

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 16, 2002 at the Legislative Office Building, Conference Room 2A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Sally Cohen, RN
Mary Ellen O'Hurley, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Tony Vanacore, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 8:50 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the following Practical Nurse Education Programs: Howell Cheney, J. M. Wright, and Windham.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARTHA LANOUE, RN, R27532

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Lanoue. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Lanoue was present without counsel. Joan Dobbins moved and Rosemary Hathaway seconded that Ms. Lanoue's license be summarily suspended. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for 11:30 AM on February 6, 2002.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DAVID LEMIEUX, RN, E44985

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mr. Lemieux. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Lemieux was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that Mr. Lemieux' license be summarily suspended. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Joan Dobbins who was opposed. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 6, 2002 at 11:30 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PHYLLIS ROBINSON, LPN, 027827

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Robinson. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Robinson was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Ms. Robinson's license be summarily suspended. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 6, 2002 at 11:30 AM.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – JOHN GINETTI, RN, E33577

Jeffrey A. Kardys provided the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Mr. Ginetti. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Mr. Ginetti's license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

PREHEARING REVIEW – SUSAN CURREN, LPN, E25204

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Curren. Ms. Curren was not present although Attorney Thomas S. Luby was present representing Ms. Curren. Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded to dismiss this case. The motion passed with all in favor.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – MELODY GRANT, LPN, 026795

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Ms. Grant. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Grant was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the Board accept this Interim Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – PATRICIA RZEWNICKI, RN, E25204

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Rzewnicki. Ms. Rzewnicki nor her attorney were present. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor.

LYNN SCHMELTER, RN, E45913

HEARING

The hearing convened at 9:25 AM. Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Schmelter was not present and was not represented. Testimony was provided by Martha Donovan, RN. Rosemary Hathaway left at 9:30 AM. The hearing concluded at 10:30 AM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will be held on February 6, 2002 by which time all Board Members will have reviewed the record.

ADJOURNMENT

Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 10:05 AM. The motion passed with all in favor.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on February 6, 2002 at the Newington Town Hall, Council Chambers, 131 Cedar Street, Newington, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Sally Cohen, RN
Rosemary Hathaway, RN
Mary Ellen O'Hurley, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Eileen Meskill, Attorney General
Wendy Furniss, Public Health Services Manager, Health Systems Regulation
Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, Health Systems Regulation
Donna Canalis, RN Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Alejandro Rodriguez, License & Applications Specialist
Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, Public Health Hearing Office
Tony Vanacore, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND WELCOMING OF STUDENTS

The Board Members introduced themselves to the audience and welcomed the students from Three Rivers Community Technical College, University of Connecticut, University of Hartford, and Saint Joseph College.

OPEN FORUM

Dede Dwyer from Nurses for Nurses has received information from nurses attending Nurses for Nurses' meetings that the Department automatically increases the frequency of drug/alcohol screens after a positive screen has been reported. The Board was unaware of this procedure. Wendy Furniss will contact Bonnie Pinkerton, RNC monitor, and Kathleen Boulware, the supervisor of investigations, and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Also, Ms. Dwyer brought to the Board's attention the Regulatory Action Report on the Department's Web Page from October 1999 thru December 1999. In December Ms. Dwyer informed the Board that the Regulatory Action Report included addresses and social security numbers. The Webmaster of the Department was notified and this situation was corrected on the Department's Web Site. Wendy Furniss will check with the Webmaster and bring her findings to the next Board meeting.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bafundo updated the Board on the Nurse Intervention Bill.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

By consensus, the Board agreed to add the following items to the agenda and reorder the agenda as they proceed:

NCLEX Scores for the last quarter of 2001 and the complete year of 2001
Catheterizations – a Licensed Function

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR NURSE STAFFING STUDY

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, was present to discuss this study with the Board. The data is being inputted, the on-line licensing is in the discussion stages, and the Department has offered to help with the data collection and the Board would also like involvement.

CLIC – CT LICENSING INFORMATION CENTER UPDATE

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, was present to update the Board on this Web-Site. Currently the “ct-clic.com” Web-Site will advise you as to whether or not a person has a Connecticut license. The system is being updated. For licenses with discipline it will eventually state “Contact the Department”.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – JUDITH HARVEY, RN, E37869 (LAPSED LICENSE)

Alejandro Rodriguez presented the Board with a Reinstatement Request for Ms. Harvey. Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that Ms. Harvey provide the Board with a Board approved plan to update her clinical and theoretical nursing skills followed by repetition of the NCLEX-RN Exam. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – ROANNA SPENCER, LPN, 016528 (LAPSED LICENSE)

Alejandro Rodriguez presented the Board with a Reinstatement Request for Ms. Spencer. Armand Amendola moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that Ms. Spencer provide the Board with a Board approved plan to update her clinical and theoretical nursing skills. The motion passed with all in favor.

MINUTES – DECEMBER 19, 2001

The Board reviewed the minutes of December 19, 2001. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

MINUTES – JANUARY 16, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of January 16, 2002. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BASIC NURSING CERTIFICATE AT STORRS

Laura Dzurec, Dean of the Nursing Program, was present for this discussion. The proposed program is a 45 credit, one calendar year program in generic nursing, culminating in a certification that established eligibility for both the licensing examination (NCLEX) in Connecticut and enrollment in the master's program in nursing at UConn. This program is for a restricted pool of applicants who hold bachelor's degrees in non-nursing fields. The program does not replace or directly compete with associate degree or baccalaureate degree programs in nursing. The candidate's undergraduate GPA must be ≥ 3.0 for admission consideration. The school anticipates a high rate of successful completion with low potential for attrition. Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that program be granted approval. The motion passed with all in favor.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SURVEY REPORT

Cynthia Chase Adams, Director of Nursing Education, and Brenda Allocco, Coordinator of Special Projects, were present for this discussion. The program evaluation report was accepted as meeting all Department of Public Health Regulations for the Registered Nurse Education Programs. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the program be granted full approval. The motion passed with all in favor. The next review is scheduled for February, 2007. Relocation of Capital Community Technical College should take place late Summer/early Fall of 2002 to downtown Hartford in the former G. Fox building.

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SURVEY REPORT

Dr. Cesarina Thompson, Chairperson of the Department of Nursing, was present for this review. The program evaluation report was accepted as meeting all Department of Public Health Regulations for Registered Nurse Education Programs. Joan Dobbins moved and Armand Amendola seconded that the program be granted full approval. The motion passed with all in favor. The next review will be February, 2007.

ST. VINCENT'S COLLEGE PROGRESS REPORT

Joanne Wolfertz, Chair, of the program was present for the discussion regarding the progress report on the first graduates, the class of 2001, of the revised associated degree curriculum in nursing which was approved by the Board on December 2, 1998. The report should include additional quantitative data and all clinical data. Joan Dobbins moved and Armand Amendola seconded that the program be placed on conditional status of curriculum until the next review of February, 2003. The motion passed with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS

Wendy Furniss reviewed the NCSBN Disaster Preparedness Task Force "ALERT" with the Board.

Wendy Furniss also reviewed the Freedom of Information Commission Report to agencies on how each agency fared when approached with an "FOI" request.

"Patient Abandonment" Guidelines will be deferred to the March 6, 2002 meeting.

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY UPDATE

Wendy Furniss provided the Board with an update on the school health advisory meetings.

LEGISLATIVE/REGULATION UPDATE

Wendy Furniss provided the Board with an update on the legislative session which begins today related to Department of Public Health issues. The School Approval Regulations are tentatively scheduled to go before the Regulations Review Committee on March 26, 2002.

COLLEAGUES IN CARING UPDATE

Diantha McMorrow, Program Director for Colleagues in Caring, provided the Board with an update on activities. The committee is presently completing competency evaluations on RNs and LPNs. The committee is also collecting data on nursing school student capacities at this time.

The Annual Meeting of Colleagues in Caring will be held on May 20th at the Connecticut Hospital Association.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NAUGATUCK VALLEY COLLEGE NEW DIRECTOR

Joanne Ottman, who assumed the position of Director of the Nursing Program on December 14, 2001, was present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the documentation received from Patricia Bouffard of Naugatuck Valley College. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Ottman meets the qualifications of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Nursing Education Programs and Licensure Requirements. The motion passed with all in favor.

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY FACULTY EDUCATION FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER

The Board reviewed the documentation for the faculty education waiver for Kimberly Folto for Spring, 2002 semester. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board reaffirm its telephone vote of January 10, 2002. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – INFORMED CONSENT

APRNs should get informed consent if they are performing a specific procedure.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE - MEDICAL PROTOCOLS AND STANDING ORDERS

Liz Bowden of the Connecticut Hospital Association agreed to work with a small group of individuals over the summer to develop an outline and medical protocols for standing orders.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – FOLEY CATHETER

After discussion, as in the past, the “Foley Catheter” remains a licensed function. This is not a task that can be delegated to unlicensed personnel.

NCLEX REVIEW (APRIL 1, 2001 – MARCH 31, 2002)

Donna Canalis updated the Board on the following schools:

Vinal PNE Program – 95.8% no outstanding students
Henry Abbott PNE Program – 85.5% no outstanding students
Western CT State University – No new exam takers at this time

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MAUREEN MCCAFFERTY-MATTIA, RN, E50261

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton provided the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. McCafferty-Mattia. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill provided counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order scheduling the hearing for February 20, 2002 at 9:00 AM at the Newington Town Hall.

MARTHA LANOUE, RN, R27532

HEARING

The hearing convened at 11:33 AM. Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Ms. Lanoue. The hearing closed at 12:20 PM.

FACT FINDING

Paragraphs 1 through 10 were found on by a preponderance of evidence. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Respondent be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Armand Amendola seconded that Ms. Lanoue's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

Break 12:25 PM – 12:40 PM

DAVID LEMIEUX, RN, E44985

HEARING

The hearing convened at 12:40 PM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by David Lemieux. The hearing concluded at 1:17 PM.

FACT FINDING

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

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Respondent's license be suspended for six months upon the signing of the Memorandum of Decision with concurrent probation until March 1, 2005 with drug/alcohol screens as stated in the Memorandum of Decision dated February 21, 2001. The Summary Suspension remains in place until the Memorandum of Decision from this hearing is signed. The motion passed with all in favor.

PHYLLIS ROBINSON, LPN, 027827

The hearing convened at 1:35 PM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Ms. Robinson. Armand Amendola left at 2:18 PM. The hearing was continued to April 17, 2002 to allow Ms. Robinson to submit her evidence and witnesses. The hearing closed at 2:25 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Sacheli moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 2:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

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Patricia Casey, APRN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
Mary Ellen O’Hurley, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Sally Cohen, RN
Rosemary Hathaway, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya Feliciano, Assistant Attorney General
Michael McKenna, Assistant Attorney General
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
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
Peter Holland, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the University of Connecticut, Central Connecticut State University, and the University of Hartford.

MAUREEN McCAFFERTY-MATTIA, RN, E50261

HEARING

The hearing convened at 9:10 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. McCafferty-Mattia was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano provided counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, RN, Nurse Consultant. Testimony was also provided by Ms. McCafferty-Mattia. The hearing closed at 10:10 AM. Fact Finding will be held on March 20, 2002.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SANDRA NETTO, LPN, 028194

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Sandra Netto. Ms. Netto was present with Attorney Martha Murray. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mary Ellen O’Hurley moved and Patricia Casey seconded to deny the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SUSAN MOLNAR, RN, E48099

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Susan Molnar. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Molnar was present and did not have representation. Mary Ellen O’Hurley moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for March 6, 2002.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARSHA WHEELER, RN, E36554

Legal Office Attorney Michael Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Marsha Wheeler. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Wheeler was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for March 6, 2002.

PREHEARING REVIEW – BARRY RESNICK, RN, E60111

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Barry Resnick. Mr. Resnick was not present and was not represented. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW – DEBORAH TREVETT, RN, E52183

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Deborah Trevett. Ms. Trevett was present without counsel. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – PATRICIA NELSON, LPN, 017836

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Patricia Nelson. Ms. Nelson was present with Attorney Patricia Squires. Patricia Casey moved and Mary Ellen O’Hurley seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER – KRISTINE ALEXANDER, RN, R49409

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Reinstatement Consent Order for Ms. Alexander. Ms. Alexander was present without representation. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – DONNA STEVENSON, LPN, 026711

Jeffrey Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Ms. Stevenson. Mary Ellen O’Hurley moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to dismiss this case. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING – LYNN SCHMELTER, RN, E45913

Mary Ellen O’Hurley moved and Patricia Casey seconded to find Ms. Schmelter on all charges. The Statement of Charges was deemed admitted due to an Answer not being filed. The motion passed with all in favor. Mary Ellen O’Hurley moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Ms. Schmelter’s license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LISA ACUFF, RN, 065411

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Acuff. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Acuff was not present and did not have representation. Mary Ellen O’Hurley moved and Joyce Hunt seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Casey who was opposed. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for March 6, 2002.

ADJOURNMENT

Mary Ellen O’Hurley moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 11:09 AM. The motion passed unanimously.

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Joan Dobbins, RN
Rosemary Hathaway, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Peter Brown, Assistant Attorney General
Michael McKenna, Assistant Attorney General
Wendy Furniss, Public Health Services Manager, Health Systems Regulation
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Donna Canalis, RN Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Bonnie Pinkerton, RN Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Alejandro Rodriguez, License & Applications Specialist
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
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the Kaynor PNE Program.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bafundo attended the Public Health Committee hearing on the Nurse Intervention Program bill. Written testimony will be provided as Chair Bafundo was not able to speak.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SAINT JOSEPH COLLEGE SURVEY REPORT

Virginia Knowlden, Chair of the Division of Nursing, was present for this discussion. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this report be accepted for approval. The motion passed with all in favor. The next survey report will be due February, 2007. The Board congratulated Virginia Knowlden on her upcoming retirement.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS

International NCLEX testing discussed and there were some concerns regarding examination security and fees in other countries.

NCSBN WEB SITE

The Board discussed the Nurse Practice Act course and will discuss this more in the future. The Board still would like their own Web Page at the Department of Public Health and the Nurse Practice Act could be placed on this Web Page. Chair Bafundo will follow-up with Michael Purcaro regarding the BOEN Web Page.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

The Board opposes the bill for medical technicians to be used in nursing homes. Chair Bafundo asked for information from other states at the NCSBN meeting regarding medical technician experiences.

LEGISLATION

Reviewed legislative bills affecting nursing/health care with discussion of medical technicians. The school staff giving meds bill died in committee.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PAs AND ANESTHESIA

Just as an FYI – some states allow PAs to give anesthesia under MD direction.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS

The proposed school regulations were withdrawn due to technical comments from the Office of Legislative Research. Will be placed on the Regulations Review Committee agenda as soon as possible.

NCSBN MID-YEAR MEETING

Chair Bafundo reported that the topics discussed included:

- Relationship between Board and “Executive Officer”
- Testing Services – Test Service Transition and International Testing

NURSYS

- Participating in NURSYS – Incentives for states to belong to NURSYS – implement for compact states
- Public access to NURSYS data and charging a fee for the data
- Speed memos – timeliness of response

EDUCATION

- Post entry competency study update
- NCLEX Pass Rate study – presenting data

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

- Better communication among states, immediate notification of discipline on licenses. Nurses would lose multistate license if they are disciplined.

NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NETWORK TELECONFERENCE CALL

- Monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly conference calls

ADVANCED PRACTICE

- Proliferation of sub-specialty exams
- APRN certification program process being developed by the APRN Task Force
- APRN Compact issues highlights

CURRENT LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

PASS RATE STUDY

- The NCSBN study noted if the number of graduates is less than 20 for RN program or 15 for LPN program, NCLEX scores are not a good indicator of program performance. Connecticut uses pass rate as a flag, not the sole indicator of performance/approval. NCSBN recommends tying a state's pass rate to national average rather than a flat percentage pass rate; some states use 85% as the parameter.
- Study of post-entry competency – are recent graduates prepared for the work setting.

DISCUSSION OF ONLINE LICENSURE RENEWAL

- Online licensure renewal is fast and efficient and is part of a larger database on nurses. Angela from the NCSBN will come and provide information to the Board and the Department. Our system should “talk” to the NURSISYS system so we don't waste dollars and efforts.

CITIZENS ADVOCACY COUNCIL “PREP” PROJECT

This is handled on a voluntary basis, Boards and CAC address nurse practice problems outside the disciplinary arena. Will work with Connecticut Hospital Association, nursing home and home care associations to prevent future problems/issues. Board has no mechanism/relationship with health care facilities in which to have these discussions.

TERCAP

- Review of various states' disciplinary cases and where/why practice breaks down.
- Some best practices on discipline from NCSBN study
- Advanced practice certification exams discussed. If no specialty exam available by 2005 then shouldn't be licensed as APRNs.
- Nursing assessment – handout re: roles of RN, LPN, ULAP

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Donna Canalis has requested more information on their request for waiver for the total hours requirement for LPN Programs.

NCSBN ANNUAL MEETING – AUGUST 13 – 17, 2002

Board members should consider who might like to serve as delegates so we can begin the contract/reimbursement process.

GUIDELINES – PATIENT ABANDONMENT

The Board approved the revised guidelines for patient abandonment. They will be circulated to nursing organizations and health care associations.

DECISION-TREE FOR APRNs

This discussion was tabled to the April 3, 2002 meeting. Staff and Board Members will do further research.

Break 11:00 AM – 11:20 AM

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – JOAN HALL, RN, E30748

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges be accepted as Ms. Hall has voluntarily surrendered her license. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW – PAULA JONES, LPN, 023420

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Jones. Attorney Kevin Creane was present representing Ms. Jones who was not in attendance. Patricia Casey moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – KATRINA HOWARD, LPN, 027561

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Katrina Howard. Ms. Howard was present without representation. Patricia Casey moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this Consent Order placing Ms. Howard's license of probation for four years be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – BRENDA VALAUSKAS, RN, E25509

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Brenda Valauskas. Ms. Valauskas was presented without representation. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order placing Ms. Valauskas' license on probation for four years be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MODIFICATION OF CONSENT ORDER – MAUREEN HUBBELL, RN, E49104

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Modification of Consent Order request for Maureen Hubbell. Ms. Hubbell was present without representation. Patricia Casey moved and Armand Amendola seconded to deny Ms. Hubbell's request for modification. The motion passed with all in favor.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

JULIE HUA, RN, E54511

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

JOHN GINETTI, RN, E33577

Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Mr. Ginetti's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

ELIZABETH D'AGOSTINO-COX, RN, E51287

Patricia Casey moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Ms. D'Agostino-Cox' license. The motion passed with all in favor.

MARSHA WHEELER, RN, E36554

HEARING

The hearing convened at 12:35 PM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department. Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Wheeler was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Wheeler. The hearing concluded at 1:05 PM.

FACT FINDING

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

REMEDY

Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Respondent's license be placed on suspension for six months followed by probation for four years. During the disciplinary period there are to be weekly drug/alcohol screens probation to the Board during the six months suspension and the 1st, 2nd, and 4th years of probation and twice per month during the 3rd year of probation. Therapist and Employer Reports are to be provided to the Board monthly during the entire disciplinary period. Ms. Wheeler 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. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:10 PM Joyce Hunt moved and Armand Amendola seconded that this meeting be adjourned.
The motion passed with all in favor.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on March 20, 2002 at the Newington Town Hall, Council Chambers, 131 Cedar Street, Newington, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Sally Cohen, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Marianne Horn, Assistant Attorney General
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Tony Vanacore, Court Reporter

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

JACQUELINE MARSZALEK-PATCH, LPN, 019112

The Respondent was present with Attorney Paul Melolowsky. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present for the Department. Assistant Attorney General Marianne Horn was present to provide counsel to the Board. The Board heard argument on Respondent's Motion for Continuance of today's hearing. Chair Bafundo recused herself from any vote in this matter. Joan Dobbins motioned that the Respondent's license be summarily suspended effective today pending resolution of this case. The motion was seconded by Rosemary Hathaway and passed with all in favor. Respondent will be notified by mail as to surrender of licensure. The Respondent was in agreement with the Board's Order for Summary Suspension. The hearing in this matter, with objection from the Respondent, will proceed today only with testimony of Department of Public Health experts. Respondent will be allowed to recall these witnesses for cross-examination at a future hearing date.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DEBRA TROMBETTA, LPN, 017359

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Debra Trombetta. Assistant Attorney General Marianne Horn was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to approve the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the hearing is scheduled for April 3, 2002.

PREHEARING REVIEW – SHARON MCLEAN, RN, E44285

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Sharon McLean. Ms. McLean was present with counsel, Attorney Steve Errante. It was the consensus of the Board Members present that this case be brought to hearing.

PREHEARING REVIEW – ANN MARINO, RN, E28514

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ann Marino. Ms. Marino was present without representation. It was the consensus of the Board Members present that this case be brought to hearing.

FACT FINDING – MAUREEN McCAFFERTY-MATTIA, RN, E45913

Fact Finding will be held on April 3, 2002.

JACQUELINE MARSZALEK-PATCH, LPN, 019112

HEARING

The hearing convened at 10:05 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present for the Department. Assistant Attorney General Marianne Horn was present for the Department. The Respondent was present without counsel. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Board move into Executive Session to receive legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed and the room was cleared of all observers. Executive Session ended at 10:55 AM. Following Executive Session the Board continued the hearing to a date to be determined either in late June or July of 2002.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Sacheli moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 10:58 AM. The motion passed unanimously.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 3, 2002 at the Newington Town Hall, Council Chambers, 131 Cedar Street, Newington, Connecticut.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Director, Legal Office
Wendy Furniss, Public Health Services Manager, Health Systems Regulation
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Donna Canalis, RN Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Bonnie Pinkerton, RN Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Alejandro Rodriguez, License & Applications Specialist
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Tony Vanacore, Court Reporter

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

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

Sally Cohen has resigned from her position as an RN Member of the Board. The Board thanks Sally for her years of service and wishes her well in her future endeavors. The Board presently has eight members. Appointments from the Governor's Office will be made to fill the positions of an RN with a Master's Degree in Nursing connected with an institution affording opportunities for education of nurses, an RN with a Master's Degree in Nursing and an instructor in an approved school for licensed practical nurses, and two Public Member vacancies.

LEGISLATION – NURSE INTERVENTION BILL

Chair Bafundo met with Stanley K. Peck and Deborah Turcotte from the Department of Public Health and nursing organizations to work out language of the Nurse Intervention Bill.

NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Patricia Casey spoke recently to the senior class of Naugatuck Valley Community Technical College.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – COLLEEN ALLEN, LPN

The Department will be issuing a Prelicensure Consent Order to Ms. Allen. The Board's recommendations are as follows: successfully complete a Board approved refresher program with both clinical and theory components, four years probation with drug/alcohol screens, and no access to the narcotic keys nor be allowed to administer controlled substances for her first year of returning to work as a nurse.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – ESTHER MUSCARA, RN

Ms. Muscara last practiced nursing in 1987. Patricia Casey moved and Rosemary Hathaway seconded that Ms. Muscara successfully complete a Board approved refresher program with a clinical and theory component and that she successfully complete the NCLEX-RN examination and permanent licensure would be issued at that time. The motion passed unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – CHRISTINE WHALEN, RN

Ms. Whalen is presently enrolled in the Charter Oak Online Refresher Program. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that upon Ms. Whalen successfully completing the refresher program followed by successful completion of the NCLEX-RN examination, then permanent licensure would be issued at that time. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – KRISTINE ALEXANDER, RN

The Reinstatement Consent Order is in place. Ms. Alexander is now applying for licensure. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Ms. Alexander participate in a Board approved refresher program. The Board will review proposed refresher by the employer before final approval. The motion passed unanimously.

PHLEBOTOMIST STATUTE

There was discussion regarding this statute and the finger stick glucose. Aides can do the finger stick glucose as long as the RN delegates, teaches, and supervises the aides to assure competence.

APRN DUTIES WHILE AWAITING LICENSURE

This is in regard to the functioning of a registered nurse, prepared but not yet licensed as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.

The General Statutes of Connecticut, Section 20-87(a) provides the legal framework for the prescriptive functions of a nurse licensed as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN).

The Board has advised, for the non-prescriptive aspects of advanced practice, that certification by a Board approved national certifying organization is presumed to be appropriate preparation. This advice is not binding. While awaiting the results of a certification examination, the nurse may function, under the Registered Nurse license, fully to the extent of her training and education.

Therefore, for the non-prescriptive aspects of an advanced level of nursing practice, standards to provide for competent care need to be documented within an agency. The Department of Public Health has not precluded an agency from hiring non-certified, non APRN-licensed, nurse practitioners. These practitioners, however, would not possess prescriptive authority.

This response is not a Declaratory Ruling. The Board will not be precluded from adjudicating the issue in a contested case forum should the necessity arise. This response is not intended to be binding on any party.

CRNA DUTIES WHILE AWAITING LICENSURE

This is in regard to the functioning of a registered nurse, prepared but not yet licensed as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.

The General Statutes of Connecticut, Section 20-87(a) provides the legal framework for the prescriptive functions of a nurse administering anesthesia.

As you may know, the Department, on December 26, 1990, expressed its view that based on its understanding of the activities typically engaged in by nurse anesthetists, that the law required that such individuals to hold APRN licensure in order to practice.

This view is consistent with the understanding that nurse anesthetists are making prescriptive decisions in the administration of anesthetic agents. Verbal orders from licensed physicians or Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN's) are recognized methods of providing medical direction to the registered nurse (who is not an APRN) when "...executing the medical regimen under the direction of a licensed physician or dentist" (General Statutes of Connecticut Section 20-98(a)). Such verbal orders require a countersignature in a timely fashion, but not necessarily before administration. Such verbal orders place the prescriptive authority within the scope of practice of those licensed to prescribe (with the RN administering the medication).

The Board has advised, for the non-prescriptive aspects of advanced practice, that certification by a Board approved national certifying organization is presumed to be appropriate preparation. This advice is not binding.

Therefore, for the non-prescriptive aspects of administering anesthesia, standards to provide for competent care need to be documented within an agency. The Department of Public Health has not precluded an agency from hiring non-certified, non APRN-licensed, nurse anesthetists who are licensed registered nurses. However, the roles which they implement are to be consistent with the aforementioned directions.

This response is not a Declaratory Ruling. The Board will not be precluded from adjudicating the issue in a contested case forum should the necessity arise. This response is not intended to be binding on any party.

DECISION TREE - This will be tabled for discussion at the May 1, 2002 meeting.

NCSBN EXAM REVIEWERS

The Board would like to thank Sheila Grossman, former Board Member, for serving as a member of the NCLEX-RN Examination Item Writing Session, March 10-13, 2002, in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Grossman has volunteered her time for several of these sessions at the National Council since her resignation from the Board. The quality of the NCSBN Licensure Examination depends on the commitment of individuals such as Dr. Grossman to maintain high standards for the assessment of nursing competence at entry level.

LPN DECLARATORY RULING

Discussion will take place at the May 1, 2002 meeting.

NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Dr. Patricia Bouffard, Acting Dean of Learning and Student Development, and Joanne Ottman, Acting Director of Allied Health, Nursing and Physical Education, were present for this discussion. Review of the self-study was presented. The self-study report demonstrated that the Associate Degree Nursing Program was in full compliance with the Regulations for Registered Nursing Education Programs. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this program be granted full approval. The motion passed with all in favor. The next survey report is scheduled for April, 2007.

NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE/GATEWAY COLLABORATION

Norwalk Community College is notifying the Board of their partnership with Gateway. This will be placed on the May agenda.

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION REGULATIONS

Marsha Noll, RN, MSN, Director of Health and Clinical Services at the Department of Mental Retardation, discussed the interpretive guidelines for the DMR Regulations concerning the administration of medication by certified unlicensed personnel.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS

The Committee will be revising their calendar on April 9, 2002 if any Board Member is interested in attending this meeting.

MEDICAL PROTOCOLS

This will be placed on the May agenda. The Board will address:

Components of a Protocol:	initiation of medications (MD involvement) pharmacist "prescribing" nurses decision-making
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MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – VALERIE MINICUCCI, RN, E60568

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Valerie Minicucci. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Minicucci was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Attorney Murray presented the Respondent's Objection to the Motion for Summary Suspension. Joan Dobbins 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 Suspension Order and Notice of Hearing. The hearing is scheduled for April 17, 2002 at 9:00 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SHARON E. COOK, RN, E59090

A Motion for Summary Suspension for Sharon E. Cook was presented to the Board by Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Cook was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray, who presented an Objection to the Motion for Summary Suspension. Joan Dobbins moved and Rosemary Hathaway seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion failed. A new motion was raised by Patricia Casey, seconded by Linda Sacheli, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor except Joan Dobbins who was opposed. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 17, 2002.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – BARBARA DALY, RN, E58640

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order package for Barbara Daly. Ms. Daly was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Rosemary Hathaway moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – SARA TOMANIO-COEHLO, RN, E52426

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Sara Tomanio-Coehlo. The Respondent was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Rosemary Hathaway seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

MAUREEN McCAFFERTY-MATTIA, RN, E45913

FACT FINDING

Ms. McCafferty-Mattia was present for the Fact Finding. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

REMEDY

Patricia Casey moved that the Respondent's license be placed on probation for four years upon the effective date of the Memorandum of Decision. Drug/alcohol screening is to be weekly for the 1st and 2nd years of probation and twice per month for the 3rd and 4th years. Therapist and Employer Reports are to be provided monthly for the entire probationary period and the Respondent 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. The motion was seconded by Joan Dobbins and passed unanimously.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

SUSAN NESKLADA, RN, E33286

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to place Ms. Nesklada's license on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

JOEL KETCHALE, LPN, 026598

Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Mr. Ketchale's license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

LINNEA SODERSTROM, LPN, E13524

Linda Sacheli moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Ms. Soderstrom's license. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Chair Bafundo who abstained. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

DEBRA TROMBETTA, LPN, 017359

HEARING

The hearing convened at 11:55 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Trombetta was present without representation. Testimony was provided by the Respondent, Bonnie Pinkerton, RNC, and Lynn Keenan, RN. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Board move into Executive Session at 1:10 PM to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The room was cleared of all observers. Executive Session ended at 1:20 PM. The hearing concluded at 1:08 PM.

