

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on July 16, 2014 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member  
Ellen M. Komar, RN  
Jennifer Long, APRN  
Gina M. Reiners, RN  
Robin Rettig Cattanio, LPN  
Carrie Simon, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Geraldine Marrocco, RN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alfreda G. Gaither, Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, DPH  
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Service Manager, DPH  
Jolanta M. Gawinski, Health Program Supervisor, DPH  
Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, Licensure Regulation and Compliance, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Licensure Regulation and Compliance, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Licensure Regulation and Compliance, DPH  
Ellen M. Shanley, 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 8:35 AM.

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Lincoln Technical Institute's New Britain and Shelton Campuses, and Goodwin College.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES

##### STONE ACADEMY – CURRICULUM REVISION

Present from the program were Joseph Bierbaum, President, Eleanor Davio, Program Administrator for the Stone Academy Programs, and Ceil Meehan, Gina Kolstad, Elizabeth Briglia, Stone Academy Staff. Stone Academy is requesting a curriculum revision as outlined in the documents presented to the Board. Their current program has 1,560 cumulative hours and the program wishes to increase those hours to 1,800. They have outlined modifications to the clinical experience, theoretical components, and course length changes. Mr. Bierbaum stated that they will keep the Board updated as they proceed.

##### SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUEST

Present from the program were Dr. Mary Alice Donius, Nancy Pires, Tricia Natkiel, and Shery Watson. The program is requesting from the Board a six-month temporary faculty education waiver for Robin Cournoyer, RN. Ms. Cournoyer is a fully matriculated MSN student at UConn with an expected graduation date of December, 2014. Gina Reiners moved, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to grant the six-month faculty education waiver as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

## SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY – ADMINISTRATION CHANGES

Nancy Pires and Tricia Natkiel, SHU Staff, were present to inform the Board that Mary Alice Donius EdD, RN, assumed the position of Director of the School of Nursing effective July 1, 2014. Dr. Donius, also present, was selected from a nation-wide search and has an extensive background in nursing education and was present to answer questions from the Board. Mary Brown moved to accept the credentials of Dr. Donius as outlined in the nursing school regulations. The motion was seconded by Gina Reiners and passed unanimously.

The Board also acknowledged the appointment of Shery Watson, also present, as the Undergraduate Program Director effective August 21, 2014. Professor Watson has been with SHU for the last seven years as faculty. Professor Watson is currently enrolled in a PhD Program at Capella University and was present to answer any questions from the Board.

The Board wished both Dr. Donius and Professor Watson success in their future endeavors at SHU.

## FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUEST

Present from the program was Dr. Meredith Wallace Kazer to request from the Board a one-year temporary faculty education waiver request for Susan Bartos, RN. Ms. Bartos is a matriculated student in the BSN to PhD Program at UConn with an anticipated graduation date of May, 2015. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to grant the one-year faculty education waiver as requested contingent upon the receipt of Ms. Bartos' BSN transcript and the letter of matriculation. The motion passed unanimously. These documents are to be forwarded directly to Pamela Pelletier-Stevens at DPH.

## FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY – NEW DEAN

Present from the program was Dr. Meredith Wallace Kazer, the new Dean of the School of Nursing. Dr. Lynn Babington has been appointed Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and the University has appointed Dr. Meredith Wallace Kazer as Dean of the School of Nursing for a two-year term effective June 16, 2014. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Ellen Komar, to approve the appointment of Dr. Kazer as her qualifications do meet the qualifications as outlined in the nursing school regulations. The motion passed unanimously. The Board wished Dr. Kazer well in her new role as Dean of the School of Nursing.

## GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Present from the program was Sheila Solernou, Division Director of Nursing, to request from the Board continuances for two temporary faculty education waivers for Donna McKeegan and Nancy Clements. Both Ms. McKeegan and Ms. Clements are fully matriculated students in the MSN Program at Sacred Heart University. Both were granted waivers for the 2013-2014 academic year and are requesting a waiver for one additional year for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Carrie Simon moved, seconded by Gina Reiners, to grant the one-year faculty education waiver continuance for Donna McKeegan. The motion passed unanimously.

Ellen Komar moved, seconded by Carrie Simon, to grant the one-year faculty education waiver continuance for Nancy Clements. The motion passed unanimously.

The above two waiver continuances do not exceed the 10% as outlined in the regulations.

Board's Counsel, Alfreda Gaither, arrived at this time.

## UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

Dr. Pamela Padula Morgan was present from the program to present their updated plan of correction. The original plan was presented to the Board at the June 4, 2014 meeting. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Robin Cattanio to approve the modifications to the program's plan of improvement. The motion passed unanimously.

## BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING/UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT UPDATE

The Board Office received a letter from the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing (BHSON) regarding clarification of intent to transition from a diploma program to a BSN entailing collaboration between the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing and the University of Bridgeport (UB). During BHSON's transition to a BSN program at UB, the program now intends to offer a 1-2-1 program for the fall of 2014. The students will spend their first year at UB, the next two years at BHSON during which time they will obtain their RN, and then return to UB for one year to obtain their BSN. The letter outlined how this was to be done including UB's intention to obtain licensure from the Department of Higher Education for RN to BSN Program with a start date of the fall of 2015. Dr. Carol Papp was present to update the Board on the progress of the transition and to answer any questions from the Board.

## WESTERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUEST

Joan Palladino, Chair of the Nursing Program at WCSU, was present to request a one-year faculty education waiver for Teresa Puckhaber. Ms. Puckhaber is a matriculated MSN student at WCSU with an anticipated graduation date of December, 2015. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Gina Reiners, to grant the one-year faculty education waiver as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

## EtG and EtS TESTING FOR ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION BY RESPONDENTS

Kathleen Boulware was present to continue the discussion of EtG testing. Carrie Simon moved, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to add this item to today's agenda for discussion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Boulware updated the Board on EtG/EtS testing and the Board had additional questions regarding the cut off levels. Ms. Boulware stated that the EtG language will be inserted into all Consent Orders and will speak with Henry Salton regarding the same language in all Memoranda of Decision. Ms. Boulware will try and arrange to have Maureen Dinnan from the HAVEN Program at the August 20, 2014 to answer additional questions regarding EtG testing and their cut off levels.

## CONSENT ORDERS

### KYLE MCCLINTOCK, APRN, RN

DPH Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a revised Consent Order. Ms. McClintock was not present nor was she represented by counsel at this meeting. After review of the documents presented on May 21, 2014, it was the recommendation of the Board to table this Consent Order to change the frequency of the drug/ alcohol screen reports to twice per month for the first and fourth years and monthly for the second and third years of probation. Mary Brown moved, which was seconded by Gina Reiners, to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order which becomes effective August 1, 2014.

#### HEATHER ALFONSO, APRN

DPH Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a revised Consent Order. After the review and the vote regarding the Consent Order presented to the Board on May 7, 2014, it was the recommendation of the Board to table this Consent Order and to add language that Ms. Alfonso complete coursework approved by the Department of Public Health regarding scope of practice with the focus on the responsibility of delegation to unlicensed assistive personnel. Ms. Alfonso was not present although she was represented by counsel, Attorney Joanne Sheehan. Mary Brown moved to accept this Consent Order as presented. The motion was seconded by Ellen Komar and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order which becomes effective August 1, 2014.

#### PATRICIA CONKLIN, RN

DPH Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Patricia Conklin. Ms. Conklin was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Mary Brown moved to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion was seconded by Gina Reiners and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order which becomes effective August 1, 2014.

#### WILLIAM DEAKIN, RN

DPH Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for William Deakin. Mr. Deakin was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved, and Ellen Komar seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with Lisa Freeman and Carrie Simon opposed. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order which becomes effective August 1, 2014.

#### PETER M. MYERS, RN

DPH Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Peter M. Myers. Mr. Myers was not present at this meeting. Lisa Freeman moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with Chair Bouffard opposed. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order which becomes effective August 1, 2014.

#### MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – LINDSAY J. TUCCI, LPN

DPH Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Ms. Tucci signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit on June 17, 2014. Jennifer Long moved and Robin Cattanio seconded to accept the documents as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges.

#### KATHERINE KOCZAK, RN

DPH Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Katherine Koczak. Ms. Koczak was present without representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order which becomes effective August 1, 2014.

Chair Bouffard commented to Ms. Boulware that Tolling Language does not appear in all of the Consent Orders. Ms. Boulware will speak with Matthew Antonetti in the Office of Licensure Regulation and Compliance and bring this to his attention to have the language included in the templates for all Consent Orders.

#### KAREN DAVIS, RN

DPH Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Karen Davis. Ms. Davis was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order effective August 1, 2014.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – GINA VINCENZI, RN

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Gina Vincenzi. Ms. Vincenzi was not present and was not represented at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved and Lisa Freeman seconded to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 20, 2014.

#### MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – TRACY MALUK, RN

DPH Staff Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Ms. Maluk signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit on June 25, 2014. Ms. Maluk was not present nor was she represented by counsel at this meeting. Gina Reiners moved, seconded by Ellen Komar, to accept the documents as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges.

#### MEMORANDA OF DECISION

##### TINA VACCARO, RN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision for Ms. Vaccaro. Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision to not add any further discipline on Ms. Vaccaro's license. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed with one Abstention: Lisa Freeman. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision which becomes effective immediately upon signature.

##### KRISTEN WEBBER, RN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision for Ms. Webber. Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Webber's license on probation for four years. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision which becomes effective immediately upon signature.

#### MINUTES

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with the following minutes.

##### MAY 7, 2014

Jennifer Long moved to accept the minutes as edited. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously.

##### MAY 21, 2014

Jennifer Long moved to accept the minutes as edited. The motion was seconded by Carrie Simon and passed with two abstentions: Lisa Freeman and Gina Reiners.

JUNE 4, 2014

Ellen Komar moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Gina Reiners and passed with two abstentions: Lisa Freeman and Carrie Simon.

The Board recessed from 10:45 AM to 11:02 AM.

HEARING – GREGORY KLIMAYTIS, RN

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Klimaytis was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Jolanta M. Gawinski, DPH, and Gregory Klimaytis.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Mr. Klimaytis be found on all charges with the exception of No. 5. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved, based on the testimony from Ms. Gawinski, Mr. Klimaytis has been compliant, therefore this does not rise to additional disciplinary action. Mr. Klimaytis is to continue following the terms of the Consent Order that is currently in place. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously.

Mary Brown also moved that the Summary Suspension of Mr. Klimaytis' license be immediately removed. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 11:49 AM.

STUDENTS

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

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