

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 1, 2015 at the Department of Public Health Complex, Room 470-A/B – 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gina M. Reiners, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy M. Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations,
DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, OLRC, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, OLRC, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, OLRC, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, OLRC, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Lincoln Tech, Central CT State University, and the University of Hartford.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard and Kathleen Boulware will be attending the NCSBN Mid-Year Meeting in Louisville March 16-18, 2015

Chair Bouffard apprised the Board that Robin Rettig-Cattanio, the Board's only LPN Member, has handed in her resignation effective May 1, 2015.

OPEN FORUM

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

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

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

2015 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Kathleen Boulware and Christian Andresen were present to update the Board on 2015 Legislative Issues. Updates included the Medical Assistant Act, the Impaired Practitioner Program, and the Tech Bill.

NCSBN UPDATE – MID YEAR MEETING

Chair Bouffard and Kathleen Boulware attended the NCSBN Mid-Year Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky March 16 – 18, 2015.

On Monday, the 2015 Midyear Leadership Day, they explored the strategic and collaborative partnership between the Executive Officer (EO) and the Board President. The program facilitator's work with organizations utilizes strategic thinking to redesign governance and operations. Participants described the respective roles, responsibilities and relationships among EOs Presidents, Board Members and NCSBN when serving in a voluntary capacity; they examined the characteristics of successful leadership partnerships; explained how to use knowledge based decision-making to assess complex issues, identify and evaluate choices, and select a solution strategy; and utilized collaborative strategic thinking to plan a leadership strategy on a significant organizational issue. A networking session followed the conclusion of the leadership program.

On Tuesday, the Leadership Succession Committee was looking for interested parties to run for NCSBN elected office in August 2015. The presentation focused on open positions, the process of nomination and the work of the committee regarding leadership development. There were discussions regarding the APRN Distance Learning Recommendations, Government Affairs Update, Compact Revision Team Report, followed by the NCSBN Area Meetings which are open to NCSBN Members and staff only. The purpose of the Area Meetings is to facilitate communication and to encourage regional dialogue on issues important to the NCSBN and its members. At the conclusion of the Area Meetings, there was a one hour break followed by a Networking Reception with NCSBN members and staff at a cocktail reception.

On Wednesday, discussion regarding what you are doing is important by describing the importance of access to care, mobility of nurses and the Nurse Licensure Company; describing what is important in working with your state legislature, and describing how to make the best case for adopting the Nurse Licensure Compact with your state legislature.

The next discussion was the Changing Practice Environment: The Retail Health Care Experience by a chief nurse practitioner officer of the CVS/Minute Clinic.

The last discussion of the morning was Compact Legislation and Implementation: Lessons Learned. There were panelists who described the legislative and implementation experience of three state Boards of Nursing; and they identified effective legislative and implementation strategies.

After lunch, there was discussion regarding The Policy Process: Know When, Where and How to make a difference by understanding basic principles of speaking to legislators; by demonstrating an appropriate elevator message that can be succinctly and clearly given to a legislator; and how to effectively get to "yes" using these principles.

The last discussion of the meeting was regarding Legislation.

NCSBN – LICENSURE COMPACT

The NCSBN has called for a Special Session of the Delegate Assembly on May 4, 2015 in Chicago to vote on the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) and the APRN Compact both dated March 17, 2015. This is only the second Special Delegate Assembly that has been called since the inception of the NCSBN 37 years ago.

The NLC allows for RNs and LPNs to have one multistate license, with the ability to practice in both their home state and other NLC states. There was currently 25 states in the NLC which include: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin. The APRN NLC would allow an APRN to hold one multistate license with a privilege to practice in other APRN NLC states.

Boards of Nursing (BONs) were the first health care provider regulatory bodies to develop a model for interstate practice with the original adoption of the NLC in 1997 and its implementation in 2000. While other health care provide regulatory bodies are just getting started in this process, the NLC has been operational and successful for more than 15 years.