FACT FINDING

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

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Respondent's license be placed on suspension for six months and four years probation concurrent upon the effective date of the Memorandum of Decision. Drug/alcohol screen reports are to be provided weekly for the 1st and 2nd years and twice per month for the 3rd and 4th years. Monthly therapist and employer reports are to be provided for the entire probationary period. The Respondent 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. The Summary Suspension will stay in place until the Memorandum of Decision is signed. The motion passed with all in favor.

Lunch 1:35 PM – 2:15 PM

LISA ACUFF, RN, 065411

HEARING

This hearing convened at 2:35 PM and was held in Executive Session. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney David Baram was present to represent Ms. Acuff who was not in attendance. During the hearing Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to grant the Respondent's Motion to Vacate the Summary Suspension ordered on February 20, 2002. The motion passed unanimously. Rosemary Hathaway and Linda Sacheli recused themselves in this matter following the oral argument on the motion to lift the summary suspension and left for the day at 3:30 PM. This hearing will be continued to a date to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 3:55 PM. The motion passed with all in favor.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 17, 2002 at the Newington Town Hall, Council Chambers, 131 Cedar Street, Newington, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Joan Dobbins, RN
Rosemary Hathaway, RN *via telephone 9:35 AM*
Joyce Hunt, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member *via telephone 9:36 AM*

ALSO PRESENT: Eileen Meskill, Assistant Attorney General
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed the students from the University of Hartford.

PREHEARING REVIEW – DEBORA ROTH, RN, 064574

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Debora Roth. Ms. Roth was present with counsel, Attorney Richard Tynan. The recommendation of the Board Members present was that this case be dismissed.

PREHEARING REVIEW - LISA MAHNER, LPN, 028024

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Lisa Mahner. Ms. Mahner was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray who was present for Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. It was the recommendation of the Board Members present that Ms. Mahner be offered a Consent Order with a four-year probation with usual requirements for employer/therapy reports and random drug/alcohol screens.

PREHEARING REVIEW – DEBORAH PALMER, LPN, 027817

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Deborah Palmer. Ms. Palmer was not present and was not represented by counsel. It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that based on the information provided in the Prehearing Review packet they were unable to make a recommendation. The Department will attempt to obtain additional information and then resubmit the Prehearing Review for Board review.

PREHEARING REVIEW – JENNIFER SMITH, RN, E55404

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Jennifer Smith. Ms. Smith was not present and was not represented by counsel. It was the recommendation of the Board Members present that Ms. Smith be offered a Consent Order with probation through February, 2003 with the usual requirements for employer/therapy reports and random drug/alcohol screens and no working with nursing pools.

PREHEARING REVIEW – CHIARA BICA, LPN, 027704

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Chiara Bica. The Respondent was present with Attorney Joanne Sheehan. It was the recommendation of the Board Members present that this case be dismissed with a suggestion to the Respondent that she on her own update her skills and knowledge regarding diabetes and Insulin therapy.

The following cases were voted upon with Rosemary Hathaway and John Titsworth available via telephone.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – SUSANNE HOLLY, RN, 064896

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Susanne Holly. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Holly was present without representation. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Interim Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SHERRI LOUNSBURY, RN, E43457

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Sherri Lounsbury. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Lounsbury was present without representation. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with Patricia Casey, Linda Sacheli, and John Titsworth in favor and Chair Bafundo and Rosemary Hathaway opposed. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling a hearing for July 17, 2002.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ROBIN YARROW, LPN, 022548

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Robin Yarrow. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Yarrow was present without representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Casey seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 1, 2002 at 11:30 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ELIZABETH CURTIN, RN, E37270

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Elizabeth Curtin. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Curtin was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey 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 Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 1, 2002 at 11:30 AM.

CONSENT ORDER – NANCY JANUSKA, LPN, 018322

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Nancy Januska. Ms. Januska was not present and did not have representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Casey seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Casey seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 9:45 AM. The motion passed with all in favor.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 1, 2002 at the Newington Town Hall, 131 Cedar Street, Council Chambers, Newington, Connecticut.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Eileen Meskill, Assistant Attorney General
Wendy Furniss, Public Health Services Manager, Health Systems Regulation
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Donna Canalis, RN Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, Health Systems Regulation
Alejandro Rodriguez, License & Applications Specialist
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Joelle Newton, 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.

NCSBN FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Bafundo recently attended the NCSBN Finance Committee meeting in Chicago. Discussion of NURSYS data base – verification has a fee in almost all states although not in Connecticut. Good disaster recovery in place for the system. Reporting to HIPDB electronic renewal would have a second fee attached (would still allow people to renew by paper also).

CRNAs AND FEDERAL DEA NUMBER

Joan Dobbins discussed a letter regarding Federal DEA numbers and whether they are needed by CRNAs. The U.S. Department of Justice stated that Federal DEA numbers are not required if CRNA is practicing in an institutional setting. Leo Roberge, Drug Control Director, informed and concurs; Connecticut Controlled Substance Registration will still be required, however.

The Board has developed the following chart addressing these issues.

<i>If the APRN prescribes:</i>	<i>State controlled substance registration required</i>	<i>Federal DEA number required</i>
Non-controlled substances only	NO	NO
Controlled substances in a hospital setting only <i>and</i> the hospital has granted subscript authority under the hospital DEA number	YES	NO
Controlled substances in all other settings	YES	YES

NURSING SPECTRUM

Chair Bafundo did a presentation regarding Re-Entry into Practice and Continued Competency.

VINAL TECH

Chair Bafundo spoke at Vinal Tech to faculty retreat.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – LIZETTE CONNORS – LAPSED 1997

The Board reviewed the reinstatement request for Ms. Connors. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that Ms. Connors participate in a Board approved refresher program with a clinical and theoretical component along with a letter of warning for practicing without a license. The Board strongly cautions against any nurse working without a license.

STATISTICS – WEB PAGE

The Board is still waiting for their own Web Page. We have been told the Department is working on this issue for all Boards and they will be done simultaneously.

RN/LPN GRADUATE NURSE LETTER

The following is the letter that is sent out to graduate nurses requesting what they can do while awaiting licensure.

In response to your questions re: graduate nurses' (RN or LPN prepared graduates) functions under temporary permits, Section 20-101 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, I provide you with the following information as developed by the Board of Examiners for Nursing.

The following supervisory contingencies are to be in place. The graduate nurse:

- May not be considered as staff to meet the Public Health Code requirements.
- Cannot accept charge responsibilities.
- Must be the second nurse on a nursing care unit.
- Must be under the immediate supervision of a registered nurse (on the same unit).
- May transcribe medication orders if the following criteria are met:
 - a) Policies and Procedures are in place.
 - b) An organized staff development program which includes skill validation has been successfully completed; and transcription is co-signed by a registered nurse.
- May administer medications once competency has been validated with the facility (under the supervision of a registered nurse who is on the same unit).
- May not take verbal orders.

Co-signing of controlled substances proof of use sheets by a licensed nurse is not required. This response is not a Declaratory Ruling, nor is it binding on any party. The Board will not be precluded from adjudicating the issue in a contested case forum should the necessity arise.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

This discussion will be placed on the June 5, 2002 agenda.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Chair Bafundo is awaiting a letter from the Deans and Directors. This will be placed on the June 5, 2002 agenda for discussion.

COLLEAGUES IN CARING ANNUAL MEETING

This meeting will be held on May 20, 2002 at the Connecticut Hospital Association.

ANNUAL NCSBN DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Chair Bafundo asked if there were any volunteers to attend the Annual NCSBN Meeting in Long Beach, California. Contracts for reimbursement must be approved by the Department.

GOODWIN COLLEGE – FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mark Scheinberg, President, and Ann Clark, Vice President of Academic Affairs, were present for this discussion regarding a Part-Time Evening Program at Goodwin College in East Hartford, Connecticut. A new building has been purchased for classroom and laboratory space. They have funds to expand the library and they have internet capabilities and subscriptions. The Board questioned whether the part-time evening program will “articulate” with the other programs. Goodwin College also has a “PCT” Program and will admit individuals only, not “blocks of slots” reserved for 1199 members.

DECISION-MAKING MODEL

The Board reviewed and approved the Decision-Making Model. This will be distributed to nursing organizations and groups. The Connecticut Nurses’ Association will include in its Handbook for APRNs.

MEDICAL PROTOCOLS

Liz Bowden also had information regarding home care protocols. Narrowing questions for members of the Connecticut Hospital Association to respond to medications in particular. What are the constructs for Board to ensure that nurses are within their scope in implementing protocols (v. an institutions desire “to use”). Physician-ordering protocols, knowing fully what is in protocols? For individual patient? Is a protocol a substitute for a physician order or does the physician need to order the protocol? Dose Ranges – for example, pain medications, are acceptable under certain circumstances. How do LPNs, PCAs fit into protocols? Liz will look for good examples, with parameters for reporting untoward symptoms, etc. Both a detailed protocol and a broader “clinical pathway” with a menu of treatment options. How protocols are actually used is the key (hospital policy for example). Hospital surveyors – how do they look at dose ranges of meds? Someone said “no”.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JUDY GAWRONSKI, RN, E49717

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Judy Gawronski. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Gawronski was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MICHAEL MORELLI, RN, E56209

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Michael Morelli. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Morelli was not present and was not represented. 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 May 15, 2002 at 9:00 AM.

CONSENT ORDER – ANTHONY CRUZ, LPN, 022945

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Consent Order for Anthony Cruz. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order which is a revocation of Mr. Cruz' license effective immediately.

Break 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM

ROBIN YARROW, LPN, 022548

HEARING

The hearing convened at 1:05 PM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Yarrow was not present and was not represented. There was no oral testimony provided. The hearing concluded at 1:12 PM.

FACT FINDING

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

REMEDY

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

ADJOURNMENT

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 1:15 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 15, 2002 at the Legislative Office Building, Second Floor Conference Room 2A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Joan Dobbins, RN
Rosemary Hathaway, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick Kwanashie, Assistant Attorney General
Lynn Rioux, Paralegal, Attorney General's Office
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Tony Vanacore, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – TONI ROUSSE, RN, 063254

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Toni Rouse. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. The Respondent was not present and was not represented by counsel. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – MARIA CASSELLI, LPN, 024084

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Maria Casselli. The Respondent was not present and was not represented. Patricia Casey moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – LINDA TURRILL, LPN, 013195

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Linda Turrill. The Respondent was present without representation. 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.

PREHEARING REVIEW – MARY SHANNON McGUIRE, LPN, 021586

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. McGuire. The Respondent was present with counsel, Attorney Kevin Ferry. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. McGuire's license be placed on probation for two years with monthly employer reports.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – SUSAN MOLNAR, RN, E48099

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Ms. Molnar who voluntarily surrendered her registered nurse license on May 9, 2002. This will be deferred to the June 5, 2002 meeting.

MICHAEL MORELLI, RN, E56209

HEARING

The hearing convened at 9:35 AM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley was present for the Department. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Morelli was present with counsel, Attorney Theodore Wurz. Testimony was provided by Michelle Moss, RN, and the Respondent. The hearing concluded at 10:33 AM.

FACT FINDING

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

REMEDY

Patricia Casey moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Respondent's license be placed on probation for four years with monthly therapist and employer reports, drug/alcohol screen reports monthly for the 1st and 3rd years and twice per month for the 2nd and 4th years. The Respondent is not to have access to the narcotic keys nor be allowed to administer controlled substances for twelve months upon his return to work as a nurse. The Summary Suspension will remain effective until the Memorandum of Decision is signed. The motion passed with all in favor.

YVONNE GRAHAM, RN, R31125

HEARING

The hearing convened at 11:02 AM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley was present representing the Department. Ms. Graham was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by the Respondent. The hearing concluded at 11:45 AM.

FACT FINDING

Patricia Casey moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Respondent's license be placed on probation for four years with monthly therapist and employer reports, the usual employment restrictions, and drug/alcohol screen reports monthly for the 1st and 3rd years of probation and twice per month for the 2nd and 4th years. The Respondent 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. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Sacheli moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 11:53 AM. The motion passed unanimously.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 5, 2002 at the Legislative Office Building, Conference Room 2A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Rosemary Hathaway, RN (*left 10:00 AM – available via phone at 11:15 AM*)
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Patricia Casey, APRN (*available via phone at 11:15 AM*)
Joan Dobbins, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Michael McKenna, Assistant Attorney General
Wendy Furniss, Public Health Services Manager, Health Systems Regulation
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Donna Canalis, RN Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, Health Systems Regulation
Alejandro Rodriguez, License & Applications Specialist
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 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
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, Public Health Hearing Office
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND WELCOMING OF STUDENTS

The Board Members introduced themselves to the audience and welcomed the students from Saint Joseph College.

OPEN FORUM

Susan McGinnis, Executive Director of the Connecticut League for Nursing, apprised the Board that CLN and Charter Oak College are presently working on a Web-based refresher program with a clinical component for Licensed Practical Nurses. This program is scheduled to begin during the fall semester after Board approval is received.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bafundo updated the Board on the Nurse Intervention Bill.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additional agenda items. Due to the lack of a quorum the Board will reorder the agenda items as they proceed.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Donna Canalis apprised the Board that there were 37 scope of practice calls received during the month of May. The majority of calls were related to LPNs and IV Therapy, LPNs working in a physician's office without the supervision of a Registered Nurse, Medical Assistants dispensing medications, and what Graduate Nurses can and cannot do until they are licensed in the state.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Mary Schuler, Director of the A. D. Nursing Program at Norwalk Community Technical College. Dr. Schuler will provide the Board with the guidelines for Medical Assistants which is a program offered at Norwalk Community Technical College.

LEGISLATION/REGULATIONS

Wendy Furniss apprised the Board of Public Act 02-41 An Act Concerning Collaborative Practice Between Physicians and Pharmacists. One or more pharmacists licensed under CGS Chapter 400j, who are determined eligible in accordance with subsection (c) of this section, and employed by a hospital may enter into a written protocol-based collaborative drug therapy management agreement with one or more physicians licensed under CGS Chapter 370 to manage the drug therapy of individual patients receiving inpatient services in a hospital licensed under CGS 368v in accordance with subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of this section and subject to the approval of the hospital. Each patient's collaborative drug therapy management shall be governed by a written protocol specific to that patient established by the treating physician in consultation with the pharmacist. This Act was approved May 6, 2002 and is due for implementation October 1, 2002.

Chair Bafundo apprised the Board Members about the data base and work force analysis.

NURSING SCHOOL REGULATIONS

This discussion will be deferred to a later date.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

The Annual Meeting of the NCSBN will be held in August in Long Beach, California. Chair Bafundo and Linda Sacheli are awaiting information from the Department as to registration and travel.

The NCSBN welcomes two more states to the Nurse Licensure Compact – Indiana and Tennessee. This brings the total to 18 states that have currently enacted the model legislation providing for participation in the Compact. Other states in the Compact include: Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin.

PNEP ISSUES – KAYNOR TECH - MOVE UPDATE

Maureen Rabito, Department Head, E. C. Goodwin PNE Program, was present to discuss the Kaynor Tech temporary move, the Three Semester Program, the Part-Time Evening Program, and the new Conceptual Framework to the Board.

The PNE Program at W. F. Kaynor Vocational-Technical School in Waterbury will be temporarily housed at Naugatuck Valley Community College, Founders Hall, while Kaynor undergoes a major renovation construction project. The program will have access to a large room that will accommodate the nursing laboratory, computer area, and library. There is a small office for faculty and a small storage area for equipment. The program will be allowed to use a classroom in the area for Theory. This arrangement will allow the entire program to be at Naugatuck for this period of construction. It is expected that the move will occur in July, 2002 and the incoming class of 2004 will begin at this location in August.

