

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 3, 2013 at the Department of Public Health Complex, Conference Room 470-A/B, 410 Capital Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Ellen M. Komar, RN  
Jennifer Long, APRN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Carrie Simon, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tarah Cherry, Public Member  
Gina M. Reiners, RN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, PLIS, DPH  
Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Licensure Regulation and Compliance, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Licensure Regulation and Compliance, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM.

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Southern CT State University, University of Hartford, and Western CT State University.

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

#### OPEN FORUM

There were no questions or concerns from the audience.

#### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Revised Agendas were distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – 2013 SESSION

Jennifer Filippone provided the Board with an update on the 2013 Legislative Session.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES – GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – RESUBMISSION OF WAIVER REQUEST

Pamela Pelletier-Stevens provided the Board with a resubmission of a Permanent Waiver Request for Lynne Falcigno. This was originally presented to the Board in February. At that time the Board requested additional information on her MPH related to maternal-child health care.

Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant the permanent waiver request for Lynne Falcigno to teach and provide clinical experiences in Maternal-Child Health only. The motion passed unanimously.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – PORTER AND CHESTER ENFIELD CAMPUS – SITE SUPERVISOR UPDATE

Patricia Donovan provided the Board with a letter dated March 25, 2013 confirming that Amber Irimia supervised the PCI Enfield Campus and had no regularly assigned teaching duties during that time. Ms. Irimia grew as a manager throughout the year that she was at PCI in this job capacity. She took the assigned leadership courses and applied her new knowledge. She has since left PCI to pursue a different career opportunity.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – PORTER AND CHESTER INSTITUTE – CONDITIONAL STATUS

During the April 4, 2012 meeting, the Board placed the PCI Watertown and Branford Campuses on conditional status for the use of a Virtual Lab in place of direct patient care experiences for students. The identified students in both programs have completed the required direct patient care hours and successfully passed the NCLEX. The conditional status for both the Branford and Watertown campuses concluded on April 19, 2013.

Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to lift the conditional status in both the Branford and Watertown PCI campuses effective April 19, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM/LPN PROGRAMS – FIVE YEAR STUDIES

Patricia Fennessy, CTHS Consultant, along with Deb Detrick (Prince), Karen Ivers (Bullard-Havens), Anne Simko (Eli-Whitney), Pamela Cramer (Kaynor), Jeanne Loomis (Norwich), and Regina Wrenn (Vinal), the Department Heads from the CT Technical High School LPN Programs, were all present at this meeting. Pamela Pelletier-Stevens provided the Board with an update of her on-site five-year survey visits of all six LPN Programs. Visits to the programs were as follows: A.I. Prince – February 5 and 7, 2013, Norwich Tech – February 21 and 25, 2013, Kaynor Tech - March 15 and 18, 2013, Vinal Tech – February 27 and 28, 2013, Bullard-Havens – March 1 and 4, 2013, and Eli Whitney on March 5 and 7, 2013. The Eli Whitney Program moved to the High Meadows Facility on February 20, 2013 due to scheduled renovations at the school located on 71 Jones Road in Hamden. The Board reviewed the five-year study for all of the programs. Mary Brown moved to accept the survey reports and requested submission of a revised Organizational Chart for both the Bullard-Havens and Vinal Tech Programs and requested that all programs send out graduate surveys and employer surveys for the class of 2010 and report the findings of these surveys at the September 4, 2013 Board Meeting. All 6 CTHS LPN Programs were granted full approval, pending additional information requested, and the next five-year survey visit will be April 2018. The motion was seconded by Carrie Simon and passed unanimously.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM/LPN PROGRAMS – CONDITIONAL STATUS

Pamela Pelletier-Stevens updated the Board regarding the removal of Conditional Status for the A.I. Prince Tech, Norwich Tech, and Bullard Havens Technical School LPN Programs.

Jennifer Long moved to remove the conditional status from the Norwich Tech CTHS LPN Program. The motion was seconded by Ellen Komar and passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved to remove the conditional status from the A.I. Prince Tech CTHS LPN Program. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved to remove the conditional status from the Bullard-Havens Tech CTHS LPN Program. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – ST. VINCENT’S COLLEGE – PRE-LICENSURE BSN PROGRAM

Included in today’s meeting packet is a letter from Dr. Joanne R. Wolfertz advising the Board that St. Vincent’s College is providing formal notification to the Connecticut Department of Public Health that they are developing a pre-licensure BSN Program. They are currently conducting a needs assessment which will be shared with the BOEN. The program anticipates admitting the first class for Fall 2013. Regionally they are seeking program approval from NEASC, the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, and professionally from CCNE.