Influenced by the growing need for nurse mobility and clarification of the authority to practice for many nurses currently engaged in telenursing or interstate practice, BONs have worked over the past several years to revise the NLC to ensure it reflects best practices and provides for continued high standards of public protection.

The new NLCs will be reviewed and voted on at the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly on May 4, 2015 at the NCSBN in Chicago. If accepted and passed the new NLCs will become effective on January 1, 2018.

MINUTES – JANUARY 21, 2015

After review of the minutes provided, Mary Brown moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously.

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION – GINA VINCENZI, RN

OLRC Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department. Ms. Vincenzi was not in attendance. Ms. Vincenzi's hearing was held on August 20, 2014. Ms. Vincenzi was present at the hearing and fact finding. Fact Finding took place immediately after the hearing. Ms. Vincenzi was present for the Fact Finding that outlined the following: six months suspension with concurrent probation for 4 years with the usual probationary terms including the narcotic key restriction for one year and the tolling language. The Board stated that the suspension and concurrent probation becomes effective upon the signature of the Memorandum of Decision.

Ms. Vincenzi stated that she misunderstood when the suspension period became effective. She thought it went into effect at the conclusion of the Fact Finding which was held at the conclusion of the hearing. Mary Brown moved to deny Ms. Vincenzi's request for reconsideration regarding the suspension time period as the Board had concerns stating that it had only been a very short time period since her relapse. The motion to deny Ms. Vincenzi's request for reconsideration was seconded by Ellen Komar and passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – REBECCA PEPE, RN

OLRC Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for the Department regarding Rebecca Pepe, RN. Ms. Pepe was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Ellen Komar moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 15, 2015.

CONSENT ORDER – JUDITH BRIGGS-CZOCHARA, LPN

Diane Wilan, OLRC Staff Attorney, presented the Board with a Consent Order for Judith Briggs-Czochara. Ms. Briggs-Czochara was not present at today's meeting and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved, which was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to accept the Consent Order as written and amended at the January 21, 2015 meeting regarding coursework in boundary issues. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – DOREEN BOWTRUCZYK, RN

Ellen M. Shanley, OLRC Staff Attorney, presented the Board with a Consent Order for Doreen Bowtruczyk. Ms. Bowtruczyk was not present at today's meeting and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved, which was seconded by Lisa Freeman, to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – KRISTIN CHECKOSKY, LPN

Joelle Newton, OLRC Staff Attorney, originally presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kristin Checkosky on January 21, 2015 which was denied by the Board. Attorney Newton is again presenting the Board with a Consent Order which includes the Board's recommendations from the January 21, 2015 meeting. Ms. Checkosky was not present nor was she represented. Jennifer Long moved, which was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

The Board reviewed these documents prior to today's meeting.

KRISTINE ALEXANDER, RN

Ellen Komar moved to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Alexander's license. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

ANDREA BUNNELL, LPN

Geraldine Marrocco moved to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Bunnell's LPN license on probation for two years. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

KAREN HAMLEY, RN

Mary Brown moved to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Hamley's license. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

DENISE LABONTE, RN

Jennifer Long moved to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. LaBonte's LPN license on probation for two years. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

HEARING – MATTHEW HOPKINS, RN

OLRC Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Hopkins was present pro se. Attorney Newton apprised the Board that Mr. Hopkins had signed a Consent Order. Attorney Newton provided the Board with the signed Consent Order. Upon review, the Board had a few revisions which were accepted and amended by Mr. Hopkins and the Department. Attorney Newton again presented the Board with the fully executed Consent Order. Geraldine Marrocco moved to accept the Consent Order as written and amended. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 10:30 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

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Robin Rettig Cattanio, LPN – *Resignation Effective May 1, 2015*
Carrie Simon, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ellen M. Komar, RN
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ALSO PRESENT: Stacy M. Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
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Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, OLRC, DPH
Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, OLRC, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, OLRC, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, OLRC, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Central CT State University, UCONN, Lincoln Technical Institute RN to BSN Program.

CHAIR UPDATES

Kathleen Boulware and Geraldine Marrocco were not present at today's meeting as they were in Chicago today attending the NCSBN APRN Roundtable Meeting.