PNEP ISSUES – THREE SEMESTER PROGRAM

The next incoming class of the Vocational-Technical School System, Practical Nurse Education Program, will be three semesters in length. The dates are as follows: Semester I: August 29, 2002 through January 20, 2003; Semester II: January 21, 2003 through June 17, 2003; Semester III: August 28, 2003 to January 16, 2004. There are 126 Theory days (756) hours, 123 Clinical days (799.5 hours), and 21 Experiential Activity days (126 hours).

PNEP ISSUES – PART-TIME EVENING SESSIONS

The part-time evening PNEP sessions at Vinal Technical School are scheduled to begin August 29, 2002. The dates are as follows: Semester I: August 29, 2002 through March 20, 2003; Semester II: March 24, 2003 through November 21, 2003; Semester III: November 24, 2003 through July 22, 2004. The Theory day is from 3:30 PM to 9:30 PM and the Clinical day is from 3:30 PM to 10:00 PM. All other requirements are the same as the day sessions.

The Board has concerns regarding the NCLEX scores. There will need to be a separate coding for the Vinal evening PNE Program to differentiate between the day and evening programs.

PNEP ISSUES – CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

The Board was provided with the new Conceptual Framework which is in response to a recommendation made during a site survey visit. The framework is in closer alignment with the program philosophy and objectives.

Rosemary Hathaway left the meeting at this time and will be available via telephone for the disciplinary portion of this meeting.

NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE/GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE COLLABORATION

Dr. Mary Schuler, Director of Nursing and Allied Health at Norwalk Community College, was present to discuss a satellite program of Norwalk's Associate Degree Nursing Program at Gateway Community College in New Haven. Dr. Schuler assured the Board that there would be no major changes in the curriculum and in the faculty involved in the program and that they would be reporting directly to Dr. Schuler. The Board advised Dr. Schuler that they need to review the curriculum, the student to faculty ratios, the entire course outline and how it was going to be taught, the resources available to them, contracts for faculty and clinical sites, the adjunct faculty needed, and the evaluation tools. The Board was concerned that there would be enough resources to support the additional 24 students. Dr. Schuler said she would provide this information at once and the Board would review the documentation at the June 19th meeting at 8:45 AM.

The satellite program will be in the process of applying for licensure and accreditations from appropriate agencies so that Gateway anticipates having a freestanding associate degree program by 2004.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – NANCY HENRY, RN, E40777

The Board reviewed the reinstatement request for Ms. Henry. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Ms. Henry provide the Board with a Board approved plan to update her theoretical and clinical nursing skills. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – SUSAN MOLNAR, RN, E48099

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Ms. Molnar. Linda Sacheli moved and John Titsworth seconded that this Motion be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – BARBARA HOWARD, RN, E36080

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension. Ms. Howard was present. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to deny this Motion. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Rosemary Hathaway who abstained.

PREHEARING REVIEW – DORCAS MILLER, RN, E25257

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Dorcas Miller. The Respondent was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Leonhardt. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this case be dismissed.

PREHEARING REVIEW – DEBORAH PALMER, LPN, 027817

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Palmer. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this case be tabled pending further documentation.

PREHEARING REVIEW – MARILYN PO, RN, R53097

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Marilyn Po. Ms. Po was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Leonhardt. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Po's license be placed on probation for two years with quarterly employer reports.

PREHEARING REVIEW – FRANCES SALWIERZ, RN, E50424

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Frances Salwierz. Ms. Salwierz was present without representation. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Salwierz' license be reprimanded.

PREHEARING REVIEW – BRENDA STEVENS, LPN, 024262

Documents were not provided to the Board prior to the meeting therefore this Prehearing Review will be deferred to the June 19th Board Meeting.

CONSENT ORDER – LISA MAHNER, LPN, 028024

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan provided the Board with a Consent Order for Lisa Mahner. Ms. Mahner was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Rosemary Hathaway seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order placing Ms. Mahner's license on probation for four years effective July 1, 2002.

CONSENT ORDER LANGUAGE

Kathleen Boulware provided the Board with new Consent Order language. This document will be reviewed at the June 19th Board Meeting. Ms. Boulware did apprise the Board that presently there are 110 nurses being monitored by the Department.

TERMINATION OF THERAPY – GLENDA LAWSON, RN, R56382

The Board reviewed documentation regarding Ms. Lawson's request to terminate therapy. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Lawson's request be denied. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

SAMARA DiMEOLA, LPN, 028116

Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision placing Ms. DiMeola's license on probation for one year along with a civil penalty and a psychiatric evaluation. The motion passed with all in favor and Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

MARTHA LANOUE, RN, R27532

John Titsworth moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Ms. Lanoue's license. The motion passed with all in favor and Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

Telephone contact with Patricia Casey and Rosemary Hathaway has concluded at this time. Board Members present for the hearing were Chair Bafundo, Linda Sacheli, and John Titsworth. All Board Members will be provided with a copy of the transcript and the exhibits. Fact Finding will take place at a later date.

HEARING – TONI ROUSSE, RN, 063254

The hearing convened at 12:50 PM. Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Rousse was not present and did not have representation. Exhibits were provided by the Department. The hearing concluded at 1:05 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

John Titsworth moved and Linda Sacheli seconded this meeting be adjourned at 1:05 PM. The motion passed with all in favor.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 19, 2002 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
Rosemary Hathaway, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya Feliciano, Attorney General
Wendy Furniss, Public Health Services Manager, Health Systems Regulation
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Alejandro Rodriguez, License & Applications Specialist
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
Jeffrey Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, Public Health Hearing Office
Tony Vanacore, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed the law students who are doing a summer internship at the Office of the Attorney General. There were no nursing students in the audience today.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The Board Members introduced themselves to the audience and Chair Bafundo welcomed everyone to the meeting.

NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE/GATEWAY COLLABORATION

Due to insufficient time to review documentation, this agenda item will be placed on the July 17th agenda at 8:45 AM.

DECISION-MAKING MODEL

Wendy Furniss provided the Board with the revised Decision-Making Model for review and discussion. The Board thanked Wendy for the excellent work and all her time and effort spent in completing this document. This will be sent out to nursing agencies. This will also be provided to the Connecticut Nurses' Association and Licensed Practical Nurses' Association for possible publication in their upcoming newsletters.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – LAURA WICHMANN, LPN, E16496

Wendy Furniss presented the Board with a Reinstatement Request for Laura Wichmann. Ms. Wichmann was not present for this discussion. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Wichmann provide the Board with a plan to update her clinical and theoretical nursing skills at a Board approved program.

CONSENT ORDER LANGUAGE

The Board reviewed the draft Consent Order language provided by the Department. After discussion it was agreed that this item be tabled to the September 4th meeting.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KATHLEEN HEBERT, RN, E49146

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kathleen Hebert. Ms. Hebert was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins 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 October 16, 2002.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – TONI ROUSSE, RN, 063254

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Ms. Rousse. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded to grant this Motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – NOEL WHITMAN, RN, E45488

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Noel Whitman. The Respondent was not present as he is presently in a treatment facility and was not represented by counsel. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to accept this Interim Consent Order which suspends Mr. Whitman's license through October 16, 2002. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER - SUSAN WILLIAMS, RN, E52396

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Susan Williams. The Respondent was not present nor represented by counsel. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept this Interim Consent Order which suspends Ms. Williams' license through October 16, 2002. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW DONNA HENNESSEY, LPN, 025737

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Hennessey. Ms. Hennessey was present without representation. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Board's recommendation be a reprimand. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW – PATRICK SCANLON, LPN, 026675

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Patrick Scanlon. Mr. Scanlon was present without representation. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Board's recommendation be a reprimand. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – ANDREA BUTLER, RN, E46931

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Andrea Butler. Ms. Butler was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted placing Ms. Butler's license on probation for four years effective July 1, 2002. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – ELEANOR DiSABATO, RN, R14288

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Eleanor DiSabato. Ms. DiSabato was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Consent Order be accepted placing Ms. DiSabato's license on probation for four years effective July 1, 2002. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

Break 10 minutes

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – BARBARA DUNCAN, RN, E38082/APRN, 001068

This item will be deferred to the July 17th meeting.

PHYLLIS ROBINSON, LPN, 027827

HEARING

The hearing convened at 10:30 AM. Ms. Robinson was not present and did not have representation. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. This was the second hearing date for Ms. Robinson. Closing Remarks were provided by Attorney Newton. The hearing closed at 10:40 AM.

FACT FINDING

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

REMEDY

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

SHARON COOK, RN, E59090

HEARING

The hearing convened at 10:45 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Cook was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Testimony was provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, RN Nurse Consultant, Evelyn Bridges, LCSW, Sharon Cook, and Brian Cook, the Respondent's husband. There was a 10 minute recess in the testimony at 11:30 AM and the hearing concluded at 12:18 PM.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Respondent's license be placed on probation for one year with monthly therapist and employer reports, and random drug/alcohol screens twice per month. The motion passed with all in favor.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – DAVID LEMIEUX, RN, E44985

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for David Lemieux. Patricia Casey moved and John Titsworth seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision that Mr. Lemieux' license remain suspended for six months following the effective date of this Memorandum of Decision and is placed on concurrent probation until March 1, 2005. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision which becomes effective upon signature.

MARY MERCIER, LPN, 020035

HEARING

The hearing convened at 12:30 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Mercier was not present and did not have representation. The hearing concluded at 12:40 PM.

FACT FINDING

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

REMEDY

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

Lunch Recess 12:45 PM. Patricia Casey left at this time.

SANDRA NETTO, LPN 028194

HEARING

The hearing convened at 1:25 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present for the Department. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present for the Department. Ms. Netto was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Testimony was provided by Barry Gordon, Drug Control Agent, Lynn Keenan, RN, Ms. Netto's therapist, and Sandra Netto. The hearing closed at 2:45 PM.

FACT FINDING

Fact Finding will take place on July 17, 2002.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Sacheli moved and John Titsworth seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 2:50 PM. The motion passed with all in favor.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 26, 2002 at the Legislative Office Building, Second Floor Conference Room 2A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Rosemary Hathaway, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Peter Brown, Attorney General
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, Public Health Hearing Office
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

Chair Pro Tem Casey called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

HEARING - JACQUELINE MARSZALEK-PATCH, LPN, 019112

The hearing convened at 9:05 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present for the Department. Ms. Marszalek-Patch was present with counsel, Attorney Thomas W. Bucci. Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Dr. Jay Sutay. During Dr. Sutay's testimony the Board went into Executive Session and the room was cleared of all observers. Dr. Sutay's testimony continued. Attorney Swafford entered into evidence a video tape from the Boston's Children's Hospital. There was an objection by Attorney Bucci as he nor the Respondent had the opportunity to view this tape. It was the advice of Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown that Attorney Bucci and his client be allowed to view this tape. The room was cleared of everyone except Attorney Bucci and his client. After viewing the tape and counsel having the opportunity to discuss resolution of this case, counsel agreed in principle on the resolution of this case, which would require a revocation of the Respondent's license, comparable to a voluntary surrender. The Respondent would have the opportunity to reapply in the future, should she so desire. But at that time, without making any admissions, the information contained in the Department's file will be deemed to be proven after a full hearing. On the advice of Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown Attorney Bucci will be provided with a Consent Order for revocation from the Department. Attorney Bucci will have the Order signed by the Respondent and return it to the Department for presentation to the Board at the next meeting on July 17, 2002. The hearing was closed at 11:58 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

John Titsworth moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this meeting be adjourned at this time. The motion passed unanimously.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on July 17, 2002 at the Legislative Office Building, Second Floor Room 2A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Rosemary Hathaway, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick Kwanashie, Assistant Attorney General
Lynn Rioux, Paralegal, Office of the Attorney General
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Donna Canalis, RN Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
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Roberta Swafford, 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 9:20 AM.

CONSENT ORDER – JACQUELINE MARSZALEK-PATCH, LPN – 019112

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Marszalek-Patch. Attorney Thomas Bucci was present on behalf of the Respondent who was not present. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Nancy Bafundo who abstained. The Chair Pro Tem from the hearing, Patricia Casey, signed the Consent Order revoking Ms. Marszalek-Patch's license effectively immediately.

NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE/GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE COLLABORATION

Dr. Mary Schuler, Director of the A. D. Nursing Program at Norwalk Community College, Dr. John Fisher, Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Paul Susen, Acting Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Margaret Bauer, Dean of Learning at Gateway, Bernadette Sorget, Nursing Administrator at Yale-New Haven Hospital, Judy Catalano, Hospital of Saint Raphael, and Vickie Bozzutto, Director of Allied Health at Gateway Community College, were present for this discussion. Norwalk Community College has entered into an agreement with Gateway Community College beginning September, 2002.

Norwalk will provide associate degree nursing education to 24 students at Gateway. Faculty, curriculum will all be from Norwalk Community College. This will be a two-year agreement. Faculty ratios, budget, library, clinical sites under contract. Director of Nursing recently hired at Gateway. Mission statement, philosophy, cognate courses all identical to Norwalk Community College. Students would be graduates of Norwalk Community College. The Board did request a separate NCLEX Code in order to monitor results of graduates residing at Gateway. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this program be granted Conditional Approval. Dr. Schuler requested that she submit her self-evaluation report in March, 2003 instead of October, 2002. This was approved by the Board. Further reviews to be determined by the Board. Donna Canalis will make site visits to Gateway Community College, the Hospital of Saint Raphael, and Yale-New Haven Hospital in August, 2002.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – LESA LEVESQUE, LPN-019495

Alejandro Rodriguez-Santoni provided the Board with a reinstatement request for Ms. Levesque. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Ms. Levesque provide to the Board a plan to update her clinical and theoretical nursing skills. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – JANET KRUGER, RN-R35499

The Board reviewed the reinstatement hearing request from Ms. Kruger. After discussion during the morning session and then later in the afternoon session it was decided that this item be tabled and placed on the August agenda.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KAREN MUIR BRISSETTE, LPN-026434

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan provided the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Brissette. The Respondent was present without counsel. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. 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 this case for October 16, 2002.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - SAMUEL CALABRIA, LPN-028648

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville provided the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mr. Calabria. The Respondent was not present nor did he have representation. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling this case for hearing on August 21st. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – EWA JURZYK, RN-R52025

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan provided the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Jurzyk. The Respondent was not present nor did she have representation. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling this case for hearing on August 21st. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LORNA TORRES-LOWENSKI, LPN-013485

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Torres-Lowenski. The Respondent was present with Attorney Angelica Papastavros. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to deny this Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Board to add an additional of year of probation to the current Order. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 16, 2002.

PREHEARING REVIEW – NANCY TELESKA, LPN, 024425

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Telesca. The Respondent was not present nor was she represented by counsel. Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW – CHERYL VALLEE, RN-E56588, LPN-018720

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Vallee. Ms. Vallee was present without representation. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that both Ms. Vallee's licenses be placed on probation for two years with drug/alcohol screening twice per month, employer reports monthly, a civil penalty of \$500.00 payable within the first three months of probation, no independent work for the entire probationary period, and a medical evaluation within the first three months of her probation. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW – DEBORAH WELCH, RN, E53665

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Welch. Attorney Michael T. Kogut was present representing Ms. Welch who was also present. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Ms. Welch's license be placed on probation for one year, with quarterly employer reports, and a civil penalty of \$2,000.00. The motion passed with all in favor.

