

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 19, 2005 at the Hartford Hospital - Newington Campus, Curtis Building Amphitheater, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN

ALSO PRESENT: M. J. McCarthy, Assistant Attorney General
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH

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

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – SHARON BALCOM, RN, R49912

Stephen Carragher and Deborah Brown presented the Board with a Reinstatement Request for Sharon Balcom. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Balcom successfully complete a Board approved refresher program with both theoretical and clinical components. Also the Board requests further information as to the issue of Ms. Balcom working without a license.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – MIRIAM LINCOLN, RN, E42656

Stephen Carragher and Deborah Brown presented the Board with a Reinstatement Request for Miriam Lincoln. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Lincoln successfully complete a Board approved refresher program with both theoretical and clinical components.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – CHARLENE MOLL, RN, R42680

Stephen Carragher and Deborah Brown presented the Board with a Reinstatement Request for Charlene Moll. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Moll successfully complete a Board approved refresher program with both theoretical and clinical components and that she also successfully complete the NCLEX-RN.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – ALLISON SANTOPIETRO, RN, R46180

Stephen Carragher and Deborah Brown presented the Board with a Reinstatement Request for Allison Santopietro. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Santopietro successfully complete a Board approved refresher program with both theoretical and clinical components and that she also successfully complete the NCLEX-RN.

FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER REQUESTS – THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Board reviewed documentation received from Three Rivers Community College regarding four faculty education waiver requests. John Titsworth arrived at this time. The school presently has two faculty waived, Laurie Tinelle and Kathleen Rinkes, which were granted one-year waivers on August 18, 2004. There was no representation from the school at this meeting.

JOAN GRAHAM, BSN, RN

The documentation states that Ms. Graham has decided to matriculate into a Master of Science Program at Drexel University beginning this month. It does not state that she has matriculated into a masters program and there was no plan of study provided. Also the Board would like additional information regarding her clinical expertise. Based on the information provided the waiver request is denied at this time until the required information is provided.

HEATHER BADER, BSN, RN

The documentation provided states that Ms. Bader has shared her plans to matriculate at the University of Hartford in the Masters of Science in Nursing Education Program. The Board requests further information as to whether or not she is matriculated. Based on the information provided the waiver request is denied at this time until the required information is provided.

LAURIE MATNEY, RN

The documentation provided states that Ms. Matney is matriculating into the Masters in Nursing Program at the University of Connecticut this spring. Based on the information provided the Board did grant a one-year temporary waiver. The Board requests, as soon as possible, Ms. Matney's plan of study.

GAIL TURNER, RN

The documentation provided states that Ms. Turner is matriculating into the Masters in Nursing Program at the University of Connecticut this spring. Based on the information provided the Board did grant a one-year temporary waiver. The Board requests, as soon as possible, Ms. Turner's plan of study.

FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER REQUEST – ST. VINCENT'S COLLEGE

The Board reviewed documentation received from St. Vincent's College requesting a waiver for Elizabeth M. Armstrong for the position of adjunct clinical faculty. Ms. Armstrong has a BSN in Nursing and is presently a student in the Master of Science in nursing program at the University of Hartford expecting to complete the degree requirements by 2008. It was the unanimous decision of the Board to grant a one-year temporary waiver to Ms. Armstrong per Section 20-90-51(e) of the Nursing School Regulations.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – WILLIAM LaCOURSE, LPN, 013445

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for William LaCourse. Assistant Attorney General M. J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. LaCourse was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 2, 2005.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LAURA KISATSKY, RN, E57105

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Laura Kisatsky. Assistant Attorney General M. J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Kisatsky was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 2, 2005.

PREHEARING REVIEW – SHANNYNN CELLA, RN, 068921

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Shannynn Cella. The Respondent was present without representation. It was the recommendation of the Board that this case be dismissed.