## SCOPE OF PRACTICE – JANUARY and FEBRUARY, 2013

Pamela Pelletier-Stevens updated the Board on calls received in the Board Office in January and February of 2013.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

Chair Bouffard attended the 2013 NCSBN Midyear Meeting “Helping Leaders Achieve Higher Levels of Excellence: Performance Measurement as the Link to Evidence Based Nursing Regulation” March 11-13, 2013 in San Jose, California. Day one began with a leadership forum, for executive officers and member board presidents. Panel discussions took place throughout the day as well, with board members serving as panelists. The day concluded with networking sessions for executive officers and member board presidents. The next day consisted of updates from the Leadership Succession, Bylaws, Distance Learning Education and Member Board Agreement Review Committees. Area meetings convened in the afternoon where members were able to dialogue about regional issues and other important topics. Attendees then participated in an outdoor networking reception where they tasted local cuisine and enjoyed the warm California sun while mingling with fellow nurse regulators. The final day of the meeting started with a networking breakfast to discuss topics affecting nursing regulation today, such as board governance, education, leadership development and advanced practice registered nurses. This was followed by an interactive session titled “Boundary Spanning Leadership.” Afternoon sessions were devoted to APRN issues, including the presentations “Veterans Health Administration Implementation of the APRN Consensus Model” and “Advanced Practice (APRN) Committee – The Grandfather Provision.” NCSBN Membership will meet again August 14-16, 2013 in Providence, Rhode Island for the 2013 Annual Meeting.

## MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – EILEEN HARTMAN, RN

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Eileen Hartman. Ms. Hartman was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved to grant the Department’s Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Marie Pietrantuono and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 17, 2013 at 8:30 AM.

## MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – NATALIE PRIMINI, LPN

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Natalie Primini. Ms. Primini was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved to grant the Department’s Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Marie Pietrantuono and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 17, 2013 at 8:30 AM.

#### MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – LARISSA CRANSTON, RN

DPH Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Ms. Cranston signed a Voluntary Surrender of License Affidavit on April 1, 2013.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ellen Komar seconded to grant the Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

#### FACT FINDING – EWURAMA HAYFORD, RN, APRN

The hearing in this case concluded on March 6, 2013. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding was scheduled for April 3, 2013. Exhibits and Transcripts were provided to all Board Members. Mary Brown moved to find Ms. Hayford on charges 1 and 2 and could not find on charges 3 and 4. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously. In listening to the comprehensive testimony the Board believes that the respondent followed the standard of care, that she appropriately dealt with the syncope episode, she gave the patient instructions on what to do if another episode should occur, and the standard of care was met. The EKG at Saint Francis Hospital was not remarkable and the cardiac problems were not found until the blood tests. Mary Brown moved to dismiss the charges. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously.

#### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

At the close of business on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, faxed documents were received in the Board Office. Attorney Joanne V. Yandow brought these documents to the Board's attention. Jennifer Long moved, which was seconded by Mary Brown, to add Attorney John Giulietti's Motions to today's agenda for discussion. The motion passed unanimously. Attorney Giulietti, Pamela's Dole counsel, and Staff Attorney David Tilles who is representing the Department of Public Health, were both present at this meeting. Pamela Dole was not in attendance. The Board Members were provided with a copy of Attorney Giulietti's filings received via fax in the Board Office. After discussion with Board Counsel, Attorney Giulietti, and Attorney Tilles, it was the unanimous decision of the Board Members that a ruling would not be issued at this time and that responses from the Department and Ms. Dole are to be received in the Board Office within five business days of the initial filing which arrived via fax prior to close of business on April 2, 2013. Therefore responses are to be received in the Board Office by close of business on April 13, 2013. Documents would be forwarded to Chair Bouffard who will then issue a ruling.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 10:37 AM.

Patricia C. Bouffard, Chair  
Board of Examiners for Nursing

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Ellen M. Komar, RN  
Gina M. Reiners, RN  
Carrie Simon, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jennifer Long, APRN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy M. Schulman, Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Alfreda G. Gaither, Co-Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Licensure Regulation and Compliance, DPH  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Licensure Regulation and Compliance, DPH  
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#### CHAIR UPDATES

Public Member Tarah Cherry resigned from the Board on April 16, 2013. Tarah recently took a new position which obligates her to work on Wednesdays. Her message to the Board Members: "May you ALL stay in good health, and continue to provide your much needed and valued service to keep our State a safe and ethical place in the nursing profession." Tarah was appointed to the Board on February 25, 2010. The Board thanks Tarah for her two plus years of service to help protect the citizens of this state.