Break 10:30 AM – 10:40 AM

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – BARBARA DUNCAN, RN-E38082, APRN-001068

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Ms. Duncan. Attorney Martha Murray was present with Ms. Duncan. 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 – WILLIAM McCONE, RN, E59595

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Mr. McCone. Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellet was present with Mr. McCone. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

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

MAUREEN McCAFFERTY-MATTIA, RN, E50161

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.

LYNN SCHMELTER, RN, E4591113

Joyce Hunt moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

MARSHA WHEELER, RN, E36554

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

MICHAEL MORELLI, RN, R56209

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

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – BARBARA SENIOR, RN

Alejandro Rodriguez-Santoni presented the Board with a reinstatement request for Ms. Senior. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Ms. Senior provide the Board with a plan for a refresher program with a clinical and theory component. After successful completion of the refresher program Ms. Senior is to successfully complete the NCLEX-RN. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING – SANDRA NETTO, LPN, 028194

The Board reviewed the Statement of Charges. Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that Ms. Netto be found as charged on the first three charges, not found on the fourth as she took the medication for her husband not herself, found on the fifth, and on the sixth she was found on Section 20-99(b)(2). The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that Ms. Netto's license be placed on probation for two years with monthly employer reports, monthly therapist reports in order to deal with issues relating to diverting to her husband, and a civil penalty of \$250.00. The motion passed with all in favor.

Lunch Break 12:10 PM to 1:00 PM – Patricia Casey left for the day

HEARING – JUDY GAWRONSKI, RN, E49717

The hearing convened at 11:02 AM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Gawronski was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Testimony was provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, RNC, Department of Public Health, Judy Gawronski, Dave Kether, Ms. Gawronski's therapist, Mary Ryan, RN, Ms. Gawronski's supervisor, Margaret Hulboj, and Martha Murray, Esquire. The hearing concluded at 2:20 PM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding on this case will take place at a later date.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on August 21, 2002 at the Legislative Office Building, Second Floor Hearing Room 2A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Eileen Meskill, Assistant Attorney General
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Alejandro Rodriguez-Santoni, License & Applications Specialist
Janine Cordero, License & Examinations Assistant
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
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
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, Public Health Hearing Office
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

Chair Pro Tem Patricia Casey called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

PREHEARING REVIEW – ANNETTE HOLLOMAN, LPN, 027810

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Holloman. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that Ms. Holloman's license be placed on probation for one year with monthly employer reports and a reprimand.

HEARING – EWA JURZYK, RN, R52025

The hearing convened at 9:35 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Jurzyk was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Jurzyk. The hearing closed at 10:00 AM. Due to lack of a quorum fact finding will take place at a later date.

HEARING – SHARON McCLEAN, RN, E44285

The hearing convened at 10:08 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. McClean was present with counsel, Attorney Steven Errante. Testimony was provided by Ms. McClean. The hearing closed at 11:20 AM. Due to lack of a quorum fact finding will take place at a later date.

Break 11:20 AM – 11:30 AM

HEARING – ANN MARINO, RN, E28514

The hearing convened at 11:30 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Marino was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Testimony was provided by Ms. Marino and Jean Grela, RN, Department of Mental Retardation. The hearing closed at 1:28 PM. Joan Dobbins left for the day at 1:10 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 1:30 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 4th at the Legislative Office Building at 8:45 AM.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 4, 2002 at the Legislative Office Building, Second Floor Hearing Room 2-A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Rose McGovern, Assistant Attorney General
Wendy Furniss, Public Health Services Manager, Health Systems Regulation
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Donna Canalis, RN Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Bonnie Pinkerton, RN Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Alejandro Rodriguez, License & Applications Specialist
Janice Cordero, Licensing & Examinations Assistant
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 A. 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 9:05 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo recently attended a meeting at the Department of Public Health regarding perfusionist licensure.
- Chair Bafundo also attended a meeting at the Department of Public Health regarding goals and objectives and working with the nursing community.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

St. Vincent's College Faculty Education Waivers and New Interim Chair
Three Rivers Community College Faculty Education Waiver Extensions

SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE ADN CURRICULUM REVIEW

Goodwin College submitted their comprehensive plan for an Associate Degree Nursing Program for review. Mark Scheinberg, President, Ann Clark, Vice-President, and Lois Daniels, Nurse Consultant, were present for this discussion. The school initially will start off with a part-time program of 35 students. The target date for the first class is September, 2003 which would graduate in December, 2005. John Titsworth arrived during this discussion. The college has been offered the use of the library and lab facilities at Hartford Hospital, Saint Francis Hospital, and Manchester Memorial Hospital. Housing for the program would be at the main campus in East Hartford.

Suggested revisions follow:

Page 1	Change to meet new timelines.
Page 3	Discuss more in the area of prevention.
Page 20	Teaching responsibilities of the program administrator appear extensive and need to be addressed.
Page 29	How will interviews be completed and how will students be selected?
Page 30	Expand on advanced placement for LPN's. How many credits will be accepted?
Page 103	Revise qualifications of staff to meet regulations.
Page 106	Suggest writing another draft based on course objectives.

Revisions need to be made in the following areas:

- Budget
- Systematic evaluation (expand on specifics)
- Which laboratories will be used
- Lab inventory
- Available office space
- Library hours and accessibility
- Evaluations by students for clinical experience
- Evaluations by faculty for clinical experience
- Evaluations by clinical staff regarding nursing students

Implementation – timelines for contracts with clinical areas and laboratories.
Identify when employer surveys will be done (timeframe).
How will part-time students access the libraries?

The representatives of Goodwin College will return on December 18, 2002 for approval status.

Break 10:25 AM – 10:35 AM

LPN ON-LINE REFRESHER PROGRAM

Susan McGinnis, Executive Director of the Connecticut League for Nursing, presented the Board with an outline of the LPN Web-Based Refresher Program prepared in collaboration with Charter Oak College. The LPN Refresher Program consists of three modules with the first two modules being Web-Based and the third module being a supervised three-week clinical practicum in a cooperating hospital or long-term-care facility. The program is fully developed, the instructors have been hired, and the expected target date for the first class is November 4, 2002. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this program be approved. The motion passed with all in favor. For further information contact the Charter Oak College Distance Learning Office at 860-832-3837.

ST. VINCENT'S COLLEGE – INTERIM CHAIR

The Board reviewed the notification that Margo McCarthy was appointed Interim Chair of the nursing program at St. Vincent's College for one year. It was the unanimous decision of Board that Ms. McCarthy's qualifications do meet the requirements of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Nursing Education Programs and Licensure Requirements.

ST. VINCENT'S COLLEGE – FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed the request from St. Vincent's College for faculty education waivers. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to grant the waiver for the adjunct faculty positions for Holly Bashura and Barbara Glynn for one year. The motion passed with all in favor.

THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE – FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed the request from Three Rivers Community College for faculty education waivers. It was the unanimous decision of the Board to table this request pending further documentation. The Board will re-visit this request at the September 18th meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS

Donna Canalis reviewed the correspondence and statistics with the Board Members.

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 6, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of February 6, 2002. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 20, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of February 20, 2002. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – MARCH 6, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of March 6, 2002. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – MARCH 20, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of March 20, 2002. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – APRIL 3, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of April 3, 2002. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – APRIL 17, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of April 17, 2002. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – MAY 1, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of May 1, 2002. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – MAY 15, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of May 15, 2002. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – JUNE 5, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of June 5, 2002. Linda Sacheli moved and John Titsworth seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – JUNE 19, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of June 19, 2002. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – JUNE 26, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of June 26, 2002. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – JULY 17, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of July 17, 2002. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Donna Canalis attended this committee meeting in which they are working on revising the current regulations for schools. An issue discussed was who can carry Epi-Pens? Should it be coaches, teachers, bus drivers?

COLLEAGUES IN CARING

Colleagues in Caring ended their work in June, 2002. The League will be continuing on the work of the Practice and Education Task Force.

LEGISLATIVE/REGULATION UPDATE

Wendy Furniss updated the Board on the Department's upcoming agenda.

SCHOOL APPROVAL REGULATIONS UPDATE

Wendy Furniss discussed with the Board the two issues which are a problem. The first issue is the faculty to student ratio in state run programs and faculty credentialing in all programs. The Board will discuss these issues at a later date.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

Chair Bafundo apprised the Board of a call she received from the NCSBN Finance Committee on September 3, 2002 regarding the National Database.

NCLEX SCORES

Donna Canalis reviewed the NCLEX Scores with the Board. The Board will continue to watch the scores from the Henry Abbott PNE Program and Western Connecticut State University.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – MEDICAL PROTOCOLS

This item has been tabled and will be kept on the agenda for future discussion.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – FEMORAL SHEATH REMOVAL

This item has been tabled and will be kept on the agenda for future discussion.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – NCSBN WEB SITE – NURSE PRACTICE ACTS

Wendy Furniss discussed this with the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Connecticut is ready to proceed with this new endeavor by the NCSBN. Wendy Furniss will contact the NCSBN for further information. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – APRN CERTIFYING ORGANIZATIONS

This item was tabled and will be discussed at a later date.

REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS

MARIE JARDA, LPN, 020645

This reinstatement request will be tabled until the October 2, 2002 meeting.

GEORGETTE CENTORE, RN, E42626

This reinstatement request will be tabled until the October 2, 2002 meeting.

MAUREEN WITZMAN, RN, E48125

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

Alex Rodriguez will e-mail all out-of-state Board's of Nursing to find how other states handle refresher courses and lapsed licenses. This will be placed as an agenda item on the October 2, 2002 business agenda.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN CONSENT ORDER LANGUAGE

Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, provided the Board with Consent Order language changes requested by the Department. The Board tabled the discussion to the October 2, 2002 business meeting.

TERMINATION OF THERAPY – BRIAN BOUCHARD, RN

The Board reviewed the documentation presented to them from Bonnie Pinkerton, RNC, regarding the termination of therapy for Mr. Bouchard. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded this request for discussion. After discussion Joan Dobbins withdrew her motion with the approval of Patricia Casey. The Board felt that Mr. Bouchard still had issues which needed to be dealt with and he has only completed two years of his probation. A new motion was raised by Joyce Hunt, seconded by John Titsworth, to deny Mr. Bouchard's request for termination of therapy. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – REVOKED LICENSE 1989 – JANET KRUEGER, RN

Ms. Krueger has provided the Board with a packet of information requesting a hearing in order to reinstate her revoked nursing license. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that Ms. Krueger's request for a reinstatement hearing be denied.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SAMARA DiMEOLA, LPN, 028116

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. DiMeola. Ms. DiMeola was not present and was not represented. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and John Titsworth seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHRISTOPHER GRIGAITIS, LPN, 024600

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mr. Grigaitis. Mr. Grigaitis was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Linda Sacheli moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Casey who was opposed. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KATHLEEN HEBERT, RN, E49146

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Hebert. Ms. Hebert was not present although her counsel, Attorney Martha Murray was present on her behalf. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KATRINA HOWARD, LPN, 027561

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Howard. Ms. Howard was not present and was not represented. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Linda Sacheli 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.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – NANCY JENUSKA, LPN, 018322

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Jenuska. Ms. Jenuska was not present and was not represented. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and John Titsworth 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.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MICHAEL VALENTINO, LPN, 026679

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mr. Valentino. Mr. Valentino was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MAUREEN McCafferty-Mattia, RN, E50261

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. McCafferty-Mattia. Ms. McCafferty-Mattia was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli 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.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LAURIE SCHLUNTZ, RN, E51323

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Schluntz. Ms. Schluntz was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – HOLLY VONASEK, RN, E59098

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Ms. Vonasek. Ms. Vonasek was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Interim Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW – LISA WILD, LPN, -E24058

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Wild. Ms. Wild was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this case be brought to the Board as a Motion for Summary Suspension at the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – CAROL BAYNE, LPN, 011327

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Bayne. Ms. Bayne was present without representation. 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 – CHERYL ANN ESPOSITO, RN, E33857

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Esposito. Ms. Esposito was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. 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 – DONNA HENNESSEY, LPN, 025737

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

CONSENT ORDER – FRANCES SALWIERZ, RN, E50424

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Salwierz. Ms. Salwierz 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 Order.

CONSENT ORDER – PATRICK SCANLON, LPN, 026675

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Consent Order for Mr. Scanlon. Mr. Scanlon 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 Order.

CONSENT ORDER – LORNA TORRES-LOWENSKI, LPN, 013485

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Modification to Ms. Torres-Lowenski's Consent Order extending her probation for one year. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Consent Order Modification be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – DEBRA TROMBETTA, LPN, 017359

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Debra Trombetta. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Memorandum of Decision be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

FACT FINDING – JUDY GAWRONSKI, RN, E49717

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett, and Ms. Gawronski were present for this Fact Finding. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Respondent can be found on charges 1, 2, 3, and 4 as far as use of Morphine but cannot be found on abuse of used to excess, can be found on 6 and cannot be found on 7, 8, and 9. The motion passed with all in favor. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that there was doubt as to a positive screen. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that all charges be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE & COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE BETWEEN PHYSICIANS & PHARMACISTS

Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present for these discussions. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this discussion be held in Executive Session. The room was cleared of all observers. During the discussion John Titsworth left at 12:32 PM, Rosemary Hathaway left at 12:35 PM, Joyce Hunt left at 12:42 PM, and Armand Amendola left at 12:43 PM. Executive Session ended at 12:55 PM and it was the unanimous decision of the remaining Board Members to adjourn this meeting at this time.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 18, 2002 at the Legislative Office Building, Conference Room 2A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Armand Amendola, Public Member
Patricia Casey, APRN (Chair Pro Tem 10:30 AM)
Joan Dobbins, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Rosemary Hathaway, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Michael McKenna, Assistant Attorney General
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
Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
David Tilles, 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
Janice W. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

INTRODUCTION

Chair Bafundo welcomed everyone to the meeting and we had the introduction of the Board Members and staff.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed the students.

CONTINUANCE REQUEST – MAUREEN MCCAFFERTY-MATTIA, RN, E50261

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford approached the Board with a continuance request for Ms. Mattia. The Department would like a two week continuance as Ms. Mattia has agreed to sign a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit which will be presented at the October 2, 2002 meeting. The continuance was granted.

THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER REQUEST

Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that everything was in place and the waivers are granted for one year for Sue Turner and Maria Sparmer. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PAMELA DANKA, RN, E47641

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Danka. Ms. Danka was not present and was not represented. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna 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 Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 2, 2002 at 11:30 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LAURA KISATSKY, RN, E57105

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Kisatsky. Ms. Kisatsky was not present and was not represented. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna 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 Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 2, 2002 at 11:30 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LISA WILD, LPN, 024058

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Wild. Joyce Hunt arrived at this time. Ms. Wild was not present and was not represented. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna 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 unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 2, 2002 at 11:30 AM.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – LESLIE DITTMAR, RN, R35677

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Ms. Dittmar. Ms. Dittmar was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

SAMARA DiMEOLA, LPN, 028116

HEARING – PETITION NO. 2002-0710-011-030

The hearing convened at 9:15 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department. Ms. DiMeola was not present nor did she have representation. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, RNC, Department of Public Health. The hearing closed at 9:29 AM.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

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

HEARING – SAMARA DiMEOLA - PETITION NO. 2002-0208-011-004

The hearing convened at 9:30 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the case on behalf of the Department. Ms. DiMeola was not present nor did she have representation. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. There was no testimony provided. The hearing closed at 9:37 AM.