PREHEARING REVIEW – CHRISTOPHER GRIGAITIS, LPN, 024600

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Christopher Grigaitis. The Respondent was present without representation. It was the recommendation of the Board that this case be returned as a Motion for Summary Suspension. The Board would also consider a Consent Order and did recommend to Mr. Grigaitis that he contact the Nurses for Nurses Support Group.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – KARA TAYLOR, RN, E49294

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Kara Taylor. Ms. Taylor was present with counsel, Attorney Louis Todisco. Joan Dobbins moved and Armand Amendola seconded that this Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board recommended a Consent Order with three months probation during which time Ms. Taylor shall attend and successfully complete (four) hours of remedial education in patient rights and reporting requirements of Connecticut General Statutes 17b-407, pre-approved by the Department. Within one month of the completion of such coursework, Respondent shall provide the Department with proof, to the Department's satisfaction, of the successful completion of such course(s).

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – NANCY APUZZO, RN, E42036

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Nancy Apuzzo. Ms. Apuzzo was present with counsel, Attorney Louis Todisco. Joan Dobbins moved and Armand Amendola seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – DONNA KRIKSCIUS, LPN, 025353

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Donna Krikscius. Ms. Krikscius was present without representation. Linda Sacheli moved and John titsworth seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – DONNA FLEMING DeGRAZIA, RN, E45605

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Donna Fleming DeGrazia. Ms. DeGrazia was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – MAUREEN QUIDGEON, RN, E49104

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Maureen Quidgeon. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Ms. Quidgeon's RN license. The motion passed with all in favor.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – MARSHA WHEELER, RN, E36554

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Marsha Wheeler. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Ms. Wheeler's RN license. The motion passed with all in favor.

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John Titsworth, Public Member

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

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant
Valerie Bryan, Supervising Nurse Consultant
Donna Canalis, RN Consultant
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Capitol Community College and the University of Hartford.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo attended a Finance Committee Meeting at the NCSBN in Chicago
- Chair Bafundo met with David Carlow from DMR regarding the process of looking at medication administration in group homes where they want to utilize the LPN to validate CNA medication administration
- Chair Bafundo participated in the NCSBN Executive Officer Teleconference
- Chair Bafundo participated in the Geriatric Seminar at the University of Hartford

OPEN FORUM

There were no issues brought up from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

There are no reinstatement requests for this meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES – EXCELSIOR COLLEGE

M. Bridget Nettleton, Dean of the School of Nursing at Excelsior College, was present for this discussion. The Board has been corresponding with Dean Nettleton regarding the following issues: clarification regarding the Applied Science Degree, where does the applicant pool come from, what are the types of “roles” for nursing, what has been the attrition rate of students in the applicant pool, what is the success rate of surgical techs and CNAs, why have some states rescinded or are considering rescinding the Excelsior Program for licensure in their specific state, what is the attrition rate in the Bachelor’s Degree Program, what is the NCLEX pass rate for the past five years, and clarification of how students are assisted in learning skills by family and friends, and what does the term “significant clinical backgrounds” refer to, is there a way of measuring “significant” and could the Board be provided with specific examples which would more accurately clarify these terms? Dean Nettleton and her colleague provided the Board with an excellent presentation which answered all of the above questions concerning their unique program. The Board thanked both Dean Nettleton and her colleague for taking the time out of their busy schedules to make the trip from Albany and for sharing their program goals with the Board.

LEGISLATION/REGULATION UPDATE

Valerie Bryan apprised the Board of Bills which might be of interest to the Board which may or may not be raised during this Legislative Session. These include the impaired nurse bill, improving the quality of care in chronic disease facilities, medical testing by respiratory therapists, whistleblower protection for health care employers, health insurance coverage, the med tech bill, Good Samaritan laws, expanding prescriptive authority, expediting licenses for military spouses, collaborative prescriptive authority for pharmacists, eliminating sales and use tax for acute care for profit hospitals, and school children carrying over the counter prepackaged medications in schools. The Board has concerns that they are not being kept informed of the latest activity on bills and when testimony is due, the time, place, etc., on upcoming legislative issues. This is yet another responsibility that was handled by the former Executive Officer.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

- The Mid Year Meeting will be held in March in Chicago
- The Executive Officer Retreat will be held in Fort Lauderdale in April
- Two more states now have multistate licensure
- Working on 100% compliance with all Boards of Nursing with Nursys
- Working with JACHO to be a site for verifications
- Working on foreign applicants to take NCLEX in designated sites outside the United States
- In agreement with NCSBN that APRN should have a valid RN license

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Valerie Bryan apprised the Board that she spoke with Cheryl Carotenuti at the Department of Education regarding medication administration in the school system. The regulation process is moving forward and should be available for internal review within the next few months. They are also moving forward with the standards for school nurses using the national standard.

