

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 15, 2003 at the Hartford Hospital - Newington Campus, Curtis Building Amphitheater, 181 Patricia Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Armand Amendola, Public Member
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Patricia Casey, APRN
Joan Dobbins, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Sacheli, LPN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Lahey, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Director, Legal Office
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the Kaynor PNE Program.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – WENDY PRICE, RN, E42246

The Board reviewed the reinstatement request of a lapsed license for Wendy Price. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Ms. Price provide the Board with a written plan for activities to update her theoretical and clinical nursing skills. After completion of the Board approved refresher course she must successfully complete the NCLEX-RN examination. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – LUBA KREIDLER, RN, R30028

The Board reviewed the reinstatement request for Ms. Kreidler. Patricia Casey moved and Armand Amendola seconded that this license was okay to reinstate. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – JUDY GAWRONSKI, RN, E49717

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision provided by Jeffrey Kardys. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to dismiss the charges. The motion passed with all in favor and Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION- BARBARA STEINER, RN, E52653

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Steiner. Assistant Attorney General Paul Lahey was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Steiner was not present and was not represented. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 5, 2003 at 11:30 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PATRICIA SULLIVAN, RN, E55002

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Sullivan. Assistant Attorney General Paul Lahey was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Sullivan was present with counsel, Attorney James Mahar. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with Patricia Casey, Patricia Bouffard, and Chair Bafundo in favor and Joan Dobbins and Armand Amendola were opposed. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 5, 2003 at 11:30 AM.

CONSENT ORDER – MARY SHANNON McGUIRE, LN, 021586

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. McGuire. Ms. McGuire was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – CYNTHIA SIPPERLY, LPN, 020182

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Sipperly. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW – MARIA AGUAS, RN, R51343

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Maria Aguas. Ms. Aguas was present with Attorney David Kritzman. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW – MELISSA ORTMAN, RN, E54976

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Melissa Ortman. Ms. Ortman was present with Attorney John Newman. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW – LAURIE BENOIT, RN R54570

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Laurie Benoit. Ms. Benoit was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Ms. Benoit receive a written reprimand. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW – SUSAN STOCKWELL, LPN, 012948

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Susan Stockwell. Ms. Stockwell was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved and Armand Amendola seconded that Ms. Stockwell received a written reprimand and a civil penalty of \$500.00 payable on the date of signature. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Joan Dobbins who was opposed.

HEARINGS – PAMELA DANKA, RN, E47641

The hearing convened at 9:43 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney Paul Lahey was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Danka was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Kristine Nasinnyk, Drug Control Agenda, Paula Strode, RN, Kathleen Harrison, RN, and Ms. Danka. The hearing closed at 10:20 AM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place at the February 19, 2003 meeting.

HEARING – LAURIE SCHLUNTZ, RN, E51323

The hearing convened at 11:05 AM. Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Paul Lahey was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Schluntz was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Melanie Vlosky, RN. The hearing closed at 11:05 AM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place at the February 19, 2003 meeting.

HEARING – NANCY JENUSKA, LPN, 018322

The hearing convened at 11:08 AM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Paul Lahey was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Jenuska was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Jenuska. The hearing closed at 11:35 AM. Due to lack of a quorum, and urine screen reports and therapist reports to be provided to the Board, Fact Finding will take place at the February 19, 2003 meeting.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW CHARGES – RUTH ANN RAULSOME, LPN, 027403

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Charges based on Ms. Raulsome signing a Voluntary Agreement Not To Renew License. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Motion to accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – JANE TRACY, RN, E38504

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Tracy. Attorney Robert Fitzgerald was present for the Respondent who was also present. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins moved to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 11:45 AM.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 29, 2003 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Patricia Casey, APRN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Peter Brown, Assistant Attorney General
Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

_Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM.

FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVERS

CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Cynthia Adams, Director of Nursing Education at Capital Community College, provided the Board with an overview of her request for educational waivers for two part-time clinical nursing instructors needed to work with students at New Britain General Hospital. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that temporary waivers be granted for Josie Roy and Jennifer Petke for the Spring 2003 semester. The motion was approved by the Board Members present and Public Member John Titsworth who was contacted via telephone.

NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Board reviewed the Faculty Education Waiver Request which was received in the Board Office on the afternoon of January 28, 2003. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that temporary waivers be granted for Kathleen Agis and Barbara Jarboe for the Spring 2003 semester. The motion was approved by the Board Members present and Public Member John Titsworth who was contacted via telephone.

BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING

The Board reviewed the Faculty Education Waiver Request which was received in the Board Office on January 27, 2003. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the temporary waiver be granted for Michelle Nye for the Spring 2003 semester. The motion was approved by the Board Members present and Public Member John Titsworth who was contacted via telephone.

HEARING – VASHTI SKYERS, RN, R28330

The hearing convened at 9:40 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present for the Department. Attorney Cynthia Jennings was present representing Vashti Skyers who was not in attendance. Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Marsha Mehmel, Department of Public Health, and Angeline Komarow, also from the Department of Public Health. The hearing closed at 12:30 PM. The next hearing will be scheduled for June 18, 2003 at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 PM.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

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Patricia Bouffard, RN
Patricia Casey, APRN
Joan Dobbins, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Sacheli, LPN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Director, Legal Office
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor
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Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the Saint Joseph's College.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo recently attended the CREC Meeting regarding school nurses.
- Chair Bafundo participated in the NCSBN Finance Committee telephonic meeting.
- Patricia Casey did a presentation at Southern Connecticut State University for their nurse practitioner class.
- The Nursing Work Group Meeting is scheduled for this Friday at 1:00 PM at the Department of Public Health.
- Patricia Bouffard apprised the Board that the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical College System voted to approve the hiring of a consultant to provide a common curriculum for the four community college nursing programs (and Gateway).

REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS

JO-ANN ADAMI, RN
ANGELA BAYER, RN
ELEANOR HART, RN
DARLENE PETERSEN, LPN

Stephen Carragher presented the Board with the above requests for reinstatement. Due to the fact that these nurses hold a current, active license in another state, it was the recommendation of the Board that these nurses be reinstated.

LISA SUNDEAN, RN, E49588

Stephen Carragher presented the Board with Ms. Sundean's reinstatement request. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Ms. Sundean provide the Board with a written plan to update her theoretical and clinical nursing skills. The motion passed with all in favor.

JOANNE CINGARI, RN, R30906

Stephen Carragher presented the Board with Ms. Cingari's reinstatement request. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Ms. Cingari provide the Board with a written plan to update her theoretical and clinical nursing skills. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – JOAN WEATHERS, RN, REVOKED LICENSE

The Board reviewed the documentation provided by Ms. Weathers regarding a reinstatement hearing. The Board denied Ms. Weathers' request at this time. Ms. Weathers was sent a letter in July, 2002 with the information needed for a reinstatement hearing request. The information requested was not provided at this meeting and the Board refers Ms. Weathers back to that letter.

GOODWIN COLLEGE AND PROGRAM APPROVAL

Mark Scheinberg, President, Ann Clark, Vice-President, and Lois Daniels, Program Director, were present for this discussion. Donna Canalis did the on-site visit to the Goodwin Campus and the Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center on January 29, 2003. There was sufficient classroom, office, and conference space. It was the recommendation of the Board that Goodwin obtain additional videos for students who have had no previous clinical experience and also to obtain additional textbooks that are current. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the program be granted conditional approval and their next review would be the NCLEX results of their first graduating class. The motion passed with all in favor.

ELI WHITNEY PNE PROGRAM SURVEY

Patricia Petrone, Consultant for the Department of Education, and Joan Novarro, Department Head of the Eli Whitney PNEP, were present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the documentation provided. Donna Canalis reviewed her site visits of January 8th and 9th with the Board. All PNE Programs started the three-semester program in September of 2002. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the program be granted full approval with their next site visit in five years. The motion passed with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS

Donna Canalis reviewed the correspondence and statistics with the Board Members for January, 2003.

LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

Wendy Furniss reviewed the bills which the Department is tracking. Wendy also updated the Board on the progress of the schools regulations, the reports of adverse events, and the nursing school certifying bodies.

Norma Gyle, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, and State Representative Sayers will be at the March 5th Board meeting to discuss with the Board issues of concern regarding this Legislative Session.

Dr. Joxel Garcia, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, will be doing a Bioterrorism Presentation for the Board at the April 2nd meeting.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MOVE

The NCSBN has moved to 111 East Wacker Drive, which is on the opposite side of the river in Chicago. The new phone number is 312-525-3600 and their fax is 312-279-1032.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR NURSING BOARD MEMBERS

The Board reviewed the Code of Conduct for a Member Board and will try and review the Code of Conduct from other Member Boards.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE: MEDICAL PROTOCOLS

Liz Beaudin, Connecticut Hospital Association, provided the Board with a draft document on medical protocols. This will be placed on the March 5th agenda for discussion.

MONITORING ISSUES – KERRI BURDO, RN

The Board discussed Ms. Burdo's monitoring issues and the federal exclusion from working in a Medicare/Medicaid funded facility. This will be placed on the February 19th agenda for further discussion.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – OPAL BROUILLET, LPN, 027843

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Brouillet. Ms. Brouillet was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor and Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing. The hearing is scheduled for February 19, 2003 at 9:00 AM.

PREHEARING REVIEW - MARGARET HULBOJ, RN, E29359

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Margaret Hulboj. Attorney Martha Murray was present with Ms. Hulboj. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW – SHERRI LOUNSBURY, RN, R43457

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Sherri Lounsbury. Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett was present with Ms. Lounsbury. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Lounsbury's license be placed on probation for two years. Linda Sacheli made a friendly amendment to the motion that Ms. Lounsbury's license be placed on probation for one year. This was accepted by Patricia Casey and Patricia Bouffard. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW - DAWNE CATUCCIO, RN, E45986

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Dawne Catuccio. Ms. Catuccio was present without representation. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Catuccio's license be placed on probation for four years with the normal constraints. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW - JOHN MARTIN, RN, E46201

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for John Martin. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Board that this case be dismissed.

CONSENT ORDER – ANN HARRIS, LPN, 021550

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ann Harris. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – ALICIA STEINER, RN, 061988

Legal Office Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Alicia Steiner. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – LISA WILD, LPN, 024958

The hearing convened at noon. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. Ms. Wild was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Maria Gosselin, RN, Supervisor of Staff Mates. Patricia Casey left at 1:00 PM at which time the hearing closed.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Respondent be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that Ms. Wild's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual screens, monthly therapist and employer reports, and she is not to work in an unsupervised setting such as home health care or agency work. The Summary Suspension remains in place until the Memorandum of Decision is signed. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – BARBARA STEINER, RN, E52653

The hearing convened at 1:15 PM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department. Ms. Steiner was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Exhibits were entered into the record from the Department, a closing statement was made, and the hearing closed at 1:30 PM.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Steiner be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Steiner's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Sacheli moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 1:35 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

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Patricia Bouffard, RN
Patricia Casey, APRN *via telephone 9:15 AM – 9:25 AM*
Joan Dobbins, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Sacheli, LPN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Eileen Meskill, Assistant Attorney General
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
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David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
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Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

STUDENTS

CONSENT ORDER – BETH TERRY, LPN, 023748

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Terry. Ms. Terry was not present. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

MONITORING ISSUES - KERRI BURDO, RN

Kathy Boulware presented a request to modify Ms. Burdo's Memorandum of Decision to keep her drug/alcohol screening to twice per month until she can financially do once per week. Joan Dobbins moved to approve. The motion was seconded by Patricia Bouffard and passed unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – SAMARA DiMEOLA, LPN, 028116

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Ms. DiMeola. Joan Dobbins moved and Armand Amendola seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision on this case to revoke Ms. DiMeola's license. The motion passed unanimously.

NOTE: Patricia Casey was available via telephone for participation in the voting on the above three cases from 9:15 AM to 9:25 AM.

PREHEARING REVIEW – BONNIE METCALFE, RN, E59922

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Metcalfe. It was the recommendation of the Board Members present that Ms. Metcalfe's license be placed on probation for four years with drug/alcohol screening twice per month, monthly employer and therapist reports, and a psychiatric evaluation within the first three months of the probation.

PREHEARING REVIEW – SHIRLEY CANIESO, RN, R38879

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Canieso. Ms. Canieso was present with Attorney Michael Neubert. It was the recommendation of the Board Members present that this case be dismissed.

HEARING – OPAL BROUILLET, LPN, 027834

The hearing convened at 9:35 AM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Brouillet was not present and there was a question of notice. This case is continued to March 5, 2003 at 11:30 AM. Notice will be sent out certified and first class mail to the address of record.

HEARING – CHRISTOPHER GRIGAITIS, LPN, 024600

The hearing convened at 9:44 AM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Grigaitis was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Mr. Grigaitis and Kory Groszyk, RN. At 11:05 AM Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board move into Executive Session to confer with the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed and Executive Session closed at 11:12 AM. The hearing closed at 11:18 AM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place at a later date.

Break 11:18 AM to 11:40 AM

HEARING – KATHLEEN HEBERT, RN, E49146

The hearing convened at 11:41 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Hebert was present with Attorney Martha Murray. Testimony was provided by Lynn Keenan, RN, Ms. Hebert, and Lucia Greig, the Respondent's sister-in-law. The Respondent will send a letter from Jeffrey Krugman, MD, which will be marked as Respondent's Exhibit #2. The hearing closed at 1:25 PM. The hearing will be kept open to receive this document then Fact Finding will be scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 1:28 PM.

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Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

_Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the University of Hartford.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo recently attended the Nursing Issues Work Group Meeting on February 28, 2003
- Chair Bafundo participated in the NCSBN Finance Committee Conference Call
- Chair Bafundo will be attending the NCSBN Mid Year Meeting in Savannah, Georgia on March 24th
- Chair Bafundo will be doing a presentation at Central CT State University this evening regarding scope of practice and legislation
- DMR is requesting a Nursing Speaker for their Nurses' Week function

REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS:

ROBERT MACKENZIE, RN – The Board requested additional information before they will render a recommendation.

JANET SGRO, RN – The Board recommended that Ms. Sgro provide the Board with a plan for a refresher program with both theoretical and clinical components.

YZ'VONNE GORE, RN – The Board recommended that Ms. Gore provide the Board with a plan for a refresher program with both theoretical and clinical components. Also Ms. Gore must successfully complete the NCLEX-RN examination.

CHARLOTTE JOHNSTON, RN – The Board recommended that Ms. Johnston provide the Board with a Plan for a refresher program with both theoretical and clinical components.

SCHOOL ISSUES - NEW ENGLAND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE – NEW CAMPUS - SHELTON

Paul Taub, Executive Director of NETI, Jo-Ann Dean, Program Administrator and Department Manager of the New Britain campus, Diane Nunzianto, Department Manager for the Hamden campus, and Ellen Cappiello, Department Manager for the Shelton campus, were all present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the notice of intent to establish an LPN program in Shelton, Connecticut. The feasibility study was submitted on December 2nd. The Board then requested the school's philosophy, curriculum, objectives, and resumes for the nurse directors in the three offices. The Board reviewed this information and after discussion the following was decided.

Break 10:05 AM to 10:25 AM

Jo-Ann Dean will remain as Administrator and all Department Manager responsibilities will be deleted from her job description. A Department Manager will be hired with a BSN degree for the New Britain campus. The Board requested an organizational chart. Donna Canalis will do an on-site visit to the Shelton campus once the building is completed. Communication as to the progress of the program will be maintained with the Board. The program is scheduled to begin in September, 2003. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Shelton program be granted Conditional Approval pending review of the first graduating class NCLEX scores which will be in Spring, 2005. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – DECEMBER 4, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of December 4th. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – DECEMBER 18, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of December 18th. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – JANUARY 15, 2003

The Board reviewed the minutes of January 15th. Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – JANUARY 29, 2003

The Board reviewed the minutes of January 29th. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

CT-CLIC LICENSURE UPDATE (Connecticut Licensing Information Center)

Wendy Furniss apprised the Board that CT-CLIC (www.ct-clic.com) has finally been updated to include information on whether or not a licensee has had prior disciplinary action. The web site does not contain information regarding pending investigations or other confidential matters. If there has been no prior action, the web site will display “none”. If there has been prior action, the web site will display “Contact DPH at oplc.dph@po.state.ct.us”. Please share this information and encourage the public to use this web site to verify licenses.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS

There has been an increase in the number of calls regarding APRNs and third party reimbursement which are being referred to the Department of Insurance.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

- The Connecticut Board has received funding from the NCSBN for two people to attend the Annual Meeting which will be held in Alexandria, Virginia in August.
- The NCSBN has completed their move to 111 East Wacker Drive in Chicago which is on the opposite side of river from where they were located.
- The Board reviewed the Test Plan and had no recommendations.