FACT FINDING

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

REMEDY

Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Department issue a Cease and Desist Order as the Respondent's license was revoked in the previous hearing today. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING - KATRINA HOWARD, LPN, 027561

The hearing convened at 9:43 AM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the case on behalf of the Department. Ms. Howard was not present nor did she have representation. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Newton presented the Board with a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded to grant the Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. The motion passed with all in favor. There was no testimony provided. The hearing closed at 9:46 AM.

FACT FINDING

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

REMEDY

Based on the evidence provided by the Department, Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Ms. Howard's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

LAURIE SCHLUNTZ, RN, E51323

The hearing convened at 9:50 AM. Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore was present on behalf of the Department. Ms. Schluntz was present without counsel. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Schluntz requested that she be granted a continuance to retain legal counsel. The Board granted the continuance request and the next available hearing date is January 15, 2003. The hearing closed at 9:53 AM.

MICHAEL VALENTINO, LPN, 026679

HEARING

The hearing convened at 9:55 AM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department. Mr. Valentino was not present and was not represented. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Newton presented the Board with a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant the Motion to Deem. This motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING

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

REMEDY

Based on the evidence presented by the Department, Patricia Casey moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the Respondent's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

BARBARA HOWARD, RN, E36080

HEARING

The hearing convened at 10:05 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present to represent the Department. Ms. Howard was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Ms. Howard, Carl Lacey, and Bonnie Pinkerton, RNC, Department of Public Health. Chair Bafundo left the meeting at 10:30 AM and appointed Patricia Casey as Chair Pro Tem for the remainder of the meeting. The hearing closed at 10:51 AM.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Respondent be found on all charges. She admitted to charges 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8 and she was found on charges 3, 4, 5, 9, and 10. The motion passed with all in favor except Armand Amendola and Joyce Hunt who were opposed.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Respondent's probation be extended for an additional year with biweekly urine screens. The motion passed with all in favor except Armand Amendola who was opposed.

SHERRI LOUNSBURY, RN, E43457

HEARING

The hearing convened at 11:11 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department. Ms. Lounsbury was present without counsel. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, RNC, Department of Public Health, Ms. Lounsbury, and Ms. Lounsbury's husband. The hearing closed as 11:50 AM.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and John Titsworth seconded that Ms. Lounsbury be found on paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4. There was insufficient evidence provided to find as charged on paragraphs 5 and 6. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Joyce Hunt moved and John Titsworth seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 11:55 AM. The motion passed unanimously.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 2, 2002 at the Legislative Office Building, Second Floor Hearing Room 2-A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Lahey, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, Health Systems Regulation
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Donna Canalis, RN Nurse Consultant, Health Systems Regulation
Alejandro Rodriguez, License & Applications Specialist
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, 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 9:10 AM.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

OPEN FORUM

Dede Dwyer, RNC, apprised the Board that she was now representing a newly established group called Recovering Nurse Community of Connecticut. The Mission Statement of this group is as follows: *We are a group of individuals whose purpose is to support and be a resource for nurses recovering from any addictive disorder. By acting as a liaison between the recovering nurse community and those public entities that impact a nurses' practice, we can best address the associated issues of public health and safety. We will diligently respect the anonymity of recovering nurses who chose to remain anonymous.*

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the University of Hartford.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

The Board will remove the discussion on Femoral Sheaths from today's agenda and it will be placed on the November agenda. The Board will reorder the agenda as they proceed.

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT FIVE YEAR PROGRAM REVIEW

Dr. Laura Dzurek, Dean of the Nursing Program at the University of Connecticut, was present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the report with Dr. Dzurek. Joan Dobbins arrived at 9:20 during the discussion. After discussion, Rosemary Hathaway moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this program be granted full approval. The motion passed with all in favor. Next program review will be October, 2007.

REINSTATEMENT ISSUES

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health, and Alejandro Rodriguez, License and Applications Specialist, were present for this discussion.

Mr. Rodriguez sent an e-mail to all out-of-state Boards of Nursing requesting information on what their current policies were in regard to reinstatement of registered and practical nurses whose licenses are expired and who are not currently employed in the nursing field.

The questions were as follows:

- 1. Do you require a candidate whose license is expired and who has been away from active practice to complete a refresher? If yes, please indicate the numbers of years away from active practice which would necessitate the completion of a refresher.*
- 2. Do you require a candidate whose license is expired and who has been away from active practice to retake the NCLEX? If yes, please indicate the number of years away from active practice which would necessitate the completion of the NCLEX.*
- 3. Do you require a candidate whose license is expired and who has been away from active practice to return to school to complete a new nursing program? If yes, please indicate the number of years away from active practice which would necessitate such re-education.*
- 4. If a candidate whose license is expired and who has been away from active practice holds current licensure in another state, what, if any, bearing does this have on the reinstatement process?*

Mr. Rodriguez received response from 36 states.

Question No. 1 – 19 states require a refresher course and 17 states said they do not require a refresher.

Out of the 19 states – 1 state requires a refresher after 3 years
4 states require a refresher after 4 years
8 states require a refresher after 5 years
1 state requires a refresher after 10 years

Out of the 17 states - 4 states require CEUs
1 state didn't require anything – contemplating requiring a refresher after 4 years
1 state recommends a refresher although it is not mandatory
1 state leaves the decision up to the applicant

Question No. 2 – 4 states said they do require repetition of NCLEX
2 states said it was an option for them

Presently the guidelines this Board uses for lapsed licenses after a period of three years is as follows:

If the license has been lapsed for:

- 3 or more years a refresher course is required
- 5 to 10 years a refresher course is required plus repetition of the NCLEX (*factor in a presence in nursing and if the nurse has been educated in the past 10-12 years they do not have to repeat the NCLEX*)
- Over 10 years repetition of a basic nursing course and NCLEX

Guidelines which the Board uses to make these determinations are as follows:

- the years the license has been lapsed
- the year of graduation
- the period of time out of the practice of nursing
- the number of years that the nurse did actively practice nursing
- the period of time when there were CEU reviews and volunteer work in nursing

Mr. Rodriguez will provide the Board with a chart of the responses for the 36 states that responded to the questionnaire. This will be placed on the November business agenda.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – MARIE JARDA, LPN, 020645 – LAPSED

Alejandro Rodriguez presented the Board with a reinstatement request for Ms. Jarda. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Jarda needs to provide the Board with a plan to complete a Board approved refresher program with both clinical and theoretical components followed by successful completion of the NCLEX-PN. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – GEORGETTE CENTORE, RN, E42626 – LAPSED

Alejandro Rodriguez presented the Board with a reinstatement request for Ms. Centore. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Centore needs to provide the Board with a plan to complete a Board approved refresher program with both clinical and theoretical components followed by successful completion of the NCLEX-RN. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – GABBI SMITH, LPN, 021736 – LAPSED

Alejandro Rodriguez presented the Board with a reinstatement request for Ms. Smith. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Smith needs to provide the Board with a plan to complete a Board approved refresher program with both clinical and theoretical components followed by successful completion of the NCLEX-PN. The motion passed with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Donna Canalis apprised the Board that there were 81 calls during September and schools are back in session which reflects the increase in calls.

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY UPDATE

Donna Canalis apprised the Board that she is awaiting a letter from Cheryl Carotenuti at the Department of Education with questions which need to be brought to the Board regarding school regulations.

LOAN FORGIVENESS

This discussion will be tabled to the December agenda.

Break 10:12 AM – 10:35 AM

LEGISLATION UPDATE

Jennifer Filippone provided the Board with an update on Legislation. The Board did request that Karen Buckley-Bates from the Office of Government Relations attend the November Board meeting to review the Department of Public Health Legislative Package, to discuss adverse reporting, and to discuss the bill regarding technical changes and the APRN.

MEETING WITH NURSING COMMUNITY

A meeting, chaired by Wendy Furniss, was held at the Department of Public Health on September 27, 2002. The meeting was to reidentify and reconnect where needs are and where nursing is going in Connecticut. The main topics discussed were: data collection, communication, school regulations, participation in NURSUS and working towards more participation with the NCSBN, and the need for ongoing discussions. There was a great exchange of ideas and issues and this group will meet on a quarterly basis.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

- The Delegate Assembly was supportive of the NCLEX being administered in foreign countries
- New vendor administering NCLEX. Formerly Sylvan and now NCS Pearson
- New NCLEX sites are Wethersfield and Wallingford at the Pearson Professional Testing Centers
- Chair Bafundo was reappointed to the NCSBN Finance Committee and will be attending a meeting in Chicago on November 25th and 26th

DEPT. OF EDUCATION – MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Medication Committee met on September 26, 2002. The purpose and agenda for this meeting was to review both the statutory proposals for the upcoming legislative session and the most recent version of the revised medication administration regulations. While the revisions are not complete, the subcommittee has made significant progress over the summer and welcomed everyone's comments and reviewed the draft regulations.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Chair Bafundo and Wendy Furniss attended the Connecticut Medical Examining Board Meeting (CMEB) on September 17, 2002 to discuss the role of medical assistants. The Nursing Board is concerned that medical assistants may be performing or may be requested to perform licensed functions such as medication administration and patient assessments. Medical assistants are not licensed or certified in Connecticut and are not regulated by the Department of Public Health (DPH). DPH has the authority to file charges against a licensee who delegates licensed functions to an unlicensed person. DPH can also seek a Cease & Desist Order for an unlicensed person who is performing licensed functions. The CMEB concurs with the Nursing Board that licensed functions should not be delegated to medical assistants. The CMEB will defer to the advice of the Office of the Attorney General as to whether a formal policy should be issued regarding this matter. DPH currently issues an advisory letter explaining the tasks which a medical assistant can and cannot perform.

CONSENT ORDER LANGUAGE

Kathy Boulware, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett, and Attorney Martha Murray were present for this discussion. After discussion, the revised language reads as follows: Respondent shall be responsible for notifying the laboratory, her therapist, the Board, the Department, and her prescribing practitioner of any drug(s) she is taking. For the prescription of a controlled substance(s) for more than two consecutive weeks, the respondent shall cause the provider prescribing controlled substance(s), to submit quarterly reports until such time as the controlled substance(s) are not prescribed by the provider, to the Board and the Department documenting the following:

1. a list of controlled substance(s) prescribed by this provider for the respondent;
2. a list of controlled substance(s) prescribed by other providers;
3. an evaluation of the respondent's need for the controlled substance;
4. an assessment of the respondent's continued need for the controlled substance(s).

SCHOOL ISSUES – NEW DEPARTMENT HEAD – KAYNOR PNE PROGRAM

The Board reviewed the credentials of Regina Wrenn. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that the credentials of Regina Wrenn meet the requirements of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies for Nursing Education Programs and Licensure Requirements for the position of Department Head.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CONNECTICUT ARTICULATION MODEL

This discussion will be deferred to the November agenda.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CASES TIME LINE

The following is a five-month review of substance abuse cases received by the Department.

<i>Month</i>	<i>No. of Cases Opened</i>	<i>Average number of days from opening to referral to Legal Office</i>	<i>Average number of days to resolution of case</i>
April 2002	11	2.6 days	96 days
May 2002	6	6 days. There was one outlier that required additional investigation time. The average of the other 5 cases was 3 days.	83 days
June 2002	4	4 days	90 days
July 2002	5	6 days. There was one outlier that required additional investigation time (17 days to referral). The other 5 cases were 3 days.	None completed at time of review
August 2002	10	4.9 days	None completed at time of review

The Board would like to know how many cases were received. Also, the Board would like to know the timeframe from when the case is received at the Department of Consumer Protection/Drug Control Division and when it is referred to the Department of Public Health. Kathy Boulware will contact Leo Roberge, Director of the Drug Control Division, and provide this information at the November Board meeting.

Break 11:15 AM – 11:30 AM

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARY HAGAN, RN, R56353

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Hagan. Ms. Hagan was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Paul Lahey 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. Chair Bafundo signed the Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 16, 2002 at 9:00 AM.

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE – KATHLEEN HEBERT, RN, E49146

After review of the documentation, Chair Bafundo granted the Respondent's request to consolidate Petition No. 2002-0521-010-042 and Petition No. 2002-0828-010-070. This hearing will be held on February 19, 2003.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW CHARGES, MAUREEN McCafferty-Mattia, RN, E50261

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges as Ms. McCafferty-Mattia has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept this Motion to Withdraw. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING - PAMELA DANKA, RN, E47641

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present to represent the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Paul Lahey was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Danka was present without representation. She stated that her attorney was unable to attend the hearing due to a prior court commitment. Ms. Danka therefore requested a continuance. Chair Bafundo asked her if she had returned her licenses to the Board Office. She stated that she had to discuss this with her attorney. The Board said they would grant her a continuance and that her licenses needed to be returned within four days. Again she said she would discuss this with her attorney. The hearing was continued to January 15, 2003.

HEARING - LISA WILD, LPN, 024958

The hearing convened at 11:42 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Paul Lahey was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Wild was not present and did not have representation. Attorney Wilan presented the Board with a Motion to Amend the Statement of Charges. The Board deferred ruling on this Motion to Amend as it was mailed to the Respondent the day before the hearing. The case will go forward as it presently exists. Testimony was provided by Maria Gosselin, RN Clinical Supervisor, Administrator of Staff Mates and Diane Cybulski, RNC, Department of Public Health. Attorney Wilan was instructed to furnish proof to the Board at the next hearing that Ms. Wild received the Motion to Amend the Statement of Charges which should be served by State Marshal. The second day of hearing will be scheduled for November 6, 2002 at 11:30 AM. The hearing closed at 1:00 PM at which time the meeting was adjourned.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 16, 2002 at the Legislative Office Building, Second Floor Hearing Room 2-A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Joan Dobbins, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Patricia Casey, APRN
Rosemary Hathaway, RN
Joyce Hunt, LPN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya Feliciano, Assistant Attorney General
Alejandro Rodriguez, License & Applications Specialist
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Stephen Miltimore, 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 A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, Public Health Hearing Office
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:25 AM.

HEARING - KAREN MUIR-BRISSETTE, LPN, 026434

The hearing convened at 9:25 AM. Ms. Muir-Brissette was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Testimony was provided by the Respondent. The hearing concluded at 10:00 AM. Due to lack of a quorum Fact Finding will take place at a later date.

HEARING - VALERIE MINICUCCI, RN, E60568

The hearing convened at 10:15 AM. Ms. Minicucci was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Lynn Keenan, RN, Ms. Minicucci, and Susan Nesklada, RN. The hearing concluded at 11:52 AM. 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 that were present that this meeting be adjourned at 11:55 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 6, 2002 at the Legislative Office Building, Second Floor Hearing Room 2-A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Patricia Casey, APRN
Rosemary Hathaway, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

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

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Lahey, Assistant Attorney General
Wendy H. Furniss, Director, Health Systems Regulation
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant
Donna Canalis, RN, Nurse Consultant
Karen Buckley-Bates, Government Relations
Nancy Nicolescu, Government Relations
Alejandro Rodriguez, License & Applications Specialist
Janine Cordero, Licensing & Examinations Assistant
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
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, 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.