SCHOOL ISSUES - PNE PROGRAMS – CLINICAL FACULTY COVERAGE

Naida Arcenas, Health Technology Consultant for the Vocational-Technical School System, was present for discussion regarding the content of the letter sent to Abigail Hughes of the Vo-Tech School System dated November 24, 2004.

At its November 3, 2004 meeting the BOEN learned that there were two Practical Nurse Education Programs (PNEP) whose Department Heads were providing full-time clinical coverage due to lack of substitute faculty. The clinical coverage began September, 2004 and the Department Heads were told that it would take four to six weeks before the needed faculty positions were filled. The students were beginning their acute care rotation, and the BOEN requested discussion in an effort to work jointly to facilitate a more timely response to the problems identified, before the students were impacted.

The schools identified were Eli Whitney Vocational Technical School in Hamden, and J. M. Wright Vocational Technical School in Stamford. Both Department Heads were present for this discussion.

The following discussions occurred:

Ms. Mary Ann Kennedy from the J. M. Wright PNEP reported that a replacement faculty member was hired January 3, 2005. During this time Ms. Kennedy did not receive managerial assistance. Staff members offered assistance and administrative work was done after hours.

Ms. Ann Simko from the Eli Whitney PNEP reported that a faculty member was hired August 13, 2004, however, she was lacking the proper qualifications. New interviews began October 25, 2004 and an individual was given a lateral transfer to begin January 21, 2005. However, due to personal problems, this individual did not begin employment. Interviews have now been scheduled for February 25, 2005. Ms. Simko has not received managerial assistance.

Ms. Arcenas reported that there is now a state hiring freeze, and the fact that impacts the hiring process for substitute faculty is the non-competitive salary which was recently increased to \$100.00 per day. Negotiation for the teacher's contracts will not occur until January, 2007. At this time the plan is to amend the salary to a competitive level. Additional problems include the lack of central personnel, the lack of timelines for hiring, and the fact that individuals are not schooled in the necessary hiring process. Advertisements do not get posted in a timely manner and resumes are not screened correctly.

The Affirmative Action process has changed and it takes one to two weeks to get a person approved. Secretarial support is a continuing problem since it is only approved for a ten-month period. Individuals leave or are pulled and the Department Heads must apply for secretarial support each year.

Ms. Arcenas is presently screening all resumes. There are thirteen applicants who meet the qualifications at this time however only six applicants are appropriate for the needed areas.

Ms. Arcenas is now developing a functional job description to obtain a durational position so an employee would get full pay and be available to substitute as needed. Different areas of advertisement have been requested by Ms. Arcenas as well.

In addition, site visits during 2004 elicited concerns from the BOEN due to lack of equipment, i.e. computers, mannequins in disrepair, limited space, lack of custodial service, and in one program desks sized for high school students are used by adult learners.

Ms. Arcenas notified the BOEN that her last day as Health Technology Consultant is February 3, 2005.

The Board is requesting immediate contact as to when a replacement for Ms. Arcenas will be forthcoming.

Given the significance of the deficits identified the Board may be required to rescind approval status of the Vocational-Technical Practical Nurse Education Programs unless there has been a change in the status.

Another letter will be sent to Abigail L. Hughes, Superintendent of the Vo-Tech School System with the above Board's concerns.

THREE RIVERS FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER REQUESTS

Linda Perfetto, Interim Director of Nursing and Allied Health at Three Rivers College, was present to provide the Board with the additional information requested from the January 19th Board Meeting. At that meeting two temporary waivers were granted for one year to Laurie Matney and Gail Turner. However, the Board did request a plan of study toward an MSN degree for each individual. At this meeting Linda Perfetto rescinded the request for the waiver for Laurie Matney and Gail Turner.