Break 10:40 AM – 11:00 AM

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Wendy Furniss provided the Board with an update on legislation. Unfortunately, the fiscal impact on many bills may preclude them from being passed during this legislative session.

NURSING SCHOOL REGULATIONS UPDATE

The technical changes have been made to the regulations. After review by the Office of the Attorney General they will go back to the Regulations Review Committee and be placed on the next Regulations Review Committee Agenda.

SCHOOLS ISSUES – ST. VINCENT’S COLLEGE

Margo McCarthy and Joanne Wolfertz presented the Board with a progress report for St. Vincent’s. After discussion and review, Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the program be granted full approval. The motion passed unanimously. The program also requested a extension of their survey review to Spring, 2005 which was granted.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NORWALK COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Present for this review were Dr. Mary Schuler, Director of Nursing at Norwalk, and Sheila Solernou, Director of Nursing at Gateway, et. al. After discussion and review of the documentation provided, Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the self-study report demonstrated that the Associate Degree Program at Norwalk was in full compliance with the Regulations for Registered Nurse Education Programs. The motion passed unanimously. The next survey review will be March, 2008.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – FOOT CARE WITHOUT A PHYSICIAN'S ORDER

This will be tabled until the May 7, 2003 meeting at which time further discussion will take place regarding the Opinion from the Office of the Attorney General and the Board's Decision-Making Model.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – MEDICAL PROTOCOLS

This will be tabled to the May 7, 2003 meeting.

CONSENT ORDER – ROBIN DIORIO, RN, E39968

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Diorio. Patricia Casey moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the Consent Order placing Ms. Diorio's license on probation for four years be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – HOLLY VONASEK, RN, E59098

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review packet and a Consent Order for Ms. Vonasek. Linda Sacheli moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Consent Order placing Ms. Vonasek's license on probation be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

SECOND INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – STEPHEN MORAN, RN, E54906

The Board reviewed the documentation regarding Mr. Moran. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Second Interim Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – BARBARA HOWARD, RN, E36080

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision regarding Barbara Howard. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – OPAL BROUILLET, LPN, 027843

The hearing convened at 12:15 PM. Ms. Howard was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Paul Lahey was present to provide counsel to the Board. The Department provided the Board with their exhibits and a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. There was no oral testimony given. The hearing closed at 12:30 PM.

FACT FINDING

Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

Linda Sacheli moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Ms. Brouillet's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

MODIFICATION TO MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – KERRI BURDO

Chair Bafundo signed this Modification to Memorandum of Decision.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 12:35 PM.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on March 19, 2003 at the Hartford Hospital - Newington Campus, Curtis Building Amphitheater, 181 Patricia Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Patricia Casey, APRN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Peter Brown, Assistant Attorney General
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CLAUDIA MONTANO, RN, 014449

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Claudia Montano. Ms. Montano was present with Attorney David Kritzman. Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the documents scheduling the hearing for April 2, 2003 at 11:30 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DEBRA KINDBLOM, RN, E52124

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Debra Kindblom. Ms. Kindblom was not present and did not have legal representation. Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the documents scheduling the hearing for April 2, 2003 at 11:30 AM.

PREHEARING REVIEW – AMINI COBUZZI, RN, E34888

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Amini Cobuzzi. Attorney Anthony Palermino was present with the Respondent. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW – SHIRLEY JOHNSON, RN, E18486
JOHN CELENAMMA, RN, R47576

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Shirley Johnson and John Celenamma. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that both cases be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW – DEBRA TROMBETTA, LPN, 017359

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Debra Trombetta. Ms. Trombetta was not present and did not have legal representation. Joan Dobbins moved that the present Consent Order be modified such that the Respondent's license be suspended until her medical problems are resolved or that a Motion for Summary Suspension be presented to the Board at their April 2, 2003 meeting. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – DAWNE CATUCCIO, LPN, E45986

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Dawne Catuccio. Ms. Catuccio was not present and did not have legal representation. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – LORRAINE PETROCELLI, LPN, 018150

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lorraine Petrocelli. Ms. Petrocelli was not present and did not have legal representation. Patricia Casey moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – LISA EUGENGRO, RN, E59373

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lisa Eugengro. Ms. Eugengro was present with counsel, Attorney Louis Todisco. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

MICHAEL VALENTINO, LPN, 026679

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor.

KATRINA HOWARD, LPN, 027561

Linda Sacheli moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor.

SHERRI LOUNSBURY, RN, E43457

Patricia Casey moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor.

VALERIE MINICUCCI, RN, E60568

Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING/REMEDY – NANCY JENUSKA, LPN, 018322

Ms. Jenuska was not present for this discussion. Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that Ms. Jenuska be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Ms. Jenuska's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING/REMEDY – PAMELA DANKA, RN, E47641

Ms. Danka was not present for this discussion. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Ms. Danka be found on all charges with the exception of 7(d). The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved that Ms. Danka's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual terms. This motion was seconded by Patricia Casey for discussion.

After discussion Joan Dobbins withdrew her motion and raised a new motion for revocation. The motion was seconded by Patricia Casey and passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING/REMEDY – LAURIE SCHLUNTZ, RN, E51323

The Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted was granted by the Board. Patricia Casey moved that Ms. Schluntz be found on all charges. The motion was seconded by Joan Dobbins and passed with all in favor.

Patricia Casey moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that Ms. Schluntz' license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING/REMEDY – CHRISTOPHER GRIGAITIS, LPN, 024600

Joan Dobbins moved that Mr. Grigaitis be found on all charges with the exception of 3b and 3c and be found for “Ativan” only on 3a. The motion was seconded by Patricia Casey and passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Mr. Grigaitis’ license be placed on probation for four years with the usual conditions, weekly drug/alcohol screens for the first two years and twice per month for years three and four, and the Respondent is not to have access to the narcotic keys nor be allowed to administer controlled substances for the first six months of his return to work as a nurse. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING/REMEDY – KATHLEEN HEBERT, RN, E49146

Ms. Hebert was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved that Ms. Hebert be found on all charges. The motion was seconded by Linda Sacheli and passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved to revoke Ms. Hebert’s license. Patricia Bouffard seconded the motion for discussion. The motion failed as only Patricia Bouffard and Joan Dobbins were in favor while Patricia Casey, Linda Sacheli, Joyce Hunt, and Chair Bafundo were opposed.

Patricia Casey moved that Ms. Hebert’s license be placed on probation for four years upon the effective date of the Memorandum of Decision with weekly drug/alcohol screens for all four years along with monthly employer and therapist reports. The Respondent is to provide the Board Office with a psychiatric evaluation twice per year for all four years. The motion was seconded by Joyce Hunt and passed with all in favor.

Break 10:30 AM – 10:40 AM

HEARING – DEBORAH PALMER, LPN, 027817

The hearing convened at 10:41 AM. Ms. Palmer was present without legal representation. Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown was present to provide counsel to the Board. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department. Testimony was provided by Helen Hobson. The Board recessed for lunch at 11:50 AM, Patricia Casey left for the day, and the hearing resumed at 12:30 PM. Testimony was provided by Darrell Thomas, Diane Cybulski, RN, Department of Public Health, and Deborah Palmer. The hearing concluded at 1:20 PM. This hearing is continued to April 16, 2003 at 9:00 AM and will be the first hearing held on the day.

HEARING – LYNN SWARTZ, RN, E43836

The hearing convened at 1:32 AM. Ms. Swartz was present with counsel, Attorney David Shaken. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present representing the Department. Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Sharon Milton-Wilhelm, Drug Control Agent, and Diane Cybulski, RN,

Department of Public Health, and Ms. Swartz. Joan Dobbins left at 3:00 PM, Linda Sacheli left at 3:05 PM, and Joyce Hunt left at 3:50 PM. The hearing concluded at 4:02 PM. The hearing is continued to May 21, 2003 at 9:00 AM and will be the first hearing held on that date.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members presented to conclude this meeting at 4:03 PM.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 2, 2003 at the Hartford Hospital - Newington Campus, Curtis Building Amphitheater, 181 Patricia Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Patricia Casey, APRN

ALSO PRESENT: Eileen Meskill, Assistant Attorney General
Joxel Garcia, MD, MBA, Commissioner, Department of Public Health
Norma D. Gyle, RN, PhD, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Health
Warren Wollschlager, Chief of Staff, Department of Public Health
Peggy Sayers, RN, State Representative
William Gerrish, Communications Director, Department of Public Health
Wendy H. Furniss, Bureau Chief, Healthcare Systems
Valerie Bryan, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Donna Canalis, RN, Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Dennis Blaschinski, Fiscal Administrative Officer
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the University of Hartford.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo attended the NCSBN Mid Year Meeting in Savannah, Georgia
- Chair Bafundo attended the Pain Summit Meeting
- Chair Bafundo attended the Central Connecticut State University Honor Society Evening Program

REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS – LAPSED LICENSES

ADRIANA PINTO, LPN, E11727

Joan Dobbins moved that Ms. Pinto successfully complete a Board approved LPN refresher program and the NCLEX-PN examination. After discussion it was noted that Ms. Pinto did not comply with the disciplinary action issued against her license in the state of Florida. The motion was withdrawn pending further information regarding the non-compliance with the Florida Board.

DENISE LUNGARIELLO, RN, E49472

The Board reviewed the reinstatement request presented by Stephen Carragher. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Lungariello successfully complete a Board approved refresher program, the NCLEX-RN examination, followed by four years probation.

BIOTERRORISM PRESENTATION – DR. JOXEL GARCIA, COMMISSIONER, DPH

Dr. Garcia did a power point presentation on the involvement of the Department of Public Health regarding Bioterrorism, Smallpox vaccinations, and the outbreak of SARS.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Department of Public Health's Deputy Commissioner Norma Gyle and Representative Peggy Sayers were present for this discussion. Discussion included current legislative issues, including medication by unlicensed personnel (med-techs and medical assistants), the MD – pharmacist bill for the long term care industry which the Board has concerns regarding how this will affect the acute care facilities, the increase in licensure fees, and a web page for the Nursing Board,

Break 11:05 AM – 11:15 AM – during which time John Titsworth left for the day

SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE

Present for this discussion were Lois Daniels, Director of Nursing Program, Ann Clark, Vice President, along with the Director of Curriculum. The Board reviewed the Department of Higher Education (DHE) recommendations for the Goodwin College program. The DHE was concerned that the nursing program did not meet the general education requirements specified in the Goodwin College catalog. A strategy suggested was to have a disclaimer in the catalog that specified "...accreditation rules for some career programs cap the total number of credits allowed in a degree. Consequently, these programs will not be able to meet the general education requirements in the standards Goodwin College General Education Mission Statement."

SCHOOL ISSUES – THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ann Branchini, Director of the Nursing Program, along with her Assistant Director, were present for this review. After discussion and review of the documentation provided, Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant the program full approval. The motion passed with all in favor and the next review for the program will be in April, 2008.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CNA GUIDELINES FOR ACUTE & CHRONIC PAIN CONTROL

Present for this discussion were Polly Barey, Executive Director of the CNA, Lorraine Jalbert, Chair of the CNA Professional Practice Committee and member of the Connecticut Cancer Pain Initiative, Patricia Trotta, Director of the Northeast Pain Division Initiatives of the American Cancer Society, and Shannon Sanford, RN, BSN, Member of the Connecticut Nurses' Association. Shannon Sanford delivered the testimony on behalf of the CNA and the Pain Initiatives for the American Cancer Society Northeast Division regarding the "State of Connecticut Model Guidelines for the Use of Controlled Substances to Treat Acute and Chronic Pain." This group is requesting the Board's adoption of model practice guidelines for the treatment of pain in Connecticut. These guidelines are a draft, in language that speaks to the potential involvement of the Department of Public Health, the Medical Examining Board, the Department of Consumer Protection, the Commission of Pharmacy, and the Board of Examiners for Nursing. This document is being submitted with the vision that all of the above organizations will adopt these model guidelines as a standard of best practice. The testimony heard by the Nursing Board today is the first step in urging the medical, nursing and pharmacy boards to issue a joint statement on pain management and the role of controlled substances for the treatment of pain. The Board will review the information provided to them today and this will be placed on the May 7th agenda.

SCHOOL ISSUES – REGENTS – EXCELSIOR COLLEGE

Excelsior College, formerly Regents College which was an external degree program of The University of the State of New York founded in 1971, is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the nursing programs are accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. The Board has heard that some states are no longer recognizing this program for licensure. Chair Bafundo will look into this at her next meeting at the NCSBN in Chicago.

NCSBN – NURSYS

Presently there are 22 states on line and there are 8 more states expected to be on line by the end of the year.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – THOMAS MYSLAK, RN, E48308

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Thomas Myslak. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Myslak was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing and Summary Suspension Order. The Board stated that they would accept a Consent Order for a three-month suspension followed by a four-year probation.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DEBRA TROMBETTA, LPN, 017359

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Trombetta. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Trombetta was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing and Summary Suspension Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW – KATHLEEN BONVOULOIR, LPN, 022672

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Bonvouloir. The Respondent was not present. It was the recommendation of the Board Members present that a reprimand be issued.

CONSENT ORDER – LAURIE BENOIT, RN, R54570

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Benoit. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. Joyce Hunt moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – SUSAN STOCKWELL, LPN, 012948

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Stockwell. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Joan Dobbins who was opposed.

MONITORING ISSUE – LINDA LaCHANCE, RN

The Board reviewed the documentation provided by Bonnie Pinkerton. It was the recommendation of the Board to modify the monthly therapist reports to quarterly, keep the urine screening the same, and re-submit this request after the June therapy session.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

The following Memoranda of Decision were reviewed by the Board.

KAREN MUIR BRISSETTE, LPN, 026434

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision for Ms. Brissette. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

EWA JURZYK, RN, R52025

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision for Ms. Jurzyk. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

ANN MARINO, RN, E28514

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision for Ms. Marino. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

SHARON McCLEAN, RN, E44285

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision for Ms. McClean. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

MARILYN PO, RN, R53097

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision for Ms. Po. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

HEARING – DEBRA KINDBLOM, RN, E52124

The hearing convened at 12:30 PM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department. Ms. Kindblom was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Fazzina provided the Department's Exhibits to the Board and a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. The hearing closed at 12:40 PM.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion to Deem Allegations be granted and that Ms. Kindblom be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Kindblom's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 12:41 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 16, 2003 at the Hartford Hospital - Newington Campus, Curtis Building Amphitheater, 181 Patricia Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Patricia Casey, APRN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students.

CONSENT ORDER – DONNA LOSCHIAVO, RN, E45165

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Loschiavo. The Respondent was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order which places Ms. Loschiavo's license on probation for four years effective May 1, 2003.

❖ **The Board stated that from here forward the Prehearing Review packets must include a summary sheet detailing issues in the case.**

PREHEARING REVIEW – NANCY ENGEL, RN, E34284

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Engel. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW – TERENCE McINTOSH, LPN, 017966

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. McIntosh. The Respondent was not present nor did she have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that this case be brought before the Board for a hearing. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW – HELEN O’LEARY, RN, R40539

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. O’Leary. The Respondent was present with counsel, Attorney Melinda Monson. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – MELISSA GIAMBRA, LPN, 018085

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Giambra. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order placing Ms. Giambra’s license on probation for one year with a civil penalty of \$500.00.

CONSENT ORDER – DEBORAH PATTEN, RN, E48132

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Patten. Ms. Patten was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order placing Ms. Patten’s license on suspension for three months with a concurrent four year probation.

CONSENT ORDER – STEPHEN MORAN, RN, E54906

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Consent Order for Mr. Moran. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved to approve the Consent Order, was seconded by Linda Sacheli, and passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order placing Mr. Moran’s license on probation for four years.

CONSENT ORDER – THOMAS MYSLAK, RN, E48408

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Mr. Myslak. The Respondent was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order placing Mr. Myslak’s license on suspension for three months with a concurrent four-year probation.

CONSENT ORDER – SUSAN WILLIAMS, RN, E52396

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Williams. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Consent Order be denied. It was the recommendation that this case be brought before the Board for a hearing.

Break 9:55 AM – 10:05 AM

HEARING – DEBORAH PALMER, LPN, 027817

The second hearing for Deborah Palmer convened at 10:05 AM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Palmer was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Marie Goselin, RN, and David Palmer, the Respondent's husband. The hearing closed at 10:48 AM. Joan Dobbins moved that the Board go into Executive Session to obtain legal advice from Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro. Patricia Casey seconded the motion and the Board went into Executive Session from 10:50 AM to 11:00.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved that Ms. Palmer be found all on charges. The motion was seconded by Patricia Casey and passed unanimously.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved for a reprimand. The motion was seconded by Patricia Bouffard. The motion failed as only Chair Bafundo, Joan Dobbins, and John Titsworth were in favor. Joyce Hunt moved that Ms. Palmer's license be censured. The motion was seconded by Linda Sacheli and passed unanimously.