There was an introduction of the Board Members and Staff and welcoming of the students.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo did a presentation at the University of Hartford for RN to BSN students regarding the Board of Examiners for Nursing and Scope of Practice issues
- Chair Bafundo will be attending a Nephrology Nurse Seminar on November 12th
- Chair Bafundo participated in a conference call with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Finance Committee
- Chair Bafundo extended greetings at the CNA Convention on behalf of the Board

OPEN FORUM

Pat Holloran from the Recovering Nurse Community of Connecticut (RNC2) apprised the Board that there are serious issues that have recently developed pertaining to nurses that are under COs or MODs. The first issue had to do with the fact that they received a letter dated October 21, 2002 apprising them of the fact that Clinical Lab Partners (CLP) would no longer accept or test forensic toxicology specimens effective October 29, 2002. Respondents were directed to make "immediate" arrangements to set up an account with Bendiner & Schlesinger of New York. There was no other choice of lab offered to the Respondents. RNC2 is requesting the granting of reasonable accommodations for all recovering nurses under COs and MODs which means the inclusion of other labs within Connecticut that could provide the level of testing required by DPH and collection sites numerous enough to allow the nurse to reach a site within thirty minutes.

INVESTIGATIVE PROCEDURES

Kathy Boulware recently spoke with Leo Roberge, Director of Drug Control, regarding their caseload for DPH cases. Drug Control presently is backlogged with cases although DPH cases are always expedited. When more information is received from Drug Control it will be presented to the Board.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Karen Buckley-Bates, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Public Health's Office of Government Relations, was present for this discussion. The Office of Government Relations tracks Legislative Proposals for the Department and bills which will have an impact on DPH. Their office is also heavily involved with the Quality and Health Care Advisory Committee. Ms. Buckley-Bates reviewed the Agency Legislative Proposal 2003 Session list with the Board which includes technical revisions to certain DPH licensing statutes. The Board thanked Karen for taking time out of her schedule to attend this meeting to keep the Board apprised of the legislative proposals. The Board would like Karen to attend the December 18th meeting before the 2003 Session.

REINSTATEMENT ISSUES

This discussion will be tabled to the December 18th meeting.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – SARAH BRODSKY, LPN, 017908

The Board reviewed Ms. Brodsky's request. Patricia Bouffard moved and Rosemary Hathaway seconded that Ms. Brodsky successfully complete a Board approved refresher program and successfully complete the NCLEX-PN. If Ms. Brodsky fails the NCLEX-PN she is to complete a basic nursing program. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – ELEANOR MATYASOVSKY, LPN, 024099

The Board reviewed Ms. Matyasovszky's request for a hearing to reinstate her revoked license. Attorney Diane Polan was present representing the Respondent. Patricia Casey moved and Rosemary Hathaway seconded that the hearing request be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing will be scheduled for April 16, 2003.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – MYRON TECHLOWEC, LPN, 022729

The Board reviewed Mr. Techlowec's request for a hearing to reinstate his revoked license. Ms. Techlowec was present for this discussion. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the hearing request be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing will be scheduled for April 16, 2003.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Donna Canalis reviewed the scope of practice calls received in the Board Office this past month.

John Titsworth arrived at 10:15 AM

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Medication Administration – Later tabled to the December 18th meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of September 4, 2002. Rosemary Hathaway moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of September 18, 2002. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained.

OCTOBER 2, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of October 2, 2002. Patricia Casey moved and Rosemary Hathaway seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained.

OCTOBER 16, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes of October 16, 2002. Chair Bafundo moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained.

SCHOOL APPROVAL REGULATIONS

The Board has had an opportunity to discuss issues of concern. Hopefully this will be moving soon toward a resolution. This will be placed on the agenda again for discussion at the December 18, 2002 meeting.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING - UPDATE

- Chair Bafundo has been reappointed to the Finance Committee and will be attending a meeting this month in Chicago.
- The NCSBN will be moving to a new location in February in Chicago.
- The quarterly reports for the third quarter exams will be late because of the transition from Chauncy to Pearson.

SCHOOL ISSUES – BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING SURVEY REVIEW

Hope Regan, Senior Vice-President and Director of the Nursing Program, along with Carol deBlois were present for this review. After discussion Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the program be granted full approval. The motion passed with all in favor. The next review will be in November, 2007.

SCHOOL ISSUES – ARTICULATION MODEL

Diantha McMorrow provided the Board with the history of the Connecticut Articulation Model for Nurse Educational Mobility. The Connecticut Model was implemented in 1992. In December 2001 Dr. Mary Rapson facilitated a workshop for the purpose of evaluating the existing Connecticut Model. The escrow model, which changes the focus from program to individual, was introduced. The escrow model provides for the students nursing transfer credits to be put in “escrow” until such time as prerequisite knowledge, skills and attitudes are evidenced by successful completion of the first nursing course. The 2002 revision of the Connecticut Model is based on the escrow concept. The only requirements are that the nurse be licensed in Connecticut and accepted by a school of nursing. All RN and LPN schools are now on board.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Wendy Furniss discussed this with the Board. Medical Assistants may not administer medication in Connecticut although their curricula teach this as there are other states which do allow medical assistants to administer medications. The Board is awaiting written advice from the Office of the Attorney General.

MEDICAL PROTOCOLS AND STANDING ORDERS

There was a group meeting held at the Connecticut Hospital Association and they are currently working on definitions.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – FEMORAL SHEATHS

This item will be tabled to the December 18th meeting.

REGULATORY ACTION REPORT

Dede Dwyer, from RNC2, apprised the Board that the Regulatory Action Report from October, 1999 through January, 1999 is back on the DPH Web Page with addresses and social security numbers of Respondents disciplined during that quarter. This was brought to the Board's attention on December 19, 2001 and the report was corrected. Somehow this information has resurfaced on the DPH Web Page. The Office of Health Communications will be contacted to correct the problem.

Break 10:40 AM – 11:05 AM during which time Rosemary Hathaway left for the day.

MONITORING ISSUES – TERMINATION OF THERAPY – GLENDA LAWSON, RN

The Board reviewed documentation provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, RNC, regarding Ms. Lawson's request for termination of therapy. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Lawson remain in therapy through the completion of the written Order. Termination of therapy or change in terms of the frequency of screens has been denied. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained.

FACT FINDING – EWA JURZYK, RN, R52025

Ms. Jurzyk was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Jurzyk be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Jurzyk's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual restrictions along with a psychiatric evaluation during the first six months of her probation. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained. The Board did make mention of the fact that at the time of the hearing Ms. Jurzyk did not have any recovery therapy in place.

FACT FINDING – ANN MARINO, RN, E28514

Ms. Marino was present with Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Casey moved and John Titsworth seconded that Ms. Marino could be found only on charges 1 through 4. There was insufficient evidence provided to prove charges 5 and 6. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained. Patricia Casey then moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained.

FACT FINDING – SHARON McCLEAN, RN, E44285

Patricia Casey moved and John Titsworth seconded that Ms. McClean be found on all charges. On charge 4A there was a discrepancy in the date but can still be found on this charge. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. McClean's license be placed on probation for one year with a civil penalty of \$200.00 and she very strongly needs a physical assessment course at a college level. If this is not available she should go the CEU route which would have to have a very strong physical assessment and would need to be approved by the Board.

Patricia Casey made a friendly amendment to her motion, seconded by Linda Sacheli, that Ms. McClean's license be placed on probation for two years, successfully complete NCLEX-RN during the first year of probation, monthly employer reports demonstrating competency and delegation, a civil penalty of \$1,000.00, and if she does not successfully complete the NCLEX-RN, this case is to be brought back to the Board immediately. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of John Titsworth who was opposed and Patricia Bouffard who abstained.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – TAMMY S. BARRON, RN, 067111

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw the Request for Summary Suspension. Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett was present representing Ms. Barron who was not present. Patricia Casey moved and John Titsworth seconded to accept this Motion as the Respondent and the Department are working towards negotiating a Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - ELEANOR DiSABATO, RN, R14288

The Board reviewed the Motion for Summary Suspension presented by Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore. Ms. DiSabato was present without counsel. Assistant Attorney General Paul Lahey was present to provide counsel to the Board. Although Ms. DiSabato is willing to sign a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit, Patricia Casey moved that the Summary Suspension needs to be in place. The motion was seconded by John Titsworth and passed with all in favor. The hearing is scheduled for November 20, 2002. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – THOMAS MILLER, RN, E54556

The Board reviewed the Motion for Summary Suspension presented by Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore. Mr. Miller was not present and was not represented. Assistant Attorney General Paul Lahey was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing is scheduled for November 20, 2002. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – STEPHEN MORAN, RN, E54906

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order (ICO) for Mr. Moran who was represented by Attorney Christopher Caldwell. Patricia Casey moved and John Titsworth seconded that this ICO be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – SUSAN S. WILLIAMS, RN, E52396

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Ms. Williams who was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this ICO be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – ANNETTE HOLLOMAN, LPN, 027810

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order (CO) for Ms. Holloman who was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this CO be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – PATRICIA LOPA, RN, R56598

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order (CO) for Ms. Lopa who was present although she did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved, Linda Sacheli seconded for discussion, that this CO be accepted. The motion failed as Nancy Bafundo, John Titsworth, and Linda Sacheli were opposed.

CONSENT ORDER - MARY SHANNON-McGUIRE, LPN, 021586

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order (CO) for Ms. Shannon-McGuire. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this CO be denied. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER - DEBORAH WELCH, RN, E53665

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order (CO) for Ms. Welch. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this CO be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the CO.

CONSENT ORDER – NOEL WHITMAN, RN, E45488

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order (CO) for Ms. Whitman. The Respondent was present without representation. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the CO be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained. Chair Bafundo signed the CO.

PREHEARING REVIEW - LISA MAHNER, LPN, 028024

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Mahner. The Respondent was present without representation. It was the recommendation of the Board that the existing Consent Order remain in effect as is.

PREHEARING REVIEW – JAMES RICHARDS, RN, 064564

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Mr. Richards. The Respondent was present with Attorney Joanne Sheehan. It was the recommendation of the Board that nothing can be done based on the information provided.

PREHEARING REVIEW - CYNTHIA SIPPERLY, LPN, 020182

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Sipperly. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. It was the recommendation of the Board that a letter of reprimand be issued.

PREHEARING REVIEW - BETH TERRY, LPN, 023748

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Terry. The Respondent was present with Attorney Joanne Sheehan. It was the recommendation of the Board that a letter of reprimand be issued.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

MARY MERCIER, LPN, 020035

Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Ms. Mercier's license. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained. Chair Bafundo signed the Memorandum of Decision.

YVONNE GRAHAM, RN, R31125

Linda Sacheli moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to place Ms. Graham's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained. Chair Bafundo signed the Memorandum of Decision.

PHYLLIS ROBINSON, LPN, 027827

John Titsworth moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Ms. Robinson's license. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained. Chair Bafundo signed the Memorandum of Decision.

HEARING – LISA WILD, LPN, 024058

The hearing convened at 12:35 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department. The Respondent was not present and is in a rehab facility. The State Marshal attempted delivery to the facility social worker who would neither confirm nor deny that Ms. Wild was an in-patient at the facility. Attorney Wilan will re-mail the Amended Statement of Charges certified and first class to Ms. Wild's address of record and the Board office will mail out the rescheduling notice for December 18, 2002 at 11:30 AM. The hearing closed at 12:42 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

John Titsworth moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 12:42 PM. The motion passed with all in favor.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 20, 2002 at the Legislative Office Building, Second Floor Hearing 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
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Rosemary Hathaway, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Michael McKenna, Assistant Attorney General
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant
Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Ellen M. Shanley, 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 9:05 AM.

There was an introduction of the Board Members and Staff and welcoming of the students.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LAURIE DAVIDSON, LPN, 024471

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Laurie Davidson. Ms. Davidson was present with Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Casey moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order scheduling the hearing for December 4, 2002.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – REBECCA RABINOWITZ, RN, 061781

The Board reviewed the Interim Consent Order (ICO) packet presented by David Tilles. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded to grant the ICO. The Order is effective immediately through March 19, 2003. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the ICO.

PREHEARING REVIEW – TAMMY BROWN, LPN 028868

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Brown. Patricia Casey recommended that this case be dismissed. This recommendation was seconded by Joan Dobbins and passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – PAMELA EDGECOMB, LPN, 023787

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Ms. Edgecomb. The Respondent was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order which places Ms. Edgecomb's license on probation for four years effective December 1, 2002.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – SUSAN JOY, RN, R45448

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Ms. Joy. The Respondent 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 with the modifications incorporated therein which places Ms. Joy's license on probation for four years effective December 1, 2002.

ELEANOR DiSABATO, RN, R14288

HEARING

The hearing convened at 9:44 AM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. DiSabato was not present and did not have representation. The hearing was continued to allow surrender documents to be submitted by the Respondent.

THOMAS MILLER, RN, E54556

HEARING

The hearing convened at 9:48 AM. Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore was present for the Department. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. Attorney Miltimore introduced an Amended Statement of Charges which was not accepted by the Board. The hearing closed at 10: AM.

FACT FINDING

Due to the fact that the Board did not receive a response from the Respondent regarding the Statement of Charges, Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the allegations be deemed admitted. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

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

HEARING - KEVIN OUELLETTE, LPN, 027701

The hearing convened at 10:05 AM. Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore was present for the Department. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. The hearing closed at 10:15 AM.

FACT FINDING

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

REMEDY

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

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY – FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER

The Board reviewed the packet of information received from Sacred Heart University. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the waiver for Eileen T. Yost be granted for the Spring 2003 semester. The motion passed with all in favor.

VALERIE MINICUCCI, RN, E60568

FACT FINDING

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

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the Respondent's license be placed on suspension until April 15, 2003 with current probation extended to June 15, 2006. The current requirements for drug/alcohol screens, and employer and therapist reports remain in effect. In addition there are to be quarterly reports from a psychiatrist confirming compliance with prescribed medication treatment. The motion passed with all in favor.

KAREN MUIR-BRISSETTE, LPN, 026434

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the current probation of license be extended for a period of one year through February 1, 2006. The motion passed with all in favor.

JENNIFER SMITH, RN, E55404

HEARING

The hearing convened at 10:54 AM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department. Ms. Smith was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Michael McKenna was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by the Respondent. The hearing closed at 12:16 PM.

FACT FINDING

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

REMEDY

Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Ms. Smith's license be placed on probation for two years. During this probationary period she is not to work in home care for an agency other than her current employer without prior approval from the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

John Titsworth moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 12:35 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on December 4, 2002 at the Legislative Office Building, Second Floor Hearing Room 2-A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Eileen Meskill, Assistant Attorney General
Kathleen Boulware, Supervising Nurse Consultant
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta A. 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
Chamagne LaRock, Court Reporter

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

There was an introduction of the Board Members and Staff and welcoming of the students from A. I. Prince PNE Program and Vinal PNE Program.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – BARBARA DALY, RN, E58640

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Barbara Daly. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Martha Murray represented Ms. Daly who was not present. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 18, 2002 at 11:30 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LINDA KASOWITZ, RN, E50284

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Linda Kasowitz. Assistant Attorney General Eileen Meskill was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Martha Murray was present representing Ms. Kasowitz who was present. Joyce Hunt and Rosemary Hathaway arrived during this discussion. Patricia Casey moved and John Titsworth seconded to grant this Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 18, 2002 at 11:30 AM.