At the January 19th meeting the Board reviewed the resume for Joan Graham. The Board requested additional information regarding her clinical experience and information on her plan of study. The information was received although one letter was not signed. The one-year waiver for Joan Graham will be granted upon receipt of the signed documentation requested.

At the January 19th meeting the Board reviewed the resume for Heather Bader. The Board requested proof of matriculation toward an MSN degree. Once the Board receives proof of matriculation into the MSN Program on University of Hartford letterhead and the plan of study, the one-year waiver will be granted.

SCHOOL ISSUES - NURSE CREWS – FEASIBILITY STUDY

Emily Cruz, CEO/President, and Elaine Wozniak, RMA, were present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the documentation presented. The Board requested that the surveys submitted to various schools, long-term-care facilities, and one hospital be summarized and synthesized. The Feasibility Study must look at the demographics of the population to be served, the geography of the area (who will come to the program), and the suitability of having a program in this area. The Board suggested that Nurse Crews might benefit by obtaining information from other schools as to what their Feasibility Study included. Obtaining a consultant to assist in this area is also a possibility. After the discussion the Board requested that another report be submitted to the Board once completed.

SCHOOL ISSUES – HOWELL CHENEY PNEP REPORT

Barbara Linder, Department Head was present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the report of the Decennial Visitation May 3-6, 2004 as an addition to the evaluation review of November 8-9, 2004. The report was accepted.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SELF STUDY LPN REFRESHER PROGRAM WASHINGTON STATE

The Board reviewed the LPN Refresher Course curriculum and requested clarification of the following information.

- Page 2 – The refresher course was developed to meet the requirement of the law relating to nursing care for Washington State. The Board would like to know how they address the statutes for other states.
- Page 34 #4 – How is the nursing process addressed? Data collection vs. assessment which is done by the RN only. How is this clarified?
- Page 50 B. – “The student will develop one Nursing Care Plan.” Does the LPN actually develop the nursing care plan or do they contribute to the development of the care plan? Need clarification of the role of the LPN.
- Page 53 #19 – What are the legal obligations of nurses who believe co-workers are abusing drugs and/or alcohol?
- Page 57 #7 – The Board requests clarification of the LPNs role.
- Page 29 – Communication with other team members should be addressed in other areas of the curriculum. Page 29 is the only area where this is discussed.
- Page 3 #1 – The Board requests information as to what a Limited Educational License is. Is this a temporary license as addressed on Connecticut’s Web site?

It was the unanimous decision of the Board to re-review the curriculum once the above information has been clarified.

SCHOOL ISSUES – RN STUDENTS TO LPN PROGRAM

Katherine Pellerin, RN Nursing Board Member and Department Head of the Norwich PNE Program, initiated this discussion. At times there are students who have been pursuing nursing education to become a registered nurse and are not successful. The student may then elect to transfer into a practical nurse program as an alternative. It has led to a discussion that required clinical hours in a practical nurse program and a registered nurse program are different. The practical nurse program must evaluate the clinical hours of the student. The student must have 795 hours of clinical work in order to graduate without exception.

SCHOOL ISSUES – UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT – NCLEX RESULTS

Dr. Laura Dzurec, Dean and Professor of the Nursing Program at UConn, and John McNulty, faculty, were present for this discussion regarding the NCLEX results for the third quarter of 2004. Miscoding errors in the NCLEX-RN Licensing Examination Report for the BSN Program and the Masters Entry Into Nursing Certificate Program were found. Stephen Carragher, DPH Examinations and Licensure Section Supervisor, worked with Mr. McNulty, Instructor and Undergraduate Academic Advisor from UConn, to recode the two programs in an effort to determine the correct scores. The Board reviewed the report submitted. Passing rates have been achieved for both programs. The School of Nursing's plan of response for these lower than anticipated scores was submitted. The Board unanimously approved the plan of action and will continue to monitor the NCLEX scores for both programs.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – INQUIRIES DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2005

Donna Canalis discussed the inquiries received in the Board Office this past month.