HEARING – ELEANOR MATYASOVSKY, LPN, 024099

The hearing convened at 11:15 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Matyasovszky was present with counsel, Attorney Diane Polan. Testimony was provided by Ms. Matyasovszky. John Titsworth left for the day at 11:44 AM. The hearing concluded at 11:52 AM.

REMEDY

Linda Sacheli moved that Ms. Matyasovszky's license be reinstated to probation for four years. Prior to returning to work as a nurse Ms. Matyasovszky must successfully complete an LPN refresher course, employment must be approved by the Board, and there are to be monthly employer and therapist reports to the Board Office. The motion was seconded by Patricia Casey and passed unanimously.

HEARING – MYRON TECHLOWEC, LPN, 022729

The hearing convened at 12:05 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Techlowec was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by the Respondent, Steven Kirsch, the Respondent's sponsor, and Cindy Everett Simpson, the Respondent's therapist. The hearing concluded at 12:53 PM.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved that Mr. Technlowec's license be reinstated to four years probation during which time drug screen reports and monthly employer and therapist reports must be provided to the Board Office. Prior to returning to work as a nurse Mr. Techlowec must successfully complete an LPN refresher course and the NCLEX-PN examination. The motion was seconded by Patricia Bouffard and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Sacheli moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 1:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 7, 2003 at the Hartford Hospital - Newington Campus, Curtis Building Amphitheater, 181 Patricia Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Patricia Casey, APRN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member *via telephone*

ALSO PRESENT: Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Wendy H. Furniss, Acting Chief, HealthCare Systems
Valerie Bryan, RN, Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Donna Canalis, RN, Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Janice Wojick, Administrative Assistant, Public Health Hearing Office

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:26 AM.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo did a presentation for the Newington Rotary regarding the nursing shortage
- Chair Bafundo & Patricia Bouffard attended the Governor's Board Recognition Day on May 5th
- Chair Bafundo did a presentation for career days at the CLN Convention at Water's Edge in Westbrook

YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING – SURVEY REVIEW

Dean Catherine Lynch Gilliss presented the report to the Board along with Paula Milone and Margaret Beal. After reviewing the documentation provided it was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present, and Board Member John Titsworth via telephone, that the program be granted full approval. The motion passed. The next review will be May, 2008.

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY ACCELERATED BSN PROGRAM – 2002 GRADUATING CLASS

Dr. Elizabeth McGann, Chair of the BSN Program, presented the report to the Board. The NCLEX-RN pass rate for the first graduates of the Accelerated BSN Program (class of 2002) was 100%. An additional nine students will be graduating from this program in May, 2003. A report of their pass rates will be forwarded to the Board, February 2004. The overall pass rate for the class of 2002 was 93%. It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present, and Board Member John Titsworth via telephone, that the program be granted full approval. The motion passed. The next review will be November, 2006.

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY BSN PROGRAM REPORT

Dr. Stephanie Golub, Chair of the Department of Nursing, presented a written report to the Board. The NCLEX-RN pass rate for the class of 2001 was 58.6%. This was the first graduating class in the newly revised curriculum. A plan was developed by the school to increase NCLEX scores and was presented to the Board in November, 2002. The class of 2002 had a pass rate of 85.7%. Dr. Golub discussed the curricular and instructional interventions implemented by the school and the Board. It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present, and Board Member John Titsworth via telephone, that the program be granted full approval. The motion passed. The next review will be November, 2006.

VINAL PRACTICAL NURSE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Board reviewed the letter from Patricia Petrone, Vocational-Technical School Consultant, regarding the Department Head at the Vinal PNE Program. Audrey Szczesiul's credentials meet the requirements of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies for Nursing Education Programs and Licensure Requirements for the position of Department Head of the Vinal Program.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CRITICAL-CARE NURSES CERTIFICATION CORPORATION

The Board reviewed correspondence received from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) Certification Corporation regarding its certification examinations for clinical nurse specialists (CNSs). The Connecticut Nurse Practice Act (CGS 20-87a et. seq.) requires certification only for licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. The NPA also requires a Master's level degree for APRN Licensure. After review of the documentation, the Board approved the CCNS, advanced practice certification program as satisfying the certification requirement for APRN licensure. The CCRN, generalist certification, program, however, does not satisfy Connecticut's requirement.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE ISSUES

WHO CAN ADMINISTER PROPOFOL

Propofol, most common brand name is Diprivan⁷, should be administered only by persons trained in the administration of general anesthesia, and not involved in the conduct of the surgical/diagnostic procedure. Patients should be continuously monitored, and facilities for maintenance of a patent airway, artificial ventilation, and oxygen enrichment must be immediately available. It was the decision of the Board that Propofol should not be administered by RNs unless it is used as a sedative for already intubated and ventilated patients.

TRACHEAL INTUBATIONS BY AN RN

After discussion, the Board concluded that it is not within the scope of practice of a Registered Nurse. Referring to the decision making model, acceptable educational preparation would only be available to a CRNA. Intubation is much more than just a technique. There are volumes of information to be considered including indications, contraindications, complications, alternatives, monitors to detect correct intubation, and pharmacology of local, topical, sedative, and paralytic medications. Liability is enormous; from a few thousand dollars for broken teeth to multi-million dollar awards for death. Even in the hands of experienced CRNAs and anesthesiologists, disasters can and do happen. While paramedics may perform an emergency intubation in the field, the citizens of this state expect that *in-hospital* care would be delivered by the best qualified and trained professional. ACLS cannot be considered adequate training.

LPN ADVANCING FLEXIBLE SIGMOIDOSCOPE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MDs

The Board stated that this would be inappropriate as LPNs must work under the supervision or direction of an RN *not* an MD.

FOOT CARE WITHOUT A PHYSICIAN'S ORDER

The Board reviewed a request received by the Podiatry Board regarding foot care without a physician's order. The Board also reviewed the advice from Jane Comerford, Assistant Attorney General, dated June 9, 1993 concerning the performance of foot care by registered nurses. The Board concurred that the tasks of soaking feet, cleaning of toenails with no cuticle disturbance, and the lotioning and powdering of feet are tasks which the RN can delegate to an LPN or a CNA. In the past, with other questions of nursing competence/scope of practice, the Board has referred individuals to the Decision-Making Model. In this case, the question of nursing competence/scope of practice for providing foot care would also be determined using this Decision-Making Model, as well as the Board's Declaratory Ruling on Delegation to the Unlicensed Assistive Personnel.

NURSING SCHOOL REGULATIONS

The Office of the Attorney General is reviewing the technical changes made to the regulations and the regulations will be placed on either the July or August agenda of the Legislative Regulations Review Committee.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – LOIS DUNN, RN

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that Ms. Dunn provide the Board with a plan to update her theoretical and clinical nursing skills. After successful completion of the refresher course Ms. Dunn is to successfully complete the NCLEX exam.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – LAURA CISERO, LPN - REVOKED OCTOBER, 1999

Ms. Cisero was present for the discussion. After review of the documentation provided, the Board advised Ms. Cisero that they will need more information on her plan for recovery on the Methadone program.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – JILLANA JONELIS, LPN – REVOKED MAY, 1998

Ms. Jonelis was present for the discussion. After review of the documentation provided and the fact that her rehab only started in February, 2002, further information was requested by the Board. This will be placed on the May 21st agenda.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – MARJORIE MURPHY, RN – REVOKED JUNE, 1996

Ms. Murphy was present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the documents presented by Ms. Murphy. It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that Ms. Murphy be granted a hearing. John Titsworth was contacted for his vote via telephone after the meeting and he concurred with the Board's decision to grant Ms. Murphy a hearing. The hearing will be scheduled for September 17, 2003 at 9:00 AM at the Legislative Office Building.

Break 11:20 AM – 11:30 AM

SECOND INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – REBEKAH RABINOWITZ, RN, 061781

The Board reviewed the documents provided regarding Ms. Rabinowitz. It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that the Second Interim Consent Order be granted. John Titsworth was contacted for his vote via telephone after the meeting and he concurred with the Board's decision to grant the Second Interim Consent Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW – BRENDA VALAUSKAS, RN, E25509

The Board reviewed the documents provided by the Department regarding Ms. Valauskas. It was the recommendation of the Board Members present that this case be returned to the Board as a Motion for Summary Suspension.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHARLES PALMER, RN, R46761

The Board reviewed the Summary Suspension packet for Mr. Palmer. It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this Motion be granted. John Titsworth was contacted for his vote via telephone after the meeting and he concurred with the Board's decision to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The hearing will be scheduled for May 21, 2003 at 9:00 AM.

CONSENT ORDER – SHERRI LOUNDSBURY, RN, E43457

The Board reviewed the Consent Order for Ms. Loundsbury. It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this Consent Order be accepted. John Titsworth was contacted for his vote via telephone after the meeting and he concurred with the Board's decision to accept this Consent Order.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at this time.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 21, 2003 at the Hartford Hospital - Newington Campus, Curtis Building Amphitheater, 181 Patricia Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Patricia Casey, APRN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Joyce Hunt, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Michael McKenna, Assistant Attorney General
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Legal office
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Janice Wojick, Administrative Assistant, Public Health Hearing Office
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:11 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the Vinal Practical Nurse Education Program and the University of Hartford Masters Program.

KEVIN OUELLETTE, LPN, 027701

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Mr. Ouellette's license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision which becomes effective immediately.

THOMAS MILLER, RN, E54556

Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Mr. Miller's license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision which becomes effective immediately.

JENNIFER SMITH, RN, E55404

Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to place Ms. Smith's license on probation for two years. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – YVONNE GRAHAM, RN, R31125

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Graham. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Graham was not present and was not represented by counsel. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously and Chair Bafundo signed the Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 4, 2003.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – BARBARA SEVERINI, LPN 023715

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Severini. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Severini was not present and was not represented by counsel. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously and Chair Bafundo signed the Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 4, 2003.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JEAN TRUSEWICZ, RN, R27007

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Trusewicz. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Trusewicz was not present and was not represented by counsel. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously and Chair Bafundo signed the Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 4, 2003.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – BRENDA VALAUSKAS, RN, E25509

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Valauskas. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Valauskas was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously and Chair Bafundo signed the Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 4, 2003.

PREHEARING REVIEW – ALEX MACKIN, RN, E46479

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Mr. Mackin. Mr. Mackin was present with Attorney Elliott Pollack. It was the recommendation of the Board Members present that this case regarding medical delegation be dismissed.

PREHEARING REVIEW – DONNA MORRIS, LPN, 027192

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Morris. Ms. Morris was present without representation. It was the recommendation of the Board Members present that this case be dismissed.

PREHEARING REVIEW – DIANN PAPP, RN, E31099

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Papp. Ms. Papp was present with Attorney Michelle DeBarge from Wiggin & Dana. It was the recommendation of the Board Members present that this case be dismissed.

CONSENT ORDER – LORI ANN BOURRET, RN, E38617

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Bourret. Ms. Bourret was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. The Consent Order needs to be signed by Stanley K. Peck, Director of the Legal Office and brought back for Chair Bafundo to sign before today's meeting is over.

CONSENT ORDER – SHAWNA BOWERS, RN, R44070

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Bowers. Ms. Bowers was present without representation. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – KEVIN CORMIER, LPN, 025824

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Mr. Cormier. Mr. Cormier was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – LAURIE DAVIDSON, LPN, 024471

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Davidson. Ms. Davidson was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – PATRICE ELEVELD, RN, E43581

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Eleveld. Ms. Eleveld was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – KAREN JACOBS, RN E43499

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Jacobs. Ms. Jacobs was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

Break 10:08 AM – 10:20 AM

HEARING – LYNN SWARTZ, RN, E43836

The hearing convened at 10:20 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Swartz was present with counsel, Attorney David Shaiken. Testimony was provided in Executive Session by Ms. Swartz and Diane Cybulski, RN, Department of Public Health. The hearing closed at 11:59 AM. Fact Finding will take place at a later date.

Lunch Break Noon – 12:50 PM

HEARING – CHARLES PALMER, RN, R46761

The hearing convened at 1:00 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Palmer was present with counsel, Attorney Janice Malek. Testimony was provided by Kara Taylor, RN, Charles Palmer, RN, Raymond McGiboney, Jr., and Teresa Wells, Nursing Home Administrator. The hearing closed at 4:35 PM.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Respondent be found on charges 1, 2, 3, and 4a. He was not found on 4b. The motion passed unanimously.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Mr. Palmer's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Due to time constraints the hearings for Elizabeth Curtin and Richard Pepe will be held in July, the date yet to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 4:45 PM. The motion passed with all in favor.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 4, 2003 at the Hartford Hospital - Newington Campus, Curtis Building Amphitheater, 181 Patricia Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Patricia Casey, APRN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya Feliciano, Assistant Attorney General
Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Wendy H. Furniss, Bureau Chief, Healthcare Systems
Valerie Bryan, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Donna Canalis, RN, Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, Public Health Hearing Office
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the Kaynor Tech Practical Nurse Education Program and the University of Hartford.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Reinstatement Request, Laura Cisero LPN, 025606
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CHAIR UPDATE

- Chair Bafundo attended the CLPNA Convention and extended greetings on behalf of the Board and also did a presentation on the history of the Board of Examiners for Nursing.
- Chair Bafundo attended the Nursing Issues Work Group quarterly meeting.
- Chair Bafundo did a presentation at DMR on Nurses' Day regarding scope of practice, delegation to the LPN and unlicensed assistive personnel, and also discussed regulations.
- Chair Bafundo recently participated in the NCSBN Finance Committee Teleconference Call.
- Chair Bafundo represented the Board at the retirement reception for Judy Sartucci, RN, who retired from the Department of Public Health after 20+ years of service.
- Chair Bafundo did a presentation at the CLN Convention regarding the history of the Nursing Board.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Donna Canalis reviewed correspondence and scope of practice calls received during the past month.

One of the calls received was regarding whether or not a radiologic technologist may administer intravenous medication for diagnostic purposes. The statute reads as follows:

Sec. 20-74dd. Performance of venipuncture and administration of intravenous medication. In any hospital, as defined in section 19a-490, a radiologic technologist licensed by the Department of Public Health, who (1) has completed a course of study in radiologic technology in a program accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association or its successor organization, or a course of study deemed equivalent to such accredited program by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and has passed an examination prescribed by the department and administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists or (2) is registered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and has performed venipuncture in the course of his employment for at least three years immediately preceding June 29, 1993, may perform venipuncture and administer intravenous medication for diagnostic procedures.

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY UPDATE

The Department of Education regulations passed by a 4-3 vote to go to public hearing. The tentative plan is to go to public hearing this summer and return to the State Board in August then to the Legislature in the fall.

LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS UPDATE

- The Medical Assistant Bill is still active.
- Intervention Bill died.
- Med Tech Bill died.
- MD – Pharmacist Bill for long term care industry looks as if it will pass. The Board has concerns on how this will effect the acute care facilities.
- Licensing Fee Increase Bill still active.
- The Public Health Committee has new members and the review process is taking a little longer than usual.

NURSING SCHOOL REGULATIONS UPDATE

After the Legislative Session is over the school regulations should move through the system more quickly. May possibly be placed on the July or August agenda for the Legislative Regulations Review Committee.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

- Annual Meeting is in Alexandria, Virginia August 5 through August 8, 2003.
- Chair Bafundo will be attending the NCSBN Finance Committee Meeting in Chicago in July.
- Delegates: Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Nancy Bafundo and Patricia Bouffard be designated as delegates and Linda Sacheli designated as the alternate delegate. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES

NCLEX SCORES

The Board reviewed the NCLEX Scores for all nursing programs. The Henry Abbott PNE Program had a 79.4% passing rate. There will be another student taking the exam in May and there was a student who took the NCLEX in the first quarter of 2003 who passed. The Board will again review the passing rates for all programs in September.

RN PROGRAM STATISTICS – PREDICTIONS FOR 2002-2003 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Board reviewed the RN Program Statistics and although enrollment has increased, the number eligible has stayed about the same for the past three years. The Board once again reiterated that the nursing shortage that we are presently experiencing is *not* a short term nursing shortage.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

CNA GUIDELINES FOR USE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES TO TREAT ACUTE & CHRONIC PAIN

The Board reviewed the guidelines. Joan Dobbins moved to adopt the language as written and to endorse the philosophy and intent of the document. The motion was seconded by Patricia Casey and passed unanimously.