OPEN FORUM

No items were brought up for discussion by audience members.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Rebecca Pepe, RN – Continuance Granted to July 15, 2015.
Carrie Simon moved to affirm Chair Bouffard's ruling on Ms. Pepe's request for continuance. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. The hearing has been scheduled for July 15, 2015.

2015 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, was present to provide the Board with an update regarding legislative activities since the Board's last meeting on April 1, 2015. Mr. Andresen updated the Board on activity regarding medical assistant's giving vaccinations (SB:981), facilitation of telehealth (SB:467), mandatory reporting of health care practitioners (HB:6287), and substance abuse and opioid overdose prevention (HB:6856).

SCHOOL ISSUES – GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – LPN TO RN TRANSITION COURSE CHANGE

Sheila Solernou, Gateway, Constance Hotchkiss, Northwestern, and Cynthia Adams, Capitol, were all present representing the CT Community College System. The workgroup reviewed the LPN to RN transition process with the Board that will be implemented at Gateway Community College and Capitol Community College this year and in the remaining Community Colleges next year. The Board thanked the workgroup for attending today's meeting to review the transition process with the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES – FEBRUARY 2015, MARCH 2015

Helen Centeno summarized the calls for February and March as follows: APRN inquiries were mostly related to the Collaborative Agreement; RN inquiries were related to protocol and scope of practice; LPN inquiries were related to supervision; and there were a few school inquiries, along with several National Council of State Boards of Nursing surveys.

NCSBN UPDATE

As stated earlier in today's meeting, Kathleen Boulware and Geraldine Marrocco are attending today's NCSBN APRN Roundtable Meeting in Chicago.

MOTION TO CORRECT CLERICAL ERROR – GINA TAVANO, UNLICENSED

It was brought to the Board's attention that there was a typographical error of a date in the Statement of Charges. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to correct the date in the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown then moved that Ms. Tavano be found on all charges as the charges were deemed admitted. The motion was seconded by Carrie Simon and passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JOHN SHERMAN, RN

OLRC Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for John Sherman. Mr. Sherman was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 20, 2015.

CONSENT ORDER – ALICE C. REATH, RN

OLRC Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Alice C. Reath. Ms. Reath was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman for discussion. At the conclusion of the discussion, Chair Bouffard called for a vote to accept this Consent Order as written. The motion failed as all were opposed. It was the decision of the Board to table their ruling at this time as they had questions regarding the language regarding the length of probation. It was the recommendation of the Board that this should be a full six-month probation irrespective of when the education was completed.

CONSENT ORDER – MARY K. FIELD, RN

OLRC Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Mary K. Field. Ms. Field was not present and not represented at this meeting. Mary Brown moved to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman for discussion. The motion passed with Lisa Freeman opposed. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – KAREN LEMERY, RN

OLRC Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. On April 7, 2015 the Department received a continuance request from Ms. Lemery and was advised to contact the Board Office which never occurred. As Ms. Lemery had requested the continuance from the Department, Carrie Simon moved to grant the continuance. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. The next available hearing date is July 15, 2015 and Ms. Lemery will receive notice via certified mail, return receipt requested and first class mail.

HEARING – JENNIFER C. MACIEL, LPN

OLRC Staff Attorney Brittany Allen was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Maciel was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. There was no testimony provided. Attorney Allen made an oral Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Lisa Freeman moved to grant the Department's Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. The motion was seconded by Carrie Simon and passed unanimously.

Lisa Freeman moved that Ms. Maciel be found on all charges. Ms. Maciel did not file an Answer to the Statement of Charges and did not attend today's hearing. The charges were deemed admitted. The motion was seconded by Carrie Simon and passed unanimously.

Lisa Freeman moved for revocation of Ms. Maciel's license. As stated above, Ms. Maciel left the Board no choice as she did not file an Answer to the Statement of Charges and did not attend the hearing. The Board only had the Department's documents to base their ruling on. The motion was seconded by Carrie Simon and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 9:48 AM.

STUDENTS

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