#### PREHEARING REVIEW – TINA VACCARO, RN

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with the revised packet of information that the Board had requested when it was first presented to the Board on December 5, 2012. Attorney Jeremy Donnelly was present with Ms. Vaccaro.

It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Vaccaro's license be placed on probation for one year with monthly therapist reports, quarterly employer reports, and drug/alcohol screens twice per month.

#### CONSENT ORDER – EDWARD DOUGLAS, LPN

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Douglas was present with counsel, Attorney Steven R. Kolodziej. Attorney Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order. Mary Brown moved and Gina Reiners seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously.

## PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – NANTSI VOSE, RN

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Nantsi Vose. Ms. Vose was present with counsel, Attorney Ron Stevens. Mary Brown moved and Ellen Komar seconded to grant the Consent Order as presented. The motion failed as all were opposed. A new motion was raised by Mary Brown, seconded by Gina Reiners, to add a Civil Penalty of \$500.00 to the Proposed Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor with Chair Bouffard in opposition to the new motion.

## MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Janice E. Wojick presented the following Memoranda of Decision to the Board for review and signature.

### RUTH DUSHAY, RN

Mary Brown moved, Carrie Simons seconded, to affirm the Board's prior decision to reinstate Ms. Dushay's Registered Nurse license to probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions: Ellen Komar and Gina Reiners.

### TRACY SHUGRUE-KANE, RN

Carrie Simon moved, Mary Brown seconded, to affirm the Board's prior decision to reinstate Ms. Shugrue Kane's Registered Nurse license to probation for three years after the successful completion of a Board approved RN Refresher Program. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions: Ellen Komar and Gina Reiners.

### KRISTEN WEBBER, RN

Mary Brown moved, Carrie Simon seconded, to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Webber's Registered Nurse License on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions: Ellen Komar and Gina Reiners.

The above three Memoranda of Decision became effective immediately upon Chair Bouffard's signature.

At this point, the Board revised the agenda as Pamela Dole had not yet arrived for her hearing.

## HEARING – NATALIE PRIMINI, LPN

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Primini was present for this hearing without representation. Ms. Primini requested a continuance in order to retain counsel which was granted by the Board. The hearing has been rescheduled to June 5, 2013 @ 9:00 AM.

## HEARING – EILEEN HARTMAN, RN

Staff Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Hartman was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. There was a question of proof of service as the signed certified mail green card had not been returned to the Board Office prior to today's meeting. It was the unanimous decision of the Board to keep the record open and reschedule the hearing to June 5, 2013 at 9:00 AM.

Due to the fact that Ms. Dole still had not arrived, the Board took a 20 minute recess at 9:14 AM during which time Chair Bouffard spoke with the students in the audience.

## MOTIONS AND OBJECTIONS REGARDING PAMELA DOLE, RN, APRN

Staff Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Dole was present with former counsel Attorney John Giulietti. At this juncture, Mary Brown moved, which was seconded by Ellen Komar, for the Board to move into Executive Session to seek legal advice from the Board's Counsel. The motion passed unanimously and the room was cleared of all observers. Carrie Simon then moved to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Ellen Komar and passed unanimously and observers were invited back into the room. Mary Brown moved to accept the Notice of Termination of Representation on this case with dismay. The motion was seconded by Gina Reiners and passed with all in favor with the exception of Carrie Simon who was opposed. Attorney Giulietti had raised a Motion for Continuance which Ms. Dole objected to as she said she is not able to afford counsel. Ms. Dole was advised of alternative avenues of representation. The Board continued the hearing to July 17, 2013 to allow Ms. Dole the opportunity to explore all avenues for getting legal representation. The Board was uncomfortable with allowing her to go forward at this point. Ms. Dole again objected to the continuance and stated that it is not going to change in July either. Chair Bouffard replied that we are allowing you the time and the opportunity to do the best you can to get proper legal representation. So we will continue this hearing, we will go off the record and will keep the record open until the next hearing.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 10:23 AM.

Patricia C. Bouffard, Chair  
Board of Examiners for Nursing