Break 10:15 AM – 10:55 AM

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – JILLANA JONELIS, LPN, 020114

The Board reviewed the information provided by Ms. Jonelis who was present at this meeting. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Ms. Jonelis' request be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing will be scheduled for November 19, 2003.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – KENNETH LEVY, LPN, 027483

The Board reviewed the information provided by Mr. Levy. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present for the Department. Mr. Levy was also present for this discussion. After discussion the Board stated that the information in items 1 through 6 on the reinstatement information letter has not been provided to the Board by Mr. Levy. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Mr. Levy's request be denied at this time. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – LAURA CISERO, LPN, 0256006

The Board reviewed the information provided by Ms. Cisero. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Cisero's request for a reinstatement hearing be denied at this time. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CAROLITA SMITH, LPN 028963

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Smith. Assistant Attorneys General Tanya Feliciano and Kerry Colson were present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Smith was present without representation. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board grant the Summary Suspension Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 18, 2003.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - MICHELE McCABE, LPN, 025392

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. McCabe. Assistant Attorneys General Tanya Feliciano and Kerry Colson were present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. McCabe was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor and Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing for November 19, 2003.

PREHEARING REVIEW – ELAINE JOSSE, RN, R18210

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Josse. Ms. Josse was present with Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW – LESLIE SWEET, RN, 064319

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Sweet. Ms. Sweet was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW – MARILEE DYER, RN, R31385

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Dyer. Ms. Dyer was present with Attorney Michael Kogut. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – LAURA ROY, RN, E55339

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Roy. Ms. Roy was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Chair Bafundo recused herself from this case. Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that this Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board recommended that language be added prohibiting Ms. Roy from working as a manager for a period of time and they also discussed a civil penalty.

CONSENT ORDER – LISELOTT, BESTROM, RN, 065350

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Bestrom. Ms. Bestrom was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – BONNIE METCALFE, RN, E59922

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Metcalfe. Ms. Metcalfe was not present and did not have representation. This case will be tabled for further clarification of the information provided regarding the Methadone Program.

CONSENT ORDER – KATHLEEN NORDMARK, RN, E37698

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Nordmark. Ms. Nordmark was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor and Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – STEVEN WHALEN, RN, E52047

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Mr. Whalen. Mr. Whalen was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Casey moved and Leslie Scoville seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor and Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

Lunch 12:30 PM – 1:12 PM

HEARING – YVONNE GRAHAM, RN, R31125

The hearing convened at 1:12 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley was present representing the Department. Assistant Attorneys General Tanya Feliciano and Kerry Colson were present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Graham was not present and did not have representation. The hearing closed at 1:22 PM due to lack of proof of service. The documents will be re-sent first class and certified mail to Ms. Graham and the hearing will be scheduled for June 18, 2003 at 9:00 AM.

HEARING – BRENDA VALAUSKAS, RN, E25509

The hearing convened at 1:23 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorneys General Tanya Feliciano and Kerry Colson were present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Valauskas was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Valauskas. The hearing closed at 1:44 PM.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that Ms. Valauskas be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the Respondent be issued a Letter of Discipline, the Summary Suspension stayed, and the conditions of the present Consent Order remain in effect. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Sacheli moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 1:47 PM. The motion passed with all in favor.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 18, 2003 at the Hartford Hospital - Newington Campus, Curtis Building Amphitheater, 181 Patricia Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Patricia Casey, APRN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Michael McKenna, Assistant Attorney General
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Bonnie Pinkerton, RNC, Health Systems Regulation
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

PREHEARING REVIEW – GLADYS BUNCALAN, LPN, 029488

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Gladys Buncalan. The Respondent was present with Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the recommendation of this Board is that this case be dismissed. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW – BRIDGETTE MICHAUD, RN, E41593

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Bridgette Michaud. The Respondent was present with Attorney Louis Todisco. It was the unanimous recommendation of this Board that this case be dismissed.

PREHEARING REVIEW – SHIRLEY SWANNEY, RN, R29258

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Shirley Swanney. The Respondent was present with Attorney Martha Murray. It was the unanimous recommendation of this Board that this case be dismissed.

REQUEST TO TERMINATE THERAPY – LINDA LaCHANCE, RN

The Board reviewed the request to terminate therapy provided by Bonnie Pinkerton. Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this request be granted. The motion passed unanimously.

FACT FINDING – LYNN SWARTZ, RN, E43836

Assistant Attorney Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present for the Department of Public Health. Ms. Swartz was present with counsel. Joan Dobbins chaired the portion of the meeting involving Ms. Swartz. Nancy Bafundo moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Swartz be found on charges 1, 2, 4, 5 – 20-99 (b)(5). The motion passed unanimously.

REMEDY – LYNN SWARTZ, RN, E43836

Nancy Bafundo moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Swartz' license be reprimanded with successful completion of an RN refresher program followed by the successful completion of the NCLEX-RN prior to returning to the practice of nursing in Connecticut. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DONNA LONG, LPN, 026608

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Donna Long. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Long was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing. This hearing will be scheduled July 16, 2003. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION, PAULA HARLAND, RN, E33393

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Paula Harland. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Harland was present. Attorney Richard Lawlor was not present with Ms. Harland. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing. This hearing will be scheduled July 16, 2003.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – BEVERLY PLATT, LPN, 020485

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Beverly Platt. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Platt was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing. This hearing will be scheduled July 16, 2003.

CONSENT ORDER – KATHLEEN BONVOULOIR, LPN, 022672

Legal Office Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kathleen Bonvouloir. Ms. Bonvouloir was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – BONNIE METCALFE, RN, E59922

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Bonnie Metcalfe. Ms. Metcalfe was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

CHRISTOPHER GRIGAITIS, LPN, 024600

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to place Mr. Grigaitis' license on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

NANCY JENUSKA, LPN, 018322

Patricia Bouffard moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Ms. Jenuska's license effective upon signature by the Board. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

HEARING – CAROLITA SMITH, LPN, 028963

The hearing convened at 10:20 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Smith was not present and did not have representation. Testimony was provided by Lavita Sookram, RN, Nurse Consultant for the Department of Public Health. The hearing closed at 10:58 AM.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Respondent be found on all charges except 6b. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Respondent's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – YVONNE GRAHAM, RN, R31125

The hearing convened at 11:05 AM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Graham was not present and did not have representation. There was no oral testimony provided. The Department entered their exhibits. The hearing closed at 11:15 AM.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the Respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Respondent's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – VASHTI SKYERS, RN, R28330

The hearing convened at 11:30 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Skyers was not present. Ms. Skyers' attorney, Cynthia Jennings, was not present although she was contacted by telephone and said she would not be in attendance. She had completed her side of the case. Testimony was provided by Marsha Balet, RN, Marsha Mehmel, RN, Department of Public Health, Angeline Komarow, RN, Department of Public Health, and Victoria Carlson, RN, Department of Public Health. The Board did recess for lunch 12:45 PM to 1:15 PM. The hearing closed at 3:59 PM.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Respondent's license be revoked along with a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000.00 for each count. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Sacheli moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 4:20 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on July 16, 2003 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 2-A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Patricia Casey, APRN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya Feliciano, Assistant Attorney General
Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Director, Legal Office
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 8:55 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the Vinal Practical Nurse Education Program.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – ANDRIANA PINTO, LPN, E11727

Stephen Carragher presented the Board with a reinstatement request for Andriana Pinto. Ms. Pinto's Reinstatement Application was brought before the Board on April 2, 2003. At this meeting the Board initially moved that Ms. Pinto successfully complete a Board approved LPN refresher program and the NCLEX-PN examination. After discussion it was noted that Ms. Pinto did not comply with the disciplinary action issued against her license in the State of Florida. The motion was withdrawn pending further information regarding the noncompliance with the Florida Board. After review of the documentation provided by Mr. Carragher it was the unanimous decision of the Board that Ms. Pinto successfully complete a Board approved LPN refresher program and the NCLEX-PN examination. If the refresher program is out of state then it must be approved by the State Board of Nursing in that state.

FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER – ST. VINCENT’S COLLEGE

The Board reviewed the documentation from St. Vincent’s College. Presently the program does not have anyone waived. Ms. Iuso is a Registered Nurse with a BSN and an MBA. Therefore she has the proper credentials and a waiver is not necessary. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that a waiver be granted for Ms. Makowski through January, 2004. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – RICHARD MERRITT, RN, R57029

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford provided the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges and a Voluntary Agreement Not to Renew Licensure. After review of the documentation provided, Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that this Motion be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JEAN STOREY, RN, R11024

Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Storey. Assistant Attorneys General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Storey was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 20, 2003.

PREHEARING REVIEW – FREDERICA DAKO-SMITH, RN, E26569

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Dako-Smith. Ms. Dako-Smith was present with Attorney Mary Alica Leonhardt. Ms. Dako-Smith has a hearing previously scheduled for August 20, 2003. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the recommendation of this Board is that this case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW – KRISTINA HAMMOND, RN, E588261

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Hammond. Ms. Hammond was not present and did not have representation. The Board recommended a reprimand.

PREHEARING REVIEW – DACE PUTNINS, RN, E26736

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Dace Putnins. Ms. Putnins was present with Attorney Brian Mahon. The Board requests further investigation by the Department of Public Health to obtain additional information before a recommendation is rendered.

PREHEARING REVIEW – CYRUS WALKER, RN, R54641

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Mr. Walker. Mr. Walker was not present and did not have representation. It was the recommendation of the Board that Mr. Walker's license be placed on probation for four years with urine screening and the usual terms for a diversion case.

CONSENT ORDER – KRISTEN BERGREN, RN, 062020

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Bergren. Ms. Bergren was present with Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – MARCIA CARROLL, RN, E45474

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Carroll. Ms. Carroll was present with Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER - KAREN CROSBY, RN, R38165

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Crosby. Ms. Crosby was present with Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – JOANNE FOREMAN, LPN, 026855 – REINSTATEMENT REQUEST

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Reinstatement Consent Order for Ms. Foreman who voluntarily surrendered her license on January 3, 2001. Ms. Foreman was present with Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this reinstatement request be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – SUSANNE HOLLY, RN, 064896 – REINSTATEMENT REQUEST

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Reinstatement Consent Order for Ms. Holly who voluntarily surrendered her license on June 14, 2002. Ms. Holly was present without representation. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this reinstatement request be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – CHERYL MURDOCK, RN, E56486

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Murdock. Ms. Murdock was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – LAURA ROY, RN, E55339

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Roy. Ms. Roy was present with Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo recused herself from voting. Joan Dobbins signed the Order.

MODIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – MARY SUTTON HAGAN, RN, R56353

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Modification of Memorandum of Decision for Mary Sutton Hagan. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that this Modification extending her present probation for two additional years be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

BARBARA STEINER, RN, E52653

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision revoking Ms. Steiner's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

LISA WILD, LPN, 024058

Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision placing Ms. Wild's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor.

OPAL BROUILLET, LPN, 027843

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision revoking Ms. Brouillet's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

KATHLEEN HEBERT, RN, E49146

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to place Ms. Hebert's license on probation for four years with psychiatric evaluation reports twice per year. The motion passed with all in favor.

MYRON TECHLOWEC, LPN, 022729

Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to reinstate Mr. Techlowec's license to probation for four years after the successful completion of the NCLEX-PN examination. The motion passed with all in favor.

ELEANOR MATYASOVSKY, LPN, 024099

Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to reinstate Ms. Matyasovszky's license to probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor.

Break 10:05 AM – 10:20 AM – Linda Sacheli left at 10:05 AM

HEARINGS

PAULA HARLAND, RN, E33393

The Respondent requested a continuance which the Board granted to December 3, 2003.

KAREN KUBISEK, RN, 019754

The hearing convened at 10:20 AM. Attorney Francis Collins was present representing Ms. Kubisek who was not in attendance. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney Ellen Shanley was present for the Department of Public Health. Testimony was provided by Lolla Oliver, CNA, and Roxanne Lopez. The hearing closed at 11:08 AM and was continued to August 20, 2003 at 9:00 AM.

BEVERLY PLATT, LPN, 020485

The hearing convened at 11:10 AM. Ms. Platt was not in attendance nor did she have representation. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was present for the Department of Public Health. The hearing closed at 11:25 AM.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Ms. Platt be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and John Titsworth seconded that Ms. Platt's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

DORCAS MILLER, RN, E25157

The hearing convened at 11:30 AM. Ms. Miller was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Leonhardt. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Also present was Polly Barey for Intervenor Status for the Connecticut Nurses' Association. The Board recessed for lunch at 12:40 PM and the hearing resumed at 1:15 PM. Testimony was provided by Andrew Berliner, DPM, and Dorcas Miller, RN. Patricia Bouffard left at 2:25 PM. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded to enter into Executive Session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General from 2:30 PM to 2:35 PM. Attorney Leonhardt made an oral motion to dismiss this case citing that the Department of Public Health failed to prove the charges. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to grant Attorney Leonhardt's motion to dismiss. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Joan Dobbins moved and John Titsworth seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 2:45 PM. The motion passed with all in favor.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on July 23, 2003 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 2-A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Patricia Casey, APRN
Joyce Hunt, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

ORAL ARGUMENT – PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF MEMORANDUM OF DECISION
NANCY JENUSKA, LPN, 108322

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Attorney Eugene Cushman was present with Ms. Jenuska. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. On July 1, 2003 the Respondent filed a Petition for Reconsideration of Memorandum of Decision. The Board heard oral argument from Attorney Cushman and Attorney Newton. Joan Dobbins motioned to deny Attorney Cushman's Petition for Reconsideration. The motion was seconded by Linda Sacheli and passed unanimously.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW CHARGES – FREDERICA DAKO-SMITH

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Charges for Ms. Dako-Smith. At the July 16, 2003 meeting this case was presented to the Board as a Prehearing Review at which time the Board's recommendation was for dismissal. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Motion to Withdraw Charges be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER REQUEST SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

The Board reviewed documentation received from Sacred Heart University regarding a faculty education waiver for Eileen Yost for Fall 03 and Spring 04. The Board requested additional information regarding when the master's program will be completed, how many more courses and credits are needed.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

LAURIE SCHLUNTZ, RN, E51323

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Ms. Schluntz' license. The motion passed with all in favor.

PAMELA DANKA, RN, E47641

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Ms. Danka's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING ELIZABETH CURTIN, RN, E37270

The hearing convened at 9:23 AM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Curtin was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Testimony was provided by Judy McDonald, RN, Department of Public Health, Kristine, Nasinnyk, Drug Control Agent, and Ms. Curtin. The hearing closed at 12:56 PM. Due to lack of a quorum Fact Finding will take place on August 20, 2003.

Lunch Recess 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

HEARING RICHARD PEPE, RN-R31471, APRN-000074

The hearing convened at 1:50 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Pepe was present with counsel, Attorney Linda Herzner. Testimony was provided by Alan Jacobs, MD, Patricia Holloran, RN, Denise Dwyer, and Richard Pepe. The hearing closed at 3:25 PM. Due to lack of a quorum Fact Finding will take place on August 20, 2003.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on August 20, 2003 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 2-A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Joan Dobbins, RN, Chair Pro Tem
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Patricia Casey, APRN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Joyce Hunt, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya Feliciano, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Director, Legal Office
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – DEBORAH HELGESON, RN, R45514

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, and Shiu-Yu Kettering presented the Board with a Reinstatement Request for Ms. Helgeson. The Board recommended that Ms. Helgeson provide the Board with a plan to participate in a Board approved refresher program with both theoretical and clinical components.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – ANN RHINELANDER, RN, E28143

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, and Shiu-Yu Kettering presented the Board with a Reinstatement Request for Ms. Rhineland. The Board recommended that Ms. Rhineland provide the Board with a plan to participate in a Board approved refresher program with both theoretical and clinical components and to successfully completed the NCELX-RN examination.

FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER REQUEST – SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

The Board reviewed the faculty education waiver request from Sacred Heart University for Eileen Yost. Ms. Yost was previously waived for the Spring, 2003 semester. Presently Sacred Heart does not have anyone waived. Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that this waiver be granted for the school year of 2003/2004. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING – ELIZABETH CURTIN, RN, AND RICHARD PEPE, RN, APRN

Due to time constraints the Fact Finding for Ms. Curtin and Mr. Pepe will take place at the September 3, 2003 meeting.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – DEANE ELEY, RN, 064776

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Ms. Eley who was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Dobbins signed the Order.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – RICHARD HOULE, RN, 066847

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mr. Houle. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Summary Suspension Order be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Dobbins signed the Order and Notice of Hearing. The hearing is scheduled for September 3, 2003.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHRISTOPHER SLIVINSKI, RN, 063746

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mr. Slivinski. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Summary Suspension Order be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Dobbins signed the Order and Notice of Hearing. The hearing is scheduled for September 3, 2003.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – BRENDA VALAUSKAS, RN, E25509

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Valauskas. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Summary Suspension Order be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Dobbins signed the Order and Notice of Hearing. The hearing is scheduled for September 3, 2003.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - CHRISTINE ZUKAUSKAS, LPN, 023016

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Zukauskas. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Summary Suspension Order be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Dobbins signed the Order and Notice of Hearing. The hearing is scheduled for September 3, 2003.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – REBEKAH RABINOWITZ, RN, 061781

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Ms. Rabinkowitz. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Dobbins signed the Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – ARLENE UDEAGHA, RN, 065111

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Ms. Udeagha. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Dobbins signed the Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW – SUSAN CROTEAU, RN, E49958

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Croteau. The Respondent was present with Attorney Michael Neubert. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW – KIMBERLY FASOLI, RN, E52345

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Fasoli. The Respondent was present with Attorney Dan Hundsberger. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW – JUDY ROGERS, RN, R24145

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Rogers. The Respondent was present without representation. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW – REDA MiGEED, RN – E53703, APRN – 002266

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Mr. MiGeed. Patricia Casey moved and John Titsworth seconded that this case be brought back to the Board at the next meeting as a Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING - KAREN KUBISEK, RN, 019754

The hearing convened at 9:49 AM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Kubisek was not present and did not have representation. The hearing closed at 10:25 AM.