A few requests came into the office requesting whether an individual can work as an LPN and an RN. The Board stated that the nurse has to be very clear as to his/her role and they cannot let the boundaries cross.

Another call was from an APRN licensed in women's health and wanted to know if she could accept a job in long-term-care. The APRN has to demonstrate that he/she has the knowledge and competence to do the job. The Board referred the nurse to the Board's Decision Making Model which is on the Board's Web Site.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – ADMINISTRATION OF BUPIVICAINE IN THE HOME BY RNs

The Board reviewed the documentation received in the mail regarding the administration of Bupivacaine in the home by RNs via Axillary or Epidural access catheters. In the June 6, 2001 Board Minutes the Board found that the administration of this drug was not within the scope of practice of RNs but within the scope of practice for CRNAs. The Board expressed concerns about the safety of this agent in the home care setting, as it may cause respiratory arrest as late as six hours following administration. The 2001 Board Minutes did not differentiate if this was pertaining to Intravenous administration or all routes of administration. Currently Bupivacaine is being administered in very dilute concentrations through Axillary and Epidural catheters and they would like to clarify the Board's standing on this.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST RE: APRN LICENSURE – FRANKLIN RECTOR, RN

The Board reviewed the written request of Franklin Rector regarding a reinstatement hearing for his APRN license. Mr. Rector was present with Attorney Scott Lewis. Joan Dobbins recused herself from this discussion. Chair Bafundo asked Mr. Rector if he had any objections to her participating in the discussion as he had worked at Hartford Hospital. Mr. Rector had no objection. It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that Mr. Rector be granted a hearing in an attempt to reinstate his APRN license. The hearing will be scheduled for July 20, 2005 at the Legislative Office Building.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – LAURA KISATSKY, RN, E57105

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. Ms. Kisatsky was not present nor did she have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor and Chair Bafundo signed the Motion.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHRISTOPHER GRIGAITIS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Christopher Grigaitis. Mr. Grigaitis was present without counsel. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Katherine Pellerin moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss legal issues with the Assistant Attorney General. The room was cleared of observers. After discussion Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to deny the Motion to Summary Suspension but to expedite the hearing. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing will be scheduled for February 16, 2005.

CONSENT ORDER – TERRI ALEXANDER-EPPS, RN, 064049

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Terri Alexander-Epps. Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that this Consent Order be denied and that this case be dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

Linda Sacheli left for the day.

HEARING – ALICIA STEINER, RN, 061988

The hearing convened at 1:27 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Steiner was not present and did not have representation. There was no testimony provided. The hearing closed at 1:36 PM.

FACT FINDING – REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and John Titsworth seconded that Ms. Steiner be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – PAMELA GAGE, APRN, RN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Pamela Gage. Joan Dobbins moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to place Ms. Gage's APRN and RN licenses on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously.

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Katherine Pellerin, RN
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John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya Feliciano, Assistant Attorney General
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Howell Cheney Practical Nurse Education Program, Capital Community Technical College, and the University of Connecticut.

THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE – FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER REQUEST

Linda Perfetto, Interim Dean of the Nursing Program, was present for this discussion. The Board received a letter from the University of Hartford and Heather Bader has not matriculated into an MSN program, therefore the requirements for granting a waiver pursuant to current regulations have not been met. The waiver for Heather Bader was denied. A waiver request for Laurie Matney was also presented to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Armand Amendola seconded that the temporary waiver be granted for one year. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – HELEN SATKUNAS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Helen Satkunas. Ms. Satkunas was present without counsel. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin 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 March 2, 2005 at 11:30 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DEBORAH LaBRIE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Deborah LaBrie. Ms. LaBrie was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with Chair Bafundo, Katherine Pellerin, and Linda Sacheli in favor and Joan Dobbins and Armand Amendola were opposed. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for March 2, 2005 at 11:30 AM.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – PATRICIA LOPA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Patricia Lopa. Ms. Lopa was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – MARTHA BLOOD, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Martha Blood. Ms. Blood was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin 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/CONSENT ORDER – WILLIAM HINES, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for William Hines. Mr. Hines was present without counsel. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – KRISTINA VANDEROEF, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Kristina Vanderoef. Ms. Vaneroef was not present and did not have representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – MICHAEL HASSELBACHER, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Michael Hasselbacher. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to place Mr. Hasselbacher's license on suspension for six months followed by four years probation. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