PREHEARING REVIEW – KEVIN CORMIER, LPN, 025824

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Mr. Cormier. It was the recommendation of the Board that Mr. Cormier be placed on four years probation with the normal conditions paying close attention to the recommendations of his therapist. Mr. Cormier may remain at his present home health care employment. Any change of employment in the home health care setting must be preapproved by the Board. Mr. Cormier can work per diem at the hospital without prior approval.

PREHEARING REVIEW – PATRICE ELEVELD, RN, E43581

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Eleveld. Ms. Eleveld was present with Attorney Ellen Costello. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Eleveld's license be placed on probation for six months with a civil penalty of \$1,000.00 and monthly employer reports. The Department will review the employer reports and if there are work history problems this case will be brought to hearing.

PREHEARING REVIEW – MELISSA GIAMBRA, LPN, 018085

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Giambra. Ms. Giambra was present without counsel. It was the recommendation of the Board Members present that Ms. Giambra's license be placed on probation for one year with monthly employer reports and a civil penalty of \$500.00 payable within the first six months of probation. She is not to work in home care settings, no community care, although she may work in an institutional setting with supervision. Ms. Giambra needs to understand the role and responsibility of the Registered Nurse.

PREHEARING REVIEW – SHIRLEY PARAMORE, LPN, 027546

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Paramore. It was the recommendation of the Board Members present that based on the information presented this case should be dismissed.

PREHEARING REVIEW – PAULETTE CRONE-MORANGE, LPN, 021220

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Crone-Morange. It was the recommendation of the Board Members present that based on the information presented this case should be dismissed.

Break 10:00 AM – 10:25 AM

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – MARIA CASSELLI, LPN, 024084

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this motion be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – ELEANOR DiSABATO, RN, R14288

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that this motion be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – KERI WHITENACK, LPN,

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Casey seconded that this motion be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MARILYN PO, RN, R53097

HEARING

The hearing convened at 10:30 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present representing the Department. Ms. Po was present with Attorney Mary Alice Leonhardt. Assistant Attorneys General Eileen Meskill and Peter Brown were present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Glenna Rondeau, RN, and Marilyn Po, RN. The hearing recessed at 11:15 AM due to technical problems and resumed at 11:45 AM. The hearing concluded at 2:15 PM.

FACT FINDING

Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that Ms. Po be found on charges 1, 2, 3, 4, 5b, 5c, 6, and 7. She was not found on 5a due to insufficient evidence. The motion passed with all in favor.

REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Joyce Hunt seconded that the Respondent's license be placed on probation for two years with monthly employer reports. The motion passed with all in favor.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION – SANDRA NETTO, LPN, 028194

Jeffrey Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Sandra Netto. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision placing Ms. Netto's license on probation for two years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

Lunch Break 12:50 PM – 1:20 PM – Returning after lunch were Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown, Nancy Bafundo, Joan Dobbins, Joyce Hunt, and Rosemary Hathaway.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:16 PM Joan Dobbins moved to enter into Executive Session to confer with the Assistant Attorney General. The motion was seconded by Joyce Hunt and passed unanimously. Executive Session ended at 2:27 PM.

VASHTI SKYERS, RN, R28330

HEARING

The hearing began at 2:35 PM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Peter Brown was present to provide counsel to the Board. Vashti Skyers was not present although was represented by Attorney Cynthia Jennings. Testimony was provided by Marsha Mehmel, RN, from the Department of Public Health. Joyce Hunt and Joan Dobbins left for the day at 2:57 PM. Rosemary Hathaway left at 3:46 PM. The hearing closed at 3:55 PM. This hearing is continued to January 29, 2003 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut at 9:00 AM.

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 December 18, 2002 at the Legislative Office Building, Second Floor Hearing Room 2-A, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Wendy Furniss, Director, Health Systems Regulations
Donna Canalis, RNC, Health Systems Regulations
Valerie Bryan, Supervising Nurse Consultant
Alejandro Rodriguez, License and Applications Specialist
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
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta A. 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
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

There was an introduction of the Board Members and Staff and welcoming of the students.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo, Wendy Furniss, and Jennifer Filippone provided the Board with an overview of the Nursing Issues Work Group meeting.
- Chair Bafundo attended the NCSBN Finance Committee meeting in Chicago.
- Chair Bafundo attended a meeting at the University of Connecticut Avery Point regarding the potential for a Registered Nurse Program in the southeastern portion of the state.
- Chair Bafundo and Diantha McMorro attended a meeting in Washington to explore the possibility of Connecticut becoming the pilot state for a National Data Base.

GOODWIN COLLEGE ASSOCIATED DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM APPROVAL

Present for this discussion were Mark Scheinberg, President, Ann Clark, Vice-President, and Lois Daniels, Nursing Consultant. Goodwin College submitted their comprehensive plan for an Associate Degree Nursing Program for review on September 4, 2002. Suggested revisions requested on December 18, 2002 were as follows:

Pre-Nursing Program – Introduction to Nursing, Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy, and Physiology.

Board requests submission of faculty resumes for individuals teaching these courses.

Administrator will be supervising in clinical setting during one rotation.

This needs to be resubmitted. Board questions administrator being on clinical site and therefore not available for administrative responsibilities. Revisions should clarify who will be available at all times for administrative issues. In addition need to demonstrate adequate resources/instructors for all rotations (classes).

Admission criteria needs to be revised.

All students must be clear as to what is needed for admission to the ADN Program.

Objective criteria needed – what determines admission to the ADN Program?

- a) What tests will be used and how will they be ranked?
- b) What scores will be acceptable?
- c) Criteria must be measurable and objective.

Advanced Placements (Policy needs to be developed)

If LPN is accepted, standards need to be established.

Articulation process needs to be revised.

Course Objectives from section to section need to show integration, progression from beginning to completion. Course Objectives must build on each other and demonstrate a synthesis of learning.

The Board would like to see the curriculum laid out from semester to semester – suggestions Flow Chart.

Suggest using the NLN Systematic Evaluation Plan. Evaluations will be particularly difficult to do since the program will have three classes running concurrently.

Suggest updating meeting/evaluation time frames as submitted.

Address mentoring program.

Because Goodwin College will have three admission dates, three classes running concurrently, we will need three different NCLEX Codes in order to monitor.

Lab – Provide resources for persons who have had no previous clinical experience.

Lab inventory needed.

More videos needed (only have videos for CNA's and medical assistants).

Lab objectives need to be written.

Revise Number of Clinical Hours – Page 20 of binder to assure hours are accurate.

Budget – Resubmit so as to specifically delineate monies needed, monies available, and resources.

Number of administrator and faculty to student ratios difficult to see over time sequence – please revise.

Running concurrent classes – is faculty sufficient?

Need to demonstrate that ratios are maintained throughout.

The Board requests that an organized packet of material with all revisions be put in one binder for review.

Fragmentation by using various lab sites questionable

- i.e. Goodwin Clinical Lab
 - a) lab for CNA's
 - b) lab for Med Techs
 - c) lab for RN's
- St. Francis Lab

How will each be used? i.e. Location, Hours, Accessibility

Competency/Objectives that integrate the curriculum.

When can labs be used; weekend and/or after hours – who will be available to supervise?

What equipment etc. will be available in each lab?

Develop a sample clinical schedule for a student from beginning to completion of program.

On-site visit to be made prior to next meeting to observe labs, library, clinical site, conference rooms, space, classrooms.

Goodwin College will be placed on the February 5, 2003 agenda for program approval. Donna Canalis will do the site visit at Goodwin College and Saint Francis Hospital prior to the next meeting.

Break 10:28 AM – 10:46 AM

REINSTATEMENTS – LAPSED LICENSES

If the license has been lapsed for:

- 3 to 5 years, *and does not have an active license in another state*, a refresher course is required
- 5 to 10 years a refresher course is required plus repetition of the NCLEX
- Over 10 years repetition of a basic nursing course and NCLEX (take into consideration basic nursing education)

Guidelines which the Board uses to make these determinations are as follows:

- the years the license has been lapsed
- the year of graduation
- the period of time out of the practice of nursing
- the number of years that the nurse did actively practice nursing
- the period of time when there were CEU reviews and volunteer work in nursing

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – MARILYN KROM, RN, E49891- LAPSED LICENSE

Alejandro Rodriguez presented the Board with a reinstatement request for Marilyn Krom. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that Ms. Krom successfully complete a Board approved refresher program with both clinical and theory components. The motion passed unanimously.

FAREWELL

The Board publicly acknowledged and thanked Alejandro Rodriguez for the years of service he has provided to the Board of Examiners for Nursing. The Board was saddened to hear that Alex has been reassigned to the Office of Emergency Medical Services. Alex has worked with the Board on several issues over the past years including NCLEX and the nursing schools, National Council of State Boards of Nursing issues, and reinstatement issues just to name a few. The Board wishes Alex success in his future endeavors although he will definitely be missed by this Board.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – REVOKED LICENSE – RICHARD PEPE, RN, APRN

The Board reviewed the request of Richard Pepe requesting a reinstatement hearing for his RN and APRN licenses. It was the unanimous decision of the Board to grant Mr. Pepe's request. The hearing will be held on May 21, 2003.

SCHOOL ISSUES – BULLARD HAVENS PNEP REVIEW

Rita Lambert, Department Head, and Patricia Petrone, Consultant from the Department of Education, were present for this discussion. Recommendations from the survey visit of November 19 and 20, 1997 have all been addressed. The conceptual framework has been revised to meet the PNE Program objectives and is visible in the curriculum classroom presentation. This was observed by the surveyor during classroom lectures, clinical observations, and interviews with students. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the program be granted Full Approval. The motion passed with all in favor and the next scheduled review will be in December, 2007.

SCHOOL ISSUES – J. M. WRIGHT PNEP REVIEW

Mimi Wright Maher, Department Head, and Patricia Petrone, Consultant from the Department of Education, were present for this discussion. Recommendations from the survey visit of January 7, 1998 have been addressed, revised, and implemented. In addition the program was placed on Conditional Status September 6, 2001 for a 75% NCLEX score for the class of 2000. There was no graduating class of 2001. The class of 2002 had a NCLEX score of 100%. Patricia Bouffard moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the program be removed from Conditional Status and be granted Full Approval. The motion passed with all in favor and the next scheduled review will be in December, 2007.

DENTAL COMMISSION

The Connecticut State Dental Commission will hold a Declaratory Ruling proceeding of the following scope of practice issues and whether said procedures can be performed on the face and neck of patients by oral and maxillofacial surgeons licensed as dentists in the State of Connecticut:

- a) pulsed light removal of facial and body hair;
- b) carbon dioxide laser skin resurfacing and removal of skin lesions;
- c) acne treatment
- d) cosmetic surgical procedures to the face, including but not limited to lip augmentation, rhinoplasty, eyebrow and forehead lift and cheek implants; sleep apnea treatment; and
- e) liposuction.

The Board chose not to apply for party or intervenor status but did request that Jeffrey Kardys keep the Board apprised of the proceedings.

HOSPITAL AND SURGICAL CENTERS ADVERSE REPORTING

Wendy Furniss updated the Board on the adverse reports. To date the Department has received 115 reports of adverse events. Half of the reports need on-site investigation. The majority of the complaints are regarding surgeries or procedures and falls with injuries in facilities. The Board will be kept apprised on these reports.

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATION UPDATE

Wendy Furniss provided the Board with the following updates:

- The school regulations should be placed on the agenda of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee for the February 18th agenda.
- The outdated APRN Regulations have finally been repealed and they are off the books.

NURSING SHORTAGE DISCUSSION

It does not appear that federal funding is available for the Nurse Reinvestment Act for this year.

ONCOLOGY NURSING CERTIFICATION FOR APRNs

The Board reviewed ONCC's request for approval of its certification examination for advanced nursing practice status. Specifically, the Board approved only the Advanced Oncology Nursing Certification examination, as meeting the requirements for APRN licensure under Connecticut General Statutes Section 20-94a. This section of the Nurse Practice Act requires a Master's degree for nurses first certifying after December 31, 1994; these ONCC's Basic Oncology Examination is **not** approved for APRN licensure.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – FEMORAL SHEATHS

After discussion it was decided that this falls back to the Decision-Tree. This is for RNs only and cannot be delegated by the physician or the registered nurse to Medical Techs, LPNs, or unlicensed personnel. The RN must be trained, have the support of the institution which should have policies in place, and the vascular surgeon must be ready to handle complications.

SCHOOL ISSUES – LOAN FORGIVENESS

There is no funding available.

NCLEX SCORES

The Board reviewed the NCLEX Scores for the last quarter. Henry Abbott PNE Program has a 78.8% and is on Conditional Approval. Their next graduating class is January 2004.

NCSBN MOVE

The NCSBN is moving February 1st to the other side of the river to 111 East Wacker Drive.

NCSBN MEETINGS

Chair Bafundo will be attending the Mid Year Meeting in Savannah, Georgia in March and the Annual Meeting in Alexandria, Virginia.

Chair Bafundo updated the Board on the Finance Committee Meetings.

MINUTES – NOVEMBER 6, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes. Patricia Casey moved and Rosemary Hathaway seconded that the minutes be accepted as written.

MINUTES – NOVEMBER 20, 2002

The Board reviewed the minutes. Rosemary Hathaway moved and Patricia Casey seconded that the minutes be approved as written.

INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES

Wendy Furniss provided the Board with an update regarding the length of times it takes for a case to move through the Department of Consumer Protection and then on to the Department of Public Health. There seems to be a lot of confusion as to what facilities are to do about reporting to Drug Control. The Department will speak to Leo Roberge, Drug Control Director, to find out exactly what we can tell the public what they are to do.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Board reviewed the Code of Conduct from the New Mexico Board of Nursing which identifies standards of ethical conduct for members of their Board. The Board will review documents from other states also.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – HOLLY VONASEK, RN, E59098

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan provided the Board with a Second Interim Consent Order for Ms. Vonasek. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Second Interim Consent Order be granted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Rosemary Hathaway who was opposed.

CONSENT ORDER – TAMMY BARRON, RN, 067111

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Barron. Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellet was present along with Ms. Barron. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – LINDA KASOWITZ, RN, E50284

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Kasowitz. Attorney Martha Murray was present along with Ms. Kasowitz. Patricia Casey moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Rosemary Hathaway who was opposed.

CEASE & DESIST CONSENT ORDER – DEBORAH SHAW, UNLICENSED

Legal Office Attorney Stephen Miltimore presented the Board with a Cease & Desist Consent Order for Ms. Shaw. Patricia Casey moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

Lunch 12:09 PM – 1:00 PM

THIRD HEARING – LISA WILD, RN, 024958

The hearing convened at 12:50 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department. Ms. Wild was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved that the Board go into Executive Session to confer with the Assistant Attorney General at 1:08 PM. The motion was seconded by Linda Sacheli. Executive Session ended at 1:18 PM. Testimony was provided by Diane Cybulski, RN, Department of Public Health and also by Ms. Wild. The hearing closed at 2:53 PM. The fourth hearing will be held on February 5, 2003 at 11:30 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this hearing be adjourned at 3:00 PM.

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