FACT FINDING

Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Kubisek be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Kubisek's license be placed on probation for two years with employer reports every two months during the entire probationary period. Ms. Kubisek must also pay the Department of Public Health a civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 during the first six months of probation and she is to successfully complete a course in professional ethics pre-approved by the Board during the first six months of her probation. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – TARENTIA McINTOSH, LPN, - 017966

The hearing convened at 9:54 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. McIntosh was not present and did not have representation. Testimony was provided by Karen Gworek, RN, Department of Public Health. The hearing closed at 10:15 AM.

FACT FINDING

Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Respondent be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Respondent's license be placed on probation for two years with employer reports every two months during the entire probationary period. Ms. McIntosh is to pay the Department of Public Health a civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 during the first six months of probation. She is to take a minimum of 8 CEU's in diabetes management which is to be completed during the first six months of probation. The motion passed with all in favor.

Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

HEARING – JEAN STOREY, RN, R11024

The hearing convened at 10:50 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Storey was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Testimony was provided by Valli Viul, RN, Jennifer Flynn, RN, Department of Public Health, and Muhamed Ganni, MD. The Board did recess for lunch 12:30 PM and the hearing resumed at 1:05 PM. Patricia Casey left at 12:30 PM. Joan Dobbins left at 2:00 PM. The hearing recessed at 2:45 PM and testimony resumed at 2:55 PM. The hearing completed at 3:25 PM. Due to lack of a quorum Fact Finding will take place at a later date.

HEARING – SUSAN WILLIAMS, RN, E52396

The hearing convened at 3:30 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Williams was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Williams. The hearing concluded at 3:56 PM. Due to lack of a quorum Fact Finding will take place at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 3, 2003 at the Legislative Office Building, Conference Room 2A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Armand Amendola, Public Member
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Patricia Casey, APRN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Valerie Bryan, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Donna Canalis, RN, Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo, Linda Sacheli, and Patricia Bouffard attended the National Council of State Board of Nursing's Annual Meeting in Virginia in August
- Chair Bafundo attended two Future of Nursing Task Force Meetings
- Chair Bafundo participated in the NCSBN Finance Committee teleconference call

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – GERTRUDE M. KEEGAN, RN, E22300

Jennifer Filippone presented the Board with a Reinstatement Request for Ms. Keegan. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Keegan provide the Board with a Board approved program to update her clinical and theoretical nursing skills. Ms. Keegan must also successfully complete the NCLEX-RN examination. The motion passed with all in favor.

At this time Jennifer Filippone introduced to the Board Shiu-Yu Kettering from the Department of Public Health who will be presenting the reinstatement requests to the Board in the near future.

SCHOOLS ISSUES – KAYNOR PNE PROGRAM

Regina Wren, Department Head of the Kaynor PNE Program, was present for this discussion. Due to major reconstruction, this program was relocated in August 2003 to Naugatuck Valley Community Technical College, 750 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, Connecticut. After review of the report the Board found that the self-study report demonstrated that the program was in full compliance with the regulations for practical nursing education programs. In addition, an on-site visit was conducted on June 11th & 12th which include one full day of clinical observation at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury. There were no violations of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Nursing Education Programs. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the program be granted full approval. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NEW ENGLAND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE SHELTON CAMPUS

New England Technical Institute has two approved campus sites, New Britain and Hamden. The Shelton site has conditional approval. Jo Ann Dean, Program Administrator for all three programs, and Ellen Capiello, Program Manager for the Shelton campus were present for this meeting. On March 5, 2003 the Board granted conditional approval to NETI for their new Shelton campus site. During this meeting the Board requested that five (5) following conditions be met:

1. JoAnn Dean will remain as Administrator and all Department Manager responsibilities will be deleted from her job description.
2. A Department Manager will be hired with a BSN degree.
3. An organizational chart will be submitted to the Board.
4. An on-site visit to the Shelton campus will be conducted once the building is completed.
5. Communication as to the progress of the program will be maintained with the Board.

The on-site visit to the Shelton campus was completed on August 27, 2003. The campus was in compliance with Section 20-90-50 Facilities, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Nursing Education Programs. All five (5) conditions have been addressed. Start up date is September 15, 2003 with forty-eight (48) students admitted. Faculty resumes are in compliance.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the program be granted conditional approval until the first graduation class results which should be in the Spring of 2005. The motion passed with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE & STATISTICS

Donna Canalis reviewed the scope of practice calls that were received in the office. Some of the issues discussed were as follows:

- Oral Surgeons and Nitrous Oxide – Administration of Nitrous Oxide Anesthetic *should not* be delegated to an RN
- Botox, Collagen, Laser – Cannot be delegated to unlicensed personnel
- Medical Assistants – Cannot administer medications or vaccinations – these are licensed functions
- APRN may accept samples from drug reps when they have a collaborating physician agreement.

SCHOOL ISSUES – STONE ACADEMY

Mark Scheinberg, owner of Stone Academy, and William Mangini, Manager, were present for this presentation. The proposed timeline was presented to the Board. Their first initiation is projected to be a part-time LPN program. Eventually they plan on having both a part-time and a full-time program. They have early commitments from three long term care facilities for clinical. Labs are not in place. Competition in the area is New England Technical Institute in Hamden and Eli Whitney PNE Program.

Break 10:05 AM – 10:26 AM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH STAFFING CHANGES

Valerie Bryan apprised the Board of DPH staffing changes which took place over the summer months.

- Dr. Joxel Garcia has left DPH to take a position in Washington with Pan American.
- Cynthia Denne has left DPH and Wendy Furniss was appointed Bureau Chief of Healthcare Systems
- Due to Wendy Furniss' appointment to Bureau Chief, Marianne Horn has been appointed Director of Health Systems Regulation.

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY UPDATE

Valerie Bryan apprised the Board that she recently spoke with Cheryl Carotenuti of the Department of Education. The School Health Advisory Group meets quarterly with the Academy of Pediatrics and will be meeting again at the end of September.

LEGISLATION

Senate Bill 2001: An Act Concerning Public Health, Human Services and other Miscellaneous Implementer Provisions

This is a pilot program for residences for adults with acquired brain injury. This bill allows community-based organizations to operate residences for adults with acquired brain injury on a pilot basis until October 1, 2005 without being licensed by DPH or obtaining a certificate of need from the Office of Health Care Access. This bill allows trained individuals other than licensed nurses to administer medication to residents if they do so under the orders of a physician, dentist, APRN, or PA. The Board is strongly opposed to this bill and will put their concerns in writing.

NURSING SCHOOL REGULATIONS

The draft school regulations have been signed by Acting Commissioner Norma D. Gyle. They are presently at the Office of the Attorney General for formal review.

NURSING BOARD WEB PAGE

The Board of Examiners for Nursing Web Page is now on the Department's Web Site. All of the BOEN Guidelines, the Nurse Practice Act, the Declaratory Rulings, Monthly Discipline, list of RN and LPN Programs in Connecticut and the Minutes are on the Web Page. It can be found on www.dph.state.ct.us which is the Department of Public Health's Web Page and you will scroll down and click on Agency Directory, click on Boards and Commissions, click on Board of Examiners for Nursing.

NCSBN – THE ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST, 2003

The NCSBN met August 5th – 8th in Alexandria, Virginia for their Annual Meeting and 25th Anniversary.

Significant actions included:

- *Election of new Area Directors:* Area I – Greg Harris, JD, Board Member, Arizona BON, Area II – Mary Blubaugh, MSN, RN, Executive Director Kansas BON, Area III – Mark Majek, MS, PHR, Director of Operations, Texas BON, Area IV – Myra Broadway, JD, MS, RN, Executive Director Maine BON
- *Election of Directors-at-Large:* Polly Johnson, RN, MSN, Executive Director North Carolina BON & Marjesta Jones, LPN, Board Member, Alabama BON
- Revision of some portions of the NCSBN Bylaws
- Authorization for the Board of Directors to consider extending the time limit for candidates sitting for the NCLEX-RN examination
- Adoption of the new NCLEX-RN Test Plan
- Creation of a new NCSBN Mission Statement. The mission statement was last revised in 1997: ***NCSBN, composed of Member Boards, provides leadership to advance regulatory excellence for public protection.***
- Review of NCSBN plan to offer NCLEX examinations abroad for domestic licensure. This initiative will not occur prior to 2005. No countries have been selected yet, and multiple criteria will be used to assess the best options.
- Resolution to create a position paper on regulation of nursing assistive personnel, to be heard at the 2004 Delegate Assembly. This will include a model act and rule/regulation language.
- NCSBN Formally celebrated its 25th anniversary. Four member boards, North Carolina, Virginia, New York and New Jersey, celebrated their 100th anniversary of nursing regulation in their jurisdictions.

Specific award recipients included:

- Sharon Weisenbeck, Executive Director, Kentucky BON, received the *R. Louise McManus Award* which is the most prestigious of NCSBN's awards. Individuals nominated for this award have made sustained and significant contributions through the highest commitment and dedication to the purposes of NCSBN.
- North Carolina Board of Nursing received the *Regulatory Achievement Award* which recognizes the member board that has made an identifiable and significant contribution to the purpose of NCSBN in promoting public Policy related to the safe and effective practice of nursing in the interest of public welfare.

- Cookie Bible, Board Member, Nevada State Board of Nursing, received the *Exceptional Leadership Award* which is granted to an individual who has served as president of a member board and has made significant contributions to NCSBN in that role.
- Sandra MacKenzie, Assistant Director for Licensure, Minnesota Board of Nursing, received the *Exceptional Contribution Award* which is granted for significant contribution by a board of nursing staff member who does not serve as an executive officer or a board member who is not the current board president.
- Service Awards were given to the following Executive Officers of Boards of Nursing:
 - Lorinda Inman, Iowa, 20 years of service
 - Faith Fields, Arnsas, 15 years of service
 - Charlene Kelley, Nebraska, 15 years of service
 - Polly Johnson, North Carolina, 15 years of service

EXCELSIOR PROGRAM (FORMERLY REGENTS COLLEGE)

There are several states which are entertaining the motion to disallow approval of the Excelsior Program. This program has lowered its standards as to who can qualify for the program and the program no longer has a clinical component.

FOREIGN NURSES

The NCSBN is moving toward a pilot program to allow the NCLEX exam in certain foreign countries. They have identified target countries and are now looking at security, etc. The solution to our nursing shortage programs is NOT to steal nurses from other countries.

MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2003

The Board reviewed the minutes of March 5, 2003. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES MARCH 19, 2003

The Board reviewed the minutes of March 19, 2003. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES APRIL 2, 2003

The Board reviewed the minutes of April 2, 2003. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES APRIL 16, 2003

The Board reviewed the minutes of April 16, 2003. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES MAY 7, 2003

The Board reviewed the minutes of May 7, 2003. Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES MAY 21, 2003

The Board reviewed the minutes of May 21, 2003. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES JUNE 4, 2003

The Board reviewed the minutes of June 4, 2003. Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES JUNE 18, 2003

The Board reviewed the minutes of June 18, 2003. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES JULY 16, 2003

The Board reviewed the minutes of July 16, 2003. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

PNEP PERSONNEL CHANGES

Listed below are the changes in Department Heads at the LPN Programs:

Bullard Havens PNEP – Maureen Maher
E. C. Goodwin PNEP – Ted Moskowitz
Norwich PNEP – Katherine Combe
Eli Whitney PNEP – Anne Simko
J. M. Wright PNEP – Mary Ann Kennedy

Linda Sacheli moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the credentials of the above listed Department Heads do meet the requirements of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies for Nursing Education Program and Licensure Requirements. The motion passed with all in favor and the Board wishes congratulations and good luck to all new Department Heads.

NCLEX SCORES

The Board reviewed the NCLEX scores for the RN & LPN programs. All schools are now over the 80% pass rate.

SCHOOL ISSUES – HENRY ABBOTT PNE PROGRAM

Pamela Cramer, Department Head, was present for this discussion. The NCLEX score for the fourth quarter of 2002 was 79.4%. Ms. Cramer requested that we wait until the next quarter to determine conditional status since two more students were scheduled to take the NCLEX. Because the full year would bring us to June, 2003 the Board agreed to review the NCLEX in July, 2003. In reviewing the NCLEX results, information could not be obtained regarding the additional students. Ms. Cramer presented the school's plan of correction for the conditional status. Linda Sacheli moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this plan be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. The next review is scheduled upon receipt of the scores from the next graduating class.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SAINT JOSEPH COLLEGE

The Board reviewed the documentation presented regarding Terry Bosworth. Linda Sacheli moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Dr. Bosworth's credentials meet the requirements for the position of Administrator as specified in Section 20-90-48 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies for Nursing Education Program and Licensure Requirements. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board congratulates Dr. Bosworth and wishes her success.

SCHOOL ISSUES – WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

The Board reviewed the request for Co-Chairs for the Nursing Program. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this request be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Dr. Barbara Piscopo Chair the Department of Nursing. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Board reviewed the documentation presented regarding Ann Branchini and Linda Perfetto. Ann Branchini, Administrator of the Nursing Program, will serve as Interim Academic Dean beginning August 1, 2003 to last for the duration of one year, or until the Academic Dean's position is filled. Linda Perfetto has been appointed as the Interim Director of Nursing. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept these appointments. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Linda Perfetto, Interim Director of Nursing and Allied Health at Three Rivers Community College, presented the Board with a request for an extension of two faculty education waivers and a request for two new education waivers.

Maria Sparmer was granted two previous waivers in 2001 and 2002. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Sparmer be granted a one year waiver based on confirmation that she will graduate with an MSN in May, 2004.

Suzanne Turner is attending Saint Joseph College in Maine, pursuing a Masters Degree in Nursing. She expects to graduate in 2006. She will be teaching senior courses. Because Ms. Turner has requested two previous waivers in 2001 and 2002, Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Ms. Turner be granted a one semester waiver and the following information must be provided to the Board for the September 17th meeting: a matriculation plan to include prior courses taken, and a specific timeline delineating courses to be taken for completion of a Masters Degree, photocopies of advertisements and/or letters for purposes of recruitment, the number of employment inquiries, the number of job applicants and credentials of applicants, the number of individuals offered the position, the number of refusals, and the reasons for the refusals. The motion passed with all in favor.

Karen Goetchius is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Nursing Education at the University of Hartford. Ms. Goetchins expects to complete her Masters Degree in 2006. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to grant Ms. Goetchins a *one year waiver*. A matriculation plan to include prior courses taken and a timeline delineating courses to be taken for completion of her Masters Degree was requested for the Board's review. The motion passed with all in favor.

Dianne Oppert will begin teaching freshman level students as a clinical adjunct faculty member. She has completed two semesters of course work toward her Masters at the University of Connecticut and is now meeting with the University of Hartford to pursue a Masters in Nursing Education. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant a *one semester* waiver for Ms. Oppert. A matriculation plan to include prior courses taken and a timeline delineating courses to be taken for completion of her Master Degree was requested for the Board's review. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Casey who was opposed.

In addition, an outline indicating full-time staff members who will mentor all waived staff was requested. The above information was to be submitted to the Board of Examiners for Nursing to be reviewed at the September 17, 2003 meeting. The waivers granted by the Board were to be contingent upon receipt and approval of all additional information submitted as requested.