HEARING – CHRISTOPHER GRIGAITIS, LPN

The hearing convened at 10:15 AM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Grigaitis was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Christopher Grigaitis and Kory Groszyk, RN. The hearing concluded at 11:10 AM.

FACT FINDING/REMEDY

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

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the current probation pursuant to the June 18, 2003 Memorandum of Decision remain in effect with no further discipline. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – VALERY COVELLO, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:20 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Covello was present with counsel, Attorney Ellen Costello. Testimony was provided by Ms. Covello. The hearing concluded at 12:50 PM and was continued to April 6, 2005 at 11:30 AM for additional evidence from Respondent and closing remarks.

HEARINGS – WENDY OLDS, LPN

The hearing convened at 12:55 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Olds did not attend the hearing and did not have representation. The hearing concluded at 1:05 PM.

FACT FINDING/REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Olds be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Olds' license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on March 2, 2005 at the Hartford Hospital - Newington Campus, Curtis Building Amphitheater, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Armand Amendola, Public Member
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Rose McGovern, Assistant Attorney General
John Gadea, Director, Drug Control Division, DCP
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Valerie Bryan, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, RN Consultant, DPH
Nancy Nicolescu, Legislative Analyst, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Capitol Community College, Central Connecticut State University, Saint Joseph College, and the University of Hartford.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo attended the NCSBN Finance Committee Meeting in Chicago in February
- Chair Bafundo gave a presentation to nursing students at the University of Hartford
- Katherine Pellerin met with Drew Soltys, Department of Education Vo-Tech Systems, regarding the hiring of an instructor for the Eli Whitney PNEP Program. An instructor had been hired although they are not sure when she will be starting due to the state system
- Katherine Pellerin apprised the Board that the last entrance exam for PNEP was given last Saturday and the candidate pool for the exam was 4,000. There are only 400 student positions available for the next enrollment.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

- Naugatuck Valley Community College Waiver Extension
- John Gadea, Drug Control Division, Rapidity of Discipline Cases from DCP to DPH

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Nancy Nicolescu, Legislative Analyst from the Department of Public Health, was present for this discussion. Ms. Nicolescu provided the Board with a summary of the 2005 Legislative Session bills which are Board related.

House Bill 5807: An Act Concerning Physician Assistants Delegated Functions. The purpose of this bill is to give physician assistant's greater autonomy in implementing delegated functions.

House Bill 5814: An Act Expanding The Prescriptive Authority of Physicians Assistants. The purpose of this bill is to expand the prescriptive authority of physician's assistants.

The Board would like to go on record as opposing these bills. The Board feels strongly that this would expand the scope of practice for a physician assistant. The addition of prescribing authority for these additional drugs would require an independent assessment by the physician assistant. The Board believes that a physician's assistant license does not provide for this to be done.

House Bill 5823: An Act Concerning Licensure As An Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. The purpose of this bill is to reduce the licensing fees paid by APRNs.

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Board is opposed to this bill. The Board feels that an APRN should also be required to hold a license as an RN. The functions and scope of practice for each license are different and mutually exclusive. The current licensure fee as a RN is \$50.00 and not excessive or prohibitive. The motion pass unanimously.

House Bill 5831: An Act Concerning Retired Licensure for Nurses. The purpose of this bill is to allow retired nurses to practice nursing for monetary compensation.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board is opposed to this bill. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board has concerns that a nurse working for compensation should hold an active license. Without a license, there would be no oversight of the practice for that nurse. The Board further believes that when a nurse holds a license there are minimal standards under which the nurse must practice. Without this license there is no protection of the public.