Payton was not present and was not represented by counsel at this hearing. Attorney Newton made an Oral Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted as Ms. Payton had not provided a written response to the Statement of Charges. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Jeffrey Marvin, to accept the Oral Motion to Deem, which passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Tarah Cherry, to find Ms. Payton on all charges as the Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted was accepted by the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Heidi Darling seconded that Ms. Payton’s license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 9:50 AM.

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Board of Examiners for Nursing

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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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Heidi Darling, LPN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Schulman, Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, OPLC  
Pamela Pelletier, RN Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Bonnie Pinkerton, RN Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Hearings Liaison, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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#### STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the A. I. Prince LPN Program and the Porter and Chester Institute LPN Program.

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

#### SCHOOL ISSUES – LINCOLN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE – PROGRAM MANAGER - HAMDEN CAMPUS

Patricia DeLucia, Regional Director for Nursing for all LTI Program, and Ceil Meehan were present from LTI to seek the Board's approval for Ms. Meehan to assume the role of Program Manager of the LPN Program in the Hamden LTI Campus. The Board reviewed the documents presented and discussed Ms. Meehan's credentials.

Mary Brown moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to approve Ms. Meehan as the new LPN Program Manager at the LTI Hamden Campus which becomes effective immediately. The motion passed unanimously. The Board wished Ms. Meehan well in her new position at LTI.

#### NCSBN DELEGATE ASSEMBLY - DALLAS, TX - AUGUST 8-10, 2012

Chair Bouffard announced to the Board Members that the Annual Meeting in August will be held in Dallas, Texas and Board Members who are interested in attending should let Chair Bouffard know as soon as possible.

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The 2012 Legislative Session ended at midnight on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Jennifer Filippone provided the Board with information she has received regarding the bills that concerned the Board. Jennifer Filippone will provide Janice Wojick with clarification of the bills for the June 6, 2012 Board Meeting. Jennifer Long arrived during this update.

#### PREHEARING REVIEW – KURT KRUKAS, RN

Legal Office Attorney presented the Board with a Prehearing Review packet for Mr. Krukus. Mr. Krukus was present with counsel, Attorney Andrew Wildstein.

After discussion, Mary Brown moved, seconded by Tarah Cherry, stating that it was the recommendation of the Board that this case be dismissed. The motion passed unanimously.

Currently a hearing is scheduled before the Nursing Board on June 6, 2012.

#### CONSENT ORDER – ROBIN SHINN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Shinn. Ms. Shinn was not present and did not have representation at this meeting.

Jennifer Long moved and Jeffrey Marvin seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion failed as all were opposed. A new motion was raised by Mary Brown that the Consent Order presented should also include a civil penalty of \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Marvin and passed unanimously.

#### CONSENT ORDER – MARSHA McINTOSH, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. McIntosh. Ms. McIntosh was not present and was not representation by counsel at this meeting.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously.

#### HEARING – RENEE KROFSSIK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Krofssik was served in hand by a state marshal with documentation regarding today's proceedings. Ms. Krofssik was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. There was no testimony provided.

Attorney Wilan made an Oral Motion to Deem the Allegations Admitted. Based on the fact that Ms. Krofssik did not show up for today's hearing and the fact that she did not file an Answer to the Statement of Charges as requested in the Notice of Hearing, Jeffrey Marvin made a motion to grant the Department's Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. The motion was seconded by Tarah Cherry, and passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Marvin moved and Jennifer Long seconded to find Ms. Krofssik on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Based on the above and including the fact that Ms. Krofssik is in violation of not complying with the terms of a prior Consent Order, Jeffrey Marvin moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Krofssik's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

#### HEARING – ELIZABETH SCORAN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Scoran was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. Attorney Wilan made an Oral Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Due to the fact that Ms. Scoran did not respond to the charges and did not attend today's hearing, Mary Brown moved to grant the Department's Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Marvin and passed unanimously.

After the Board had deemed the allegations admitted, Ms. Scoran arrived at the hearing. She was late due to the fact that she went to the Department of Public Health at 410 Capitol Avenue rather than the LOB at 300 Capitol Avenue. Tarah Cherry then motioned to vacate the Oral Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted, which was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously. Ms. Scoran then provided an oral response to the Statement of Charges. Testimony was provided by Ms. Scoran. At 10:28 AM Tarah Cherry motioned that the Board enter into Executive Session to question Ms. Scoran regarding her medical records. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Marvin and passed unanimously. The room was cleared of all observers. At 10:45 AM Jeffrey Marvin made a motion to move out of Executive Session and to return to the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Tarah Cherry, passed unanimously, and observers were invited back to the hearing.

Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to find Ms. Scoran on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jeffrey Marvin, to place Ms. Scoran's license on probation for four years with the usual terms for drug screen reports, therapist reports, employer reports, and key restriction. After discussion regarding Ms. Scoran's recent relapse, Mary Brown amended her motion to also include three months of reports regarding drug/alcohol screens, therapist reports, and participation in support groups. These reports must be received within three months of today's date. The summary suspension remains in place until the Memorandum of Decision has been signed by the Board. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Marvin and passed with Tarah Cherry in opposition to the motion.

The Board recessed for ten minutes between hearings.

#### REINSTATEMENT HEARING – TANIA THOMAS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Thomas was present with counsel, Attorney James Bhandary-Alexander. Testimony was provided by Ms. Thomas and Elizabeth Secord.

Tarah Cherry moved to grant Ms. Thomas' reinstatement request. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Marvin and passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to reinstate Ms. Thomas' license to probation for two years with monthly employer and therapist reports for the first six months and quarterly for the remaining probationary period. Ms. Thomas shall not be employed as a nurse for a personnel provider service, assisted living services agency, homemaker-health aide agency, or home health care agency, and shall not be self-employed as a nurse for the period of her probation. Ms. Thomas must successfully complete a Board approved refresher program and the NCLEX-PN exam. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn today's meeting at 11:55 AM.