SCHOOL ISSUES – QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY

The Board discussed information that recently came to their attention that Quinnipiac University is considering opening an educational program for Anesthesiology Assistants. We cannot attest to their safety for the citizens for the State of Connecticut as Anesthesiology Assistants have no authority to practice in Connecticut under any statute or regulation. Connecticut has an anesthesia provider that is educationally and experientially prepared to deliver anesthesia care and are licensed as APRNs. These APRNs are Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists who have a proven track record of safe and effective care for over 100 years. Applicants to a nurse anesthesia school must have a bachelors' degree and at least one year acute care nursing experience. The average applicant *accepted* into nurse anesthesia school has three years of nursing experience. To start a program for Anesthesiology Assistants before there are any statutory or regulatory parameters for assuring the quality of the educational program and its graduates may also post a burden on the Department of Public Health and its Nursing and/or Medical Boards. There is currently no identified state authority to oversee or approve the accreditation of the program, unlike the national accrediting agency for Nurse Anesthetist Programs. In addition there is no state identified or recognized certifying agency or certification examination, or license or registration procedure to allow oversight of their practice or even their training in Connecticut.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CAN AN RN ADMINISTER PROPOFOL

The Board reviewed the scope of practice question submitted by Wiggin & Dana on behalf of a hospital client as to whether an RN with appropriate training and supervision may administer Propofol with physicians in attendance. After review of the article submitted and open discussion, the Board maintained their previous position as written in the Board of Examiners for Nursing Minutes of May 7, 2003. Propofol, most common brand name is Diprivan7, should be administered only by persons trained in the administration of general anesthesia, and not involved in the conduct of the surgical/diagnostic procedure. Patients should be continuously monitored, and facilities for maintenance of a patent airway, artificial ventilation, and oxygen enrichment must be immediately available. It was the decision of the Board that Propofol *should not be* administered by RNs unless it is used as a sedative for already intubated and ventilated patients.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CAN AN RN PAN THE X-RAY TABLE DURING ANGIOPLASTY

The Board reviewed the scope of practice question submitted on behalf of a hospital client as to whether an RN with appropriate training and supervision may “pan” the x-ray table while a patient is undergoing an angioplasty. The letter further clarified that the cardiologist operates a foot pedal which controls the length of time that the patient is exposed to the radiation beam. In addition the cardiologist is always present to supervise the RN during the procedures and controls the operation of the actual x-ray source. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that under the above conditions and with appropriate training, determination of competency, and supervision, the Board determined that “panning” is within the scope of practice for an RN.

Break 11:55 AM – 12:06 PM

FACT FINDING – ELIZABETH CURTIN, RN, E37270

In reference to the Statement of Charges, Joan Dobbins motioned as follows:

Paragraph 1- was admitted

Paragraph 2, 3, 4 – can be found

Paragraph 5 – admitted

Paragraph 6 – can’t be found on this charge

Paragraph 7 – first sentence true, second sentence cannot be found as it is unclear where paper went

Paragraph 8 – can’t be found

The motion was seconded by Patricia Casey and passed with all in favor with the exception of Armand Amendola and Joyce Hunt who abstained.

REMEDY – ELIZABETH CURTIN, RN, R37270

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Ms. Curtin’s license be placed on probation for four years with the usual restrictions including no agency work, monthly employer and therapist reports, drug/alcohol screens weekly for the first two years and twice per month for the remainder of the probation, the medication key restriction for six months, and Ms. Curtin is not to work in a management or supervisory position for two years. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Armand Amendola and Joyce Hunt who abstained.

FACT FINDING, REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – RICHARD PEPE, RN-R31471, APRN-000074

Joan Dobbins recused herself from this discussion. Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Mr. Pepe's RN license be reinstated to probation for two years along with a refresher course to update his theoretical and clinical nursing skills, and successful completion of the NCLEX-RN and moved that Mr. Pepe's APRN license reinstatement be denied. Patricia Casey moved to amend the RN probationary period to four years with the standard terms, refresher course, and successful completion of the NCLEX-RN. Patricia Bouffard agreed to amend the original motion which passed with all in favor with the exception of Joan Dobbins who recused herself. Patricia Casey moved that Mr. Pepe's APRN license not be reinstated at this time. The APRN license is not an entry level license and Mr. Pepe has been out of the work force for seven years. Mr. Pepe can reapply for his APRN license after two years of RN practice. The motions passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING – JEAN STOREY, RN, R11024

Attorney Martha Murray was present representing Ms. Storey. In reviewing the Statement of Charges, Patricia Casey moved that Ms. Storey admitted paragraphs 1, 2, and 3B, and that she could not be found on paragraphs 3A, 3C, and 4. The motion was seconded by Joyce Hunt and passed unanimously. It was noted that the Respondent admitted that she failed to call Code 99.

REMEDY – JEAN STOREY, RN, R11024

Patricia Casey moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor. Patricia Casey made a motion to vacate the Summary Suspension immediately. The motion was seconded by Joyce Hunt and passed unanimously.

FACT FINDING – SUSAN WILLIAMS, RN, E52396

Ms. Williams was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Williams be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY – SUSAN WILLIAMS, RN, E52396

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Williams' license be placed on probation for four years with monthly employer and therapist reports, drug/alcohol screen reports weekly for the first three years and twice per month for the last year, she is not to have access to the narcotic keys nor be allowed to administer controlled substances for twelve months upon her return to work as a nurse, and the standard work environment restrictions. The Summary Suspension will remain in place until the Memorandum of Decision becomes effective. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LISA KOTECKI, LPN, 025239

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lisa Kotecki. Attorney Peter Bartinik was present with Ms. Kotecki. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for September 17, 2003.

PREHEARING REVIEW – ANGELA MAGRINO, RN, E58203

The Board reviewed the Prehearing Review for Angela Magrino. Ms. Magrino was present with counsel. It was the recommendation of the Board that this case be dismissed.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – DEBRA KINDBLOM, RN, E52154

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision for Ms. Kindblom. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Ms. Kindblom's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONTINUANCE REQUEST – CHRISTINE ZUKAUSKAS, LPN, 023016

Chair Bafundo granted Ms. Zukauskas' continuance request. The hearing will be rescheduled for January 21, 2004.

CONTINUANCE REQUEST – CHRISTOPHER SLIVINSKI, RN, 063746

Chair Bafundo granted Mr. Slivinski's continuance request. The hearing will be rescheduled.

HEARING – RICHARD HOULE, RN, 066847

The hearing convened at 12:54 PM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Houle was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Antonetti made an Oral Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Linda Sacheli moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this motion be granted. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing closed at 1:01 PM. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Mr. Houle's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Lunch Recess 1:05 PM – 1:45 PM

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – JULIA MALIK, RN, E47998 – REVOKED JUNE, 1996

Ms. Malik presented the Board with a reinstatement hearing request. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this request be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing for January 21, 2004.

HEARING – BRENDA VALAUSKAS, RN, E25509

The hearing convened at 1:55 PM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Ms. Valauskas was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Ms. Valauskas. The hearing closed at 2:14 PM. Fact Finding will take place at a later date.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – REDA MiGEED, RN-E53705, APRN-002266

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mr. MiGeed. Mr. MiGeed was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted for both Mr. MiGeed's RN and APRN licenses. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Patricia Casey moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 2:28 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on September 17, 2003 at the Legislative Office Building, Second Floor Conference Room 2A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Casey, APRN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo convened the meeting at 9:15 AM.

PREHEARING REVIEW – KRISTINE HAMMOND, RN, E58261

The Board reviewed the Prehearing Review presented by Staff Attorney Diane Wilan. Ms. Hammond was present with counsel, Attorney Wayne Tillinghast. It was the recommendation of the Board Members present that this case be dismissed.

PREHEARING REVIEW – HELEN BAEHR, RN, R25057

The Board reviewed the Prehearing Review presented by Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville. Ms. Baehr was present with counsel, Attorney Louis Todisco. It was the recommendation of the Board Members present that this case be dismissed.

HEARING – BARBARA SEVERINI, LPN, 023715

The hearing convened at 9:25 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Severini was present without representation. Testimony was provided by the Respondent. The hearing concluded at 10:05 AM. Due to lack of a quorum Fact Finding will take place at a later date.

Break 10:10 AM – 10:25 AM

SCHOOL ISSUES – THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY WAIVER REQUEST

Ann Branchini, Interim Dean, was present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the documentation provided regarding this request. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Suzanne Turner be granted a waiver for Fall, 2003 semester only. The motion passed with all in favor. At the last Board meeting Maria Sparmer was granted a waiver for one full year. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Karen Goetchius be granted a waiver for one full year. The motion passed with all in favor. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins that the waiver be granted for the Fall, 2003 semester only for Dianne Oppert. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Branchini was instructed that the school must provide additional information which will be presented to the Board at the October 1, 2003 meeting. If the information is not received the waivers will be rescinded.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – CHARLES PALMER, RN, R56761

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with the Memorandum of Decision for Mr. Palmer. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Mr. Palmer's license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision which becomes effective immediately.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DOREEN FLAHERTY, RN, E52921

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Flaherty. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Summary Suspension Order be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 1, 2003 at 11:30 AM.

CONSENT ORDER – LISA KOTECKI, LPN, 025239

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Kotecki. The Respondent was present with counsel, Attorney Peter J. Bartnick, Sr. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

HEARING – SANDRA HINES, LPN, 026214

The hearing convened at 11:07 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Hines was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Testimony was provided by Violet Skrzyniarz, RN, and Heather Tenedene, RN. During the hearing the Respondent made an oral Motion to Dismiss based on the Statement of Charges not being proven. Patricia Casey motioned to grant the Respondent's Motion to Dismiss. The motion was seconded by Joan Dobbins and passed with all in favor with the exception of John Titsworth who abstained. The hearing closed 12:50 PM

Lunch Break 12:55 PM – 1:35 PM

REINSTATEMENT HEARING – MARJORIE MURPHY, RN, R46758

The hearing convened at 1:40 PM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present to represent the Department of Public Health. Ms. Murphy was present without representation. Testimony was provided by the Respondent. The hearing closed at 2:06 PM.

REMEDY

Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Ms. Murphy be reinstated to probation for one year with quarterly therapist reports and an employer report at the end of the first year of probation. Patricia Casey then moved to replace the first motion with a new motion to reinstate without conditions. The motion was seconded by Joan Dobbins and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 2:15 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 1, 2003 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 2-A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Patricia Casey, APRN
Katherine Combe, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Peter Brown, Assistant Attorney General
Devon Conover, Assistant Director, Community Based Regulations
Valerie Bryan, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Donna Canalis, Registered Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BOARD AND DISCUSSION OF THE MAJOR DUTIES OF BOARD

The Board introduced themselves to the audience and discussion took place regarding the major duties of the Board which are to protect public safety, regulating and monitoring schools of nursing, and disciplinary issues.

CHAIR UPDATE

Chair Bafundo met several times over the summer months with the Future for Nursing Committee.

OPEN FORUM

No issues were brought up for discussion by the observers in the audience.

REORDERING OF AGENDA

The Board agreed to revise and reorder the agenda as they proceed.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION TRAINING FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Dr. Angela Crowley and Rhonda Herschel presented to the Board a case study which they conducted exploring the development of medication administration training for child care providers in the State of Connecticut and implications for nursing liability as a result of providing this training. Topics discussed were delegation vs. professional activity and the role of the nurse consultant and scope of nursing practice. A rationale was presented in support of designating medication administration of child care providers by nurses as a professional activity, rather than as nursing delegation. This action by the Board will minimize undue liability for nurse trainers, thus expanding access to training and improving the services for children in child care programs in the State of Connecticut. Kathy Combe moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Board designate medication administration training of child care providers as a professional activity of the registered nurse and will look at it on a case-by-case basis. This will prevent nurses from labeling it as “delegation” which, by definition, says that the responsibility for the outcome remains with the nurse. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

The Board received correspondence questioning whether or not it is acceptable for an unlicensed person, or retired unlicensed nurse to fill syringes with flu vaccine at a public clinic. It was the determination of the Board Members present that if you are administering the flu vaccine you must either prefill the syringe yourself or it must be done by a pharmacist or a pharmacy. Please refer to the General Statutes of Connecticut, Pharmacy Section 20-571 Section (1) “Administer” and Section (9) “Dispense.” Medication administration by any route remains a licensed activity, unless a specific statutory exemption exists.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – LASER TREATMENTS, COLLAGEN INJECTIONS, FACIALS, BOTOX

The Board reviewed the scope of practice question submitted by the Greenwich Department of Health, about the type of cosmetic treatments an RN or an APRN can perform with or without physician supervision. The specific treatments addressed in this letter were:

- Laser Treatments – hair, age and sun spot removal, capillary removal, impulse light treatment (IPL)
- Collagen Injections
- Facials- beta, microdermabrasion and glycolic treatment
- Botox injections

After review of the information submitted and open discussion, the Board maintained that the above mentioned treatments are within the scope of a RN and APRN who have received the appropriate training, demonstrated skill/competency and have appropriate resources available to them for consultation and supervision. Nurses are well within their scope to administer medications and implement MD/APRN orders when providing nursing care. APRN’s as stated in the Nurse Practice Act must have a collaborative agreement with a Physician. The Board encourages the use of the Decision Making Tree, which clearly identifies the three areas of consideration when determining scope of practice:

Is the procedure legal/illegal? The procedures were reviewed and are not identified as the practice of medicine or surgery. Case in point, Laser hair removal by a RN has been reviewed by the Attorney General's Office and has been supported to be within the practice of the RN (this was brought about by the Medical Examining Board). Medications and the implementation of diagnostic/interventions may require a prescription or order which when a collaborative agreement with a MD is in place allows for the APRN to generate. RN's may implement APRN generated orders.

1. **Is the individual performing the procedure trained or not?** Individuals who administer or implement care activities must demonstrate knowledge – either in their initial preparation or acquired post initial licensure.
2. **Is the individual competent to perform the procedure?** The Board recognizes that ongoing maintenance of competence is crucial and that a licensed nurse must demonstrate that they can perform the care activity safely and have established a plan to maintain and validate this. In addition, consideration must be given by the licensed nurse to assure that adequate and appropriate resources (personnel and equipment) are immediately available before providing that care.

The Board also discussed with the representatives from the Department of Health that an unlicensed person cannot perform these procedures. Physician/MD orders must be specifically written for each procedure and the RN or APRN must affirm that these orders are consistent with the client's plan of care.

Physician/APRN collaborative agreements must be written to address the population and types of diagnostics and interventions that may be ordered. The RN is well within their scope to implement these orders and does not require a collaborative agreement. The RN must affirm that these orders are consistent with the client's plan of care prior to implementation. A specific prescription for each procedure is not required.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – FOOT CARE

At the May 7, 2003 meeting of the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing, the March 12, 2003 response from Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, was reviewed. The Advice from Jane Comerford, Assistant Attorney General, dated June 9, 1993, concerning the Performance of Foot Care by Registered Nurses was also reviewed.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing concurs that the tasks of soaking feet, cleaning of toenails with no cuticle disturbance, and the lotioning and powdering of feet are tasks which the registered nurse may delegate to a licensed practical nurse or a certified nurse aide.

In the past, with other questions of Nursing Competence/Scope of Practice, the Board of Examiners for Nursing has referred individuals to the Decision-Making Model. In this case, the questions of Nursing Competency/Scope of Practice for providing foot care would also be determined using this Decision-Making Model, as well as the Board's Declaratory Ruling on the Delegation to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel. As cases are brought to the attention of the Board they will be reviewed on an individual basis.

All cases brought before the Board will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The Decision-Making Model, as well as all Board Guidelines, are posted on the Board's Web Site.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – ROLE DIFFERENCES CNS & NURSE PRACTITIONERS

The Board discussed the role of the Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) and the Nurse Practitioner (NP) and the fact that they can both be licensed as APRNs. There are very few CNS programs in Connecticut. There are many CNS' in this state that never took an advanced pathophysiology course. They have been certified as CNS' but did not go through a formal program. Hospitals are attempting to use them as NPs and it appears they are working outside of their scopes. In addition we discussed CNS' who are looking to expand their scope and discussed the potential ability for mentoring and additional courses.

APRN CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

The Board discussed APRN Certification Programs and deferred to NCSBN's review. The NCSBN is struggling with CNS' and NPs. CNS' don't necessarily want prescriptive authority but would like their own licensure level.

NCSBN WEB SITE

The Board would like to know whether this document would become a document of the NCSBN. Valerie Bryan is waiting to hear back from the NCSBN for clarification.

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY UPDATE

Valerie Bryan apprised the Board that there was nothing new to report.

LEGISLATION AND REGULATION UPDATE

The acquired brain injury medication administration pilot program, there are two programs in the state. The bill has passed but they are looking for input regarding the program and its implementation. Concerns are who is administering the medications and are they adequately prepared and competent? Is there a supervision and monitoring piece in place. Are the treatments in the plan of care appropriate? If there is a mistake, who is going to know and who is going to do anything about it?

The maximum work hours, mandatory overtime bill did not pass.

The medication administration pilot program did not pass.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the minutes for July and August, 2003 be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Sheila Solernou, Program Director at Gateway, and Mary Shuler, Director of Norwalk Community College Nursing Program, were both present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the documentation provided regarding the faculty education waiver requests. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the faculty education waiver for Joan Palladino be granted for one year as Ms. Palladino is enrolled in the Master's program at the University of Hartford and is expected to graduate in May, 2004. The motion passed with all in favor. Linda Sacheli moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that Mary Beth Kelly be granted a temporary waiver for the Fall, 2003 semester only as she is not presently enrolled in a master's program although she is planning to pursue this. The motion passed with all in favor except Chair Bafundo and Patricia Casey who were opposed.

SCHOOL ISSUES – THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Linda Perfetto, Interim Director of Nursing and Allied Health, was present for this discussion. The Board had requested additional information at the September 3, 2003 which was provided. The Board affirmed its prior decision to grant the following waivers: Maria Sparmer – one year, Karen Goetchius – one year, Suzanne Turner – Fall, 2003 semester only, and Dianne Oppert – Fall, 2003 semester only. John Titsworth arrived during this discussion. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – VINAL PNE PROGRAM SURVEY REVIEW

Audrey Szczesiul, Department Head, was present for this discussion.

An on-site visit was conducted September 17-18, 2003, which included one day of clinical observation at Health Haven in Cromwell. The day class has 26 students scheduled to graduate January 13, 2004. The school is piloting an evening program that consists of 20 students and two full-time faculty. This program is entirely separate from the day program and therefore should have a separate NCLEX Code for monitoring purposes. Graduation is scheduled for July, 2004.

The Board requests a self evaluation report in six months (April, 2004) which addresses the concerns listed, and delineates plans, timelines, and measures which have been initiated to reduce the Department Head's time spent on non administrative responsibilities.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the program be granted full approval although the Board requests a self-evaluation in six months (April, 2004) which delineates plans, timelines, and measures which have been initiated to reduce the Department Head's time spent on non-administrative responsibilities. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Katherine Combe who abstained.

SCHOOLS ISSUES – HENRY ABBOTT PNE PROGRAM SURVEY REVIEW

Pamela Cramer, Department Head, was present for this discussion. The self-study report was submitted and reviewed. An on-site visit was conducted September 25-26, 2003, which included one day of clinical observation at Filosa Convalescent Home and Danbury Hospital which included medication administration, team leading, and a post conference. The NCLEX score for 2000 – 2002 was 79.4%. A plan of correction was verbally presented to the Board and accepted September 3, 2003. The plan of correction was subsequently submitted in writing. The NCLEX score of 2000 – 2003 was 79.4% necessitating a plan of correction and conditional approval status, as of September 3, 2003.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the program be granted Conditional Approval. The next review will be the six month self-evaluation report in April, 2004 and the NCLEX results of the graduating class of January, 2004. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Katherine Combe who abstained.

Break 11:22 AM – 11:40 AM – Patricia Casey left during the break

FACT FINDING/REMEDY – BRENDA VALAUSKAS, RN, E25509

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Valauskas be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Valauskas' license be revoked. After discussion the motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Linda Sacheli and Patricia Bouffard who were opposed.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – VASHTI SKYERS, RN, R28330

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision and Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Ms. Skyers' license. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Katherine Combe who abstained.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – JOHN GINETTI, RN, E33577

Mr. Ginnetti was present for this discussion. The issue of whether or not CPR was performed was not addressed in the documentation provided and also the Consent Order issue was not addressed. Based on the incomplete information provided, Nancy Bafundo moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Mr. Ginnetti's request for a reinstatement hearing be denied at this time. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – ELSA BRIGGS, RN, E43812

The Board reviewed the documentation provided. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Ms. Briggs' request for a reinstatement hearing be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing will be scheduled for February 18, 2004.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DEBORAH WELCH, RN, E53665

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti provided the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Welch. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 15, 2003 at 9:00 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JUDY ROBERTS, RN, E53852

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles proved the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Roberts. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 15, 2003 at 9:00 AM.

PREHEARING REVIEW – DORCIA STRONG, RN, R53757

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford provided the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Strong. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Strong be issued a Letter of Warning.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – DONALD RIDER, RN, R56386

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Mr. Rider. Mr. Rider was not present and did not have representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – CYRUS WALKER, RN, R54641

The hearing convened at 12:15 PM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department. Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Walker was present without representation. Testimony was provided by the Respondent. The hearing closed at 12:52 PM.

FACT FINDING/REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Respondent's license be placed on probation for one year with quarterly employer reports and he is to successfully complete a ten hour medication course. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 1:05 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 15, 2003 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 2-A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Katherine Combe, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Patricia Casey, APRN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Peter Brown, Assistant Attorney General
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the Bullard Havens Practical Nurse Education Program.

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE HEARINGS
BEATRICE ARTZ, RN, E38041 AND BARBARA SODERBERG, RN, E26647

The Board reviewed the Motion to Consolidate Hearings. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Motion be granted. The motion passed with all in favor and the hearing will be held on November 19th.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – WENDY MACISCO, LPN, 025540

Stephen Carragher presented the Board with a Reinstatement Request for Ms. Macisco. It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that Ms. Macisco successfully complete a Board approved refresher program and successfully complete the NCLEX – RN.

REQUEST TO MODIFY TERMS OF PROBATION – STEVEN WHALEN, RN, E52047

The Board reviewed Mr. Whalen's request for modification of the probationary terms in his Memorandum of Decision. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Combe seconded that Mr. Whalen's request for witnessed self-catheterization for drug screens be approved. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING/REMEDY – BARBARA SEVERINI, LPN, 023715

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Severini be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor. Joan Dobbins then moved, which was seconded by Linda Sacheli that Ms. Severini's license be placed on probation for four years with monthly employer and therapist reports, weekly drug screens, and is not to have access to the narcotic keys nor be allowed to administer controlled substances for six months upon her return to work as a nurse. The motion passed with all in favor.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – SAMUEL JOHNSON, RN, 064436

The Board reviewed the Interim Consent Order presented by the Department. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Combe seconded that this Interim Consent Order for 120 days be granted. The motion passed unanimously and Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES-CHRISTOPHER SLIVINSKI, RN, 063746

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges for Mr. Slivinski. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Department's Motion to Withdraw Charges be accepted based on Mr. Slivinski's Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW – WENDY TAGAN-CONROY, RN-E53762, APRN-002581

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Tagan-Conroy. Attorney Jack Sitarz was present with Ms. Tagan-Conroy. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW – ELLEN GILBERTI, RN, R32762

Legal office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Gilberti. Attorney Martha Murray was present with Mr. Gilberti. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – PATRICIA SULLIVAN, RN, E55002

The hearing convened at 9:40 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Sullivan was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Testimony was provided by Ms. Sullivan and William Rasche, MA, Respondent's therapist. The hearing closed at 12:24 PM.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Sullivan be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that Ms. Sullivan's license be placed on probation for four years with the following conditions: drug/alcohol screen reports weekly for the first, second, and fourth years and twice per month for the third year, monthly employer and monthly therapist reports, and is not to have access to the narcotic keys nor be allowed to administer controlled substances for six months upon her return to work as a nurse. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION, SHERRI LOUNSBURY, RN, E43457

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Lounsbury. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 5, 2003.

HEARING – JEAN TRUSEWICZ, RN, R27007

The hearing convened at 12:40 PM. Ms. Trusewicz was not present and was not represented by counsel. Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Sharon Uhlig, RN. The hearing closed at 1:20 PM.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Trusewicz be found on paragraph 1 only. Due to insufficient evidence she was not found on paragraphs 2, 3, and 4. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Statement of Charges be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins made a Motion to Vacate the Summary Suspension of the Respondent's license No. R27007 immediately. The motion was seconded by Linda Sacheli and passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Combe seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 1:35 PM. The motion passed with all in favor.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 5, 2003 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 2-A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Patricia Casey, APRN
Katherine Combe, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General *available via telephone*
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Valerie Bryan, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant
Donna Canalis, RN, Nurse Consultant
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, Public Health Hearing Office

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:16 AM.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo attended the Nurse Execs and Deans and Directors Joint Bi-Annual Meeting
- Chair Bafundo did a presentation at the University of Hartford regarding the role and responsibilities of the Board of Examiners for Nursing
- Chair Bafundo, Joan Dobbins, and Valerie Bryan attended the Pain Summit Meeting at DPH
- Chair Bafundo attended the Nursing Issues Work Group Quarterly Meeting

ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

There were no additional items to add to the agenda and the Board agreed to reorder the agenda as they proceed. The History of the BOEN will be tabled to the February agenda.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST LAPSED LICENSES

BONNIE HONG, RN, E30695

Stephen Carragher presented the Board with a reinstatement request for Ms. Hong. Due to the fact that Ms. Hong has been practicing without a license for quite some time, it was the recommendation of the Board that this request be referred to the Investigations Unit of DPH. The physician Ms. Hong has been working for should also be referred to the Investigations Unit.

JOAN THERESA MAGENNIS, RN, E29556

Stephen Carragher presented the Board with a reinstatement request for Ms. Magennis. It was the recommendation of the Board that the reinstatement request be denied due to the length of time since she last worked as a nurse. The Board noted that after this lengthy time period a refresher course would be insufficient to allow her to bring she skills up to date. The Board recommended repetition of a basic registered nurse program, that she retake the NCLEX-RN exam, followed by application for licensure as an RN.

JOAN McGUIRE, RN, E43223

Stephen Carragher presented the Board with a reinstatement request for Ms. McGuire. It was the recommendation of the Board that the reinstatement request be denied due to the length of time since she last worked as a nurse. The Board noted that after this lengthy time period a refresher course would be insufficient to allow her to bring she skills up to date. The Board recommended repetition of a basic registered nurse program, that she retake the NCLEX-RN exam, followed by application for licensure as an RN.

SCHOOL ISSUES: A. I. PRINCE PRACTICAL NURSE PROGRAM SURVEY REVIEW

Gayle Whitmore, Department Head, was present for this discussion. The self study report was submitted and reviewed. Donna Canalis conducted an on-site visit on October 28-29, 2003, which included one day of clinical observation at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. Thirty-six students are expected to graduate in January, 2004.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the program be granted Full Approval although the Board requests a self-evaluation report in six months (May, 2004) which addresses the Board's concerns and delineates plans, timelines, and measures which have been initiated to reduce the Department Heads time spent on non administrative responsibilities. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES: NORWICH PRACTICAL NURSE PROGRAM SURVEY REVIEW

Katherine Combe, Department Head, was present for this discussion. The self study report was submitted and reviewed. Donna Canalis conducted an on-site visit on October 20-21, 2003, which included one day of clinical observation at the Backus Hospital in Norwich.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the program be granted Full Approval although the Board requests a self-evaluation report in six months (May, 2004) which addresses the Board's concerns and delineates plans, timelines, and measures which have been initiated to reduce the Department Head's time spent on non administrative responsibilities. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – ST. VINCENT COLLEGE – NEW PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

The Board reviewed the credentials for Susan E. Abbe, RN, PhD. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that the credentials for Susan E. Abbe, RN, PhD, meet the requirements of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies for Nursing Education Program and Licensure Requirements for the position of Program Administrator for Nursing

SCHOOL ISSUES – NCLEX SCORES

Donna Canalis reviewed the NCLEX scores for the last quarter with the Board. There were no schools below the 80 percentile.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PROPOFOL

At its May 7, 2003 meeting the Board of Examiners for Nursing discussed the administration of Propofol. Propofol, most common brand name is Diprivan⁷, should be administered only by persons trained in the administration of general anesthesia, and not involved in the conduct of the surgical/diagnostic procedure. Patients should be continuously monitored, and facilities for maintenance of a patent airway, artificial ventilation, and oxygen enrichment must be immediately available. It was the decision of the Board that Propofol should not be administered by RNs *unless* it is used as a sedative for already intubated and ventilated patients. The Board's opinion is that nurses should not be giving Propofol without training and supervision, and determination of competency.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PAIN CONTROL SUMMIT

Chair Bafundo, Joan Dobbins, and Valerie Bryan attended the Pain Control Summit meeting at the Department of Public Health with representation from the Office of the Attorney General, the Connecticut Medical Examining Board, the Pharmacy Commission, and the American Cancer Society. The discussion was regarding the "State of Connecticut Model Guidelines for the Use of Controlled Substances to Treat Acute and Chronic Pain." This group discussed the adoption of model practice guidelines for the treatment of pain in Connecticut. These guidelines are a draft, in language that speaks to the potential involvement of the Department of Public Health, the Medical Examining Board, the Department of Consumer Protection, the Commission of Pharmacy, and the Board of Examiners for Nursing. This document is being submitted with the vision that all of the above organizations will adopt these model guidelines as a standard of best practice. There was agreement on language revision and Assistant Attorney Henry Salton and Stanley K. Peck, Director, DPH Legal Office, were going to work on the language revisions.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – VERBAL ORDERS

Valerie Bryan has apprised the Board that the Department continues to receive calls regarding the LPN receiving verbal orders and/or telephone orders. There are concerns from the Department of Mental Retardation and Long Term Care. Discussion occurred regarding the difference between taking the order and implementing it in the plan of care. The Board discussed several issues and decided that this should be tabled to the next agenda.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – MEDICAL PROTOCOLS

Elizabeth Beaudin updated the Board on this document and discussed the four guidelines: prescribing order available, individualized order, monitoring parameters in place, described protocols in writing. There is nothing in place for when the protocol will be discontinued, renewed, or re-evaluated. Changes will be made and the document will be recirculated at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS

Donna Canalis reviewed the scope of practice calls received in the office during the past month. Ms. Canalis will check with Diane Cybulski regarding the confidentiality issue.

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY UPDATE

Valerie Bryan apprised the Board that the next meeting will be November 17th. Ms. Bryan will check with Cheryl Carotenuti to see if Board of Examiners for Nursing participation is required. Also she will invite Cheryl Carotenuti to attend an upcoming Board meeting to apprise the Board of recent Department of Education activities.

NURSING SCHOOL REGULATIONS UPDATE

The nursing school regulations were presented to the Legislative Regulations Review Committee and were rejected without prejudice regarding technical changes. The changes will be made and they the regulations will again be sent to the Office of the Attorney General for review.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There is confusion out in the community as to who can and who cannot pronounce death. At present an RN can pronounce although an APRN cannot pronounce unless they have a current RN license. DPH will be submitting a Legislative Proposal in the upcoming session requiring all APRNs maintain a current RN license. The Board would like to invite Karen Buckley Bates, the DPH Legislative Liaison to attend the next business meeting to discuss the Department's Legislative Proposals for the 2004 Session.

LICENSURE ISSUES

Homeland Security is looking at Immigration Issues of the Canadian Nurses, NCLEX, and CGFNS. Jennifer Filippone is looking into this and the Visa issues. The Board would like to invite Jennifer Filippone to attend the next business meeting to discuss these issues.

MONITORING ISSUES

Kathy Boulware was present to discuss monitoring issues with the Board and frequency of reports from employer and therapists. DPH is requesting that because of the volume of the cases that are being monitored and the reduction in staff, that employer and therapist reports should be forwarded to DPH on a quarterly basis rather than a monthly basis. The Board feels it will be more difficult for the *reporters* to remember each employees activities during a three month period rather than a one month period. The Board does not feel that the quality of the reporting will improve. The Board's position is that they have the responsibility to make sure that the public is protected. The Board may consider monthly reporting for the first and last years with quarterly reporting in between. The Board *will not* support quarterly reporting for the entire probationary period. Kathy Boulware will discuss the Board's concern with Bonnie Pinkerton and the Board requests that the instructions to the Employers and Therapists which is in bold print on the bottom of the reporting sheets be moved to the top of the page in a larger bold print. This will be brought back to the Board at a later date for further discussion.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

DEBORAH PALMER, LPN, 027817

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to Censure Ms. Palmer's license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

LYNN SWARTZ, RN, E43836

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to issue Ms. Swartz a written reprimand. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

CAROLITA SMITH, LPN, 028963

Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Ms. Smith's license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARIA PECKHAM, RN, R36182

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Peckham. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was available by telephone to provide counsel to the Board if necessary. Ms. Peckham was present without representation. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board recommended a four year probation with the usual restrictions with the exception of the narcotics key restriction.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – JUDY ROBERTS, RN, E53852

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Ms. Roberts has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Patricia Casey moved and Katherine Combe seconded to accept this Motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LORI ANN BOURRET, RN, E38617

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Bourret. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was available by telephone to provide counsel to the Board if necessary. Ms. Bourret was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for March 19, 2003. The Board expressed an interest in finding out the results of the DNA testing on the urine specimen.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – GREGORY DONOHUE, LPN, 026587

The Board reviewed the Motion for Summary Suspension for Mr. Donohue provided by Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was available by telephone to provide counsel to the Board if necessary. The Respondent was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Casey moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing was scheduled for March 19, 2004.

PREHEARING REVIEW – ROSEMARY McDERMOTT, LPN, 009173

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. McDermott. Ms. McDermott was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW – SHEANETTA JAMES, RN, 061924

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. James. Ms. James was present with counsel. Joyce Hunt moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – MARIANNE BLANCHARD, RN, E58091

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Blanchard. The Respondent was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the decision of the Board that this meeting be adjourned at 12:45 PM.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on November 19, 2003 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 2-C, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Patricia Casey, APRN
Katherine Combe, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Joyce Hunt, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick Kwanashie, Assistant Attorney General
Lynn Rioux, Paralegal, Attorney General's Office
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Central Connecticut State University, Norwich PNEP, Windham PNEP, and E. C. Goodwin PNEP.

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY – FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed the faculty education waiver request packet from Western Connecticut State University. Due to the fact that Jeanette Bjurback Lupinacci has completed all of the required course work for the Western Connecticut State University's Master Program, has a thesis proposal on file, and is expected to graduate in May of 2004, Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this waiver be granted for the Spring, 2004 semester. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LISA WILD, LPN, 024058

Legal office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lisa Wild. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Wild was not present and was not represented by counsel. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 3, 2003 at 9:00 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHRISTINE KOONITSKY, RN, E59299

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Christine Koonitsky. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Koonitsky was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 3, 2003 at 9:00 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – GARY SAVARIA, RN, E49287

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Gary Savaria. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Savaria was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Combe seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 3, 2003 at 9:00 AM.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – REDA MiGEED, RN-E53703/APRN-002266

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges for Mr. MiGeed. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Department's Motion to Withdraw Charges be accepted based on Mr. MiGeed's Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION TO EXPEDITE HEARING – LISA KOTECKI, LPN, 025239

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Motion to Expedite Hearing for Ms. Kotecki. Ms. Kotecki's license is presently under suspension which expires January 3, 2004. Ms. Kotecki was present without counsel. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant the Department's Motion to Expedite Hearing. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing will be held on December 17, 2003 at 11:30 AM. The Board recommended that an additional six months of suspension and probation could resolve this matter.

PREHEARING REVIEW – LYN MORELAND, RN, E50349

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Moreland. Ms. Moreland was not present. Attorney David Haught was present on her behalf. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board's recommendation for this case is dismissal. The motion passed unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – SANDRA CHADWICK, APRN, 002046

Stephen Carragher presented the Board with a Reinstatement Request for Sandra Chadwick. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Combe seconded that the recommendation of the Board was for reinstatement of Ms. Chadwick's APRN license. The motion passed unanimously.

MICHELE McCABE, LPN, 025392

HEARING

The hearing convened at 9:50 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present for the Department of Public Health. Ms. McCabe was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Daniel Sullivan, RPh, Jan Weber, RN, Elizabeth Santiago, RN, Kathleen Deschenes, LMFT, Margaret MacKenzie, RN, and Ms. McCabe. The hearing recessed at 11:05 AM to 11:20 AM during which time John Titsworth left for the day. The hearing recessed at 12:20 PM to 1:05 PM and at 2:30 PM to 2:40 PM. The hearing closed at 3:10 PM.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. McCabe be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. McCabe's license be placed on probation for one year with monthly employer reports. The motion passed with all in favor.

JILLANA GIAMETTE-JONELIS, LPN, 020114

REINSTATEMENT HEARING

The hearing convened at 3:25 PM. Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Jonelis was present with counsel, Attorney James Shea. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Ms. Jonelis. The hearing closed at 3:50 PM.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Combe seconded that Ms. Jonelis' license be reinstated to probation for four years with monthly employer reports for the entire probationary period, weekly drug/alcohol screen reports for the first year and twice per month for the remainder of the probation. During the first year of the probation Ms. Jonelis is to complete a Board approved LPN refresher program and successfully complete the NCLEX-PN examination. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Combe seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 4:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on December 3, 2003 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 2-C, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Patricia Casey, APRN
Katherine Combe, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Joyce Hunt, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya Feliciano, Assistant Attorney General
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the Howell Cheney PNE Program, Vinal PNE Program, and the J. M. Wright PNE Program.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – PAULA HARLAND, RN, E33393

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges for Ms. Harland. Attorney Richard Lawler was present for Ms. Harland who was not present. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Department's Motion to Withdraw Charges be accepted based on Ms. Harland's Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. The motion passed with all in favor.

**PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF MEMORANDUM OF DECISION
LYNN SWARTZ, RN, E43836**

Attorney David Shaiken was present for the Respondent who was not in attendance. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present for the Department. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. The Board hear Oral Argument from Attorney Shaiken and Attorney Swafford. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Respondent's Petition for Reconsideration be denied. John Titsworth arrived during the Oral Argument. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Katherine Combe and John Titsworth who abstained.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LORRAINE PETROCELLI, LPN, 018150

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Petrocelli. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 17, 2003. Ms. Petrocelli was not present and was not represented.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – SAMUEL CALABRIA, LPN, 028648

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges for Mr. Calabria. Patricia Casey moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Department's Motion to Withdraw Charges be accepted based on Mr. Calabria's Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – LISA KOTCEKI, LPN, 025239

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Kotecki. Ms. Kotecki was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – LISA WILD, LPN, 024058

The hearing convened at 9:26 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department. Ms. Wild was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Ms. Wild. The hearing closed at 10:18 AM.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Wild be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Ms. Wild's license for practical nursing be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 10:30 AM. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on December 17, 2003 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 2-B, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Patricia Casey, APRN *via telephone*
Katherine Combe, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH
Karen Buckley Bates, Legislative Liaison, DPH
Nancy Nicolescu, Legislative Analyst, DPH
Valerie Bryan, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, RN Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, DPH
Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed the students from the University of Hartford and the Vinal Practical Nurse Education Program.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo attended the NCSBN Finance Committee Meeting in Chicago
- Chair Bafundo addressed the CLN Student Day at the Aqua Turf on behalf of the Board
- Chair Bafundo addressed the CAN Annual Convention on behalf of the Board
- Chair Bafundo dialogued at a CLPNA Evening Program about scope of practice for the LPN
- Chair Bafundo and Valerie Bryan attended the School Nurse Advisory Committee Meeting

OPEN FORUM

Chair Bafundo asked the audience if they had any issues they would like to bring before the Board and there were no comments.

REVISION OF AGENDA

Removed from this agenda were the History of the Board and the Medical Protocol discussion. These two items will be placed on the February 4, 2004 agenda.

2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Karen Buckley Bates, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Public Health, provided the Board with a Draft Copy of the Department of Public Health's Legislative Proposal for 2004. Of particular interest to this Board would be Section 8, which will be changed to APRNs must have an RN license, Section 9, changes to temporary permits – our present system only allows one lifetime permit, and Section 10 pertains to graduate students. There was discussion regarding Vital Records statutes and town clerks with recommendations as to who can “certify” death, not “pronounce” death. New changes would be that MDs, PAs, APRNs, and RNs can certify death, this is only is an expected death and the draft on this is not yet available. The present statute allows RNs to pronounce but not the APRN. If the APRN maintains a current RN license they can pronounce. The difference between pronouncement and certification is that pronouncement is yes this person is dead and to certify is that yes this person died of etc. Also discussed was immunizations by Medical Assistants. Immunizations are a licensed function and cannot be done by a Medical Assistant. Physicians have complaints that they are having difficulty getting nurses to do this function. There was discussion of Feeding Assistants in nursing homes – the Feeding Assistants would receive training and would be under the responsibility of the RN. Discussion regarding the mandatory overtime issue - this will probably be coming back. Government Relations is currently monitoring the Nursing Education Regulations.

DPH and Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services – there are currently six facilities currently running this pilot program where non licensed personnel provide medications to acquired brain injury patients. There will be a meeting in January regarding this pilot program and one of the concerns is who supervises the non licensed personnel.

Karen apprised the Board that Joe Oros from the Office of Government Relations has left DPH and she introduced Nancy Nicolescu, Legislative Analyst, who will be taking on a more active role in coordinating the regulation piece.

Jennifer Filippone discussed with the Board on-line licensure. They are currently working out the issues and the intent is to collect additional data. Jennifer has been working with the Office of Work Force Competitiveness and Distance Consortium. They are trying to get together the data they are going to need, the issues they want to look at, and looking at enhancements to our data processing system. Initially the DPH program will start with on-line renewal licensure. Presently the majority of the states have on-line licensure. The information we receive on the renewal cards is not being captured yet. We need additional information as to what is needed on the cards. The goal is to use these renewal cards by all disciplines with nursing at the top of the list. The process will also allow for paper licensure.

There is an Advisory Committee for Adverse Event Reporting and this committee is requesting that a nurse be part of the panel. They are looking at trying to balance the public's right to know and the kind of data we are collecting. Connecticut collects a huge amount of data but nothing is done with this information.

Adverse Reporting: The Board is seeing many more cases which really do not need to be brought to the Board. This issue needs to be addressed. There is a right for the public to know but it is becoming harmful rather than helpful. We need to turn the information back to the hospitals to better this system.

Chair Bafundo stated that the Board is seeing cases where the adverse report is now included in the file being brought to the Board. DPH investigators don't necessarily have the expertise needed to go into the hospitals to investigate.

Chair Bafundo discussed bills of concern which are the Pharmacy Bill and Long Term Care Bill.

Chair Bafundo discussed Mutual Recognition, multi state licensure in the case of emergency to allow nurses to cross the borders. Connecticut is now being surrounded by states who have multi state licensure. One of the main concerns is the loss of licensure funds to the general fund.

Chair Bafundo questioned Karen Buckley Bates on information regarding the Nurse Intervention Bill, information on controlled substances elimination, and information on mandatory ratios. Karen will provide the Board with a list of the bills as they come in. The Legislative Session for 2004 is February 4th through May 5, 2004.

The Board discussed the new policy of reducing the minimum interval of days between repeat NCLEX examination administrations from 90 to 45 days which will begin on January 1, 2004. With this new policy, candidates will be permitted to take the NCLEX examination eight times a year, but no more than once in any 45-day period, unless limited to fewer re-takes by the desired jurisdictions of licensure. Based on the NCSBN survey 52 Boards will be participating in the new policy, with nine Boards following the current 90 day re-take policy.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – CONSTANCE STEFFES, LPN, 022812

Stephen Carragher presented the Board with a reinstatement request for Ms. Steffes. It was the recommendation of the Board Members present that Ms. Steffes successfully complete a Board approved refresher program with both a theoretical and clinical component.

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE

Jennifer Filippone reported that Canadian Nurses coming into the United States for initial licensure do need the CGFNS and NCLEX. If Canadian Nurses are endorsing into Connecticut *from another state* they currently do not need CGFNS. We cannot identify who has come from Canada and has not taken NCLEX. DPH is working with NCSBN to expedite the examination process for Canadian nurses who need to take NCLEX. Homeland Security has stated that there are no grandfathering provisions. Individuals are being notified through visa renewals.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – VERBAL ORDERS

This issue will be tabled to the February, 2004 agenda. Marsha Noll from the Department of Mental Retardation expressed concerns from DMR regarding their facilities. If there is a change to an order, the order cannot be implemented until it has been reviewed by an RN. Another concern, what would happen in the case of an emergency? Also, a large part of the state does not have access to cell phones service. As far as the telephone triage book, can the LPN do this? There will be further discussion on these issues at the February meeting.

NCSBN WEB SITE

The Board needs additional information to make a determination. Valerie Bryan will continue to work on this.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INQUIRIES

Donna Canalis apprised the Board of the scope of practice inquiries received during the past month.

- Still receiving inquires as to whether or not an RN has to be working in an MD office where an LPN is employed. The answer is YES as the LPN must work under the direction of an RN, not under the direction of an MD.
- Questions received as to whether an LPN can administer Remicade for arthritis treatment in an MDs office with no RN available. An RN must be available in the MDs office since an LPN works under the direction of an RN.
- There is a need for education in the MD community that Medical Assistants cannot administer medications. This is a licensed function.
- Questions received as to whether or not an LPN can triage in the ER – This is not within the scope of practice of an LPN, since the LPN must work under the direction of an RN and contribute to the total assessment.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADN PROGRAM

Sheila Solernou, Program Director at Gateway, presented to the Board Gateway ADN Program's request for independent status. Mary Schuler, Director of the Norwalk ADN Program was also present for this discussion. Norwalk Community College entered into a two year agreement with Gateway Community College to provide associate degree nursing education to 24 students at Gateway in September, 2002. Faculty and curriculum were provided through Norwalk Community College. A letter was sent to the Board of Examiners for Nursing (BOEN) dated November 21, 2003 by Ms. Solernou informing the BOEN that Gateway planned to seek independent status once the class of 2004 graduates and requested guidance as to how to proceed with this process.

The following decisions were made by the BOEN:

1. Gateway Community College will remain on Conditional Status until NCLEX results are received and approved (August, 2004)
2. A self-study report will be submitted in July, 2004
3. A BOEN meeting will be held September 1, 2004 and if all criteria are met, Gateway will be granted full approval. Therefore students beginning the program September 4, 2004 will automatically be Gateway College students if independent status is granted.
4. The class admitted 2003 will be entering its senior year in the fall of 2004. When granted independent status, these students can be transferred to Gateway Community College Nursing Program. The next review will be at the BOEN meeting on September 1, 2004.

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY

Valerie Bryan spoke with Cheryl Carotenuti from the Department of Education and there is nothing new to report.

NURSING SCHOOL REGULATIONS UPDATE

The technical changes have been made to the regulations. The Department is awaiting the date that this will be placed on the agenda for the Legislative Regulation Review Committee meeting.

NCSBN MID YEAR MEETING

The NCSBN Mid Year Meeting will be held in Chicago March 3, 4, and 5, 2004. The NCSBN Annual Meeting, Delegate Assembly, will be held in Kansas City, Missouri on August 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2004. The NCSBN is also having an Executive Officer Annual Meeting which Connecticut is not invited to because we do not have an Executive Officer. The Board questioned what they would need to do as a Board to have the Executive Officer position reinstated. There are too many disadvantages to not having an Executive Officer. We really need an Executive Officer to take the lead with the multistate licensure issue. Connecticut is one of the few states that does not have an Executive Officer.

Break 11:00 AM – 11:25 AM

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – LESLIE SILVERSTEIN, LPN, 024448

The Board reviewed Ms. Silverstein's request for a reinstatement hearing. It was the recommendation of the Board Members present that Ms. Silverstein's request for a reinstatement hearing be granted. The Board would like Ms. Silverstein to address what she did between 1996 and 2000 as the documentation did not address this time period.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

YVONNE GRAHAM, RN, R31125

BRENDA VALAUSKAS, RN, E25509 – JUNE 4, 2003 HEARING

BRENDA VALAUSKAS, RN, E25509 – JULY 2, 2003 HEARING

BEVERLY PLATT, LPN, 020485

KAREN KUBISEK, RN, 019754

RICHARD HOULE, RN, 066847

Janice Wojick presented the Board with the above Memoranda of Decision. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision on all the cases. The motion passed with all Board Members present. Due to lack of a quorum, Janice Wojick contacted Patricia Casey via the above Memoranda of Decision and Patricia Casey concurred with the Board Members to affirm the Board's prior decision. Chair Bafundo signed the Memoranda of Decision later that day.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – MICHAEL SIEGEL, RN, E49256

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Mr. Siegel. Mr. Siegel was present without representation. It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present, and Patricia Casey via telephone, that this Order be granted. The motion passed. Chair Bafundo signed the Order later that day.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ELEANOR MATYASOVSKY, LPN, 024099

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Matyasovszky. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present, and Patricia Casey via telephone, that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed. Chair Bafundo signed the Order later that day scheduling the hearing for January 21, 2004.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – MICHAEL HASSELBACHER, RN, E53265

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Michael Hasselbacher. The Respondent was not present although was represented by Attorney Linda Herzner. The documentation provided was very old and the Department needs to provide additional information regarding therapist visits, treatment program, sponsor, etc. The Board would like the Order amended so that therapist and employer reports are provided monthly, urine screens for the last two years should be provided twice per month. The Board recommended that this be brought back as an Interim Consent Order to allow time for additional information to support the Consent Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW – SHEILA SPIEVEY, LPN, 027692

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Spievey. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. It was the recommendation of the Board that a Letter of Warning be issued.

PREHEARING REVIEW – AREA VAGNINI, LPN, 028201

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Vagnini. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. It was the recommendation of the Board that this case be dismissed.

PREHEARING REVIEW – COLLEEN ALLEN, RN, 016924

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Allen. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. The Board recommended that the therapist be removed from the approved list of therapists, and that Ms. Allen's probation be extended for six months and is not to have access to the narcotic keys nor be allowed to administer controlled substances for the six months.

PREHEARING REVIEW – SHAINA HAMEL, LPN, 029059

Legal Office Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Shaina Hamel. The Respondent was present with counsel. The Board recommended that this case be dismissed.

PREHEARING REVIEW – MARY KICKCOX, RN, 070234

The Board recommended that this case be deferred to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 12:20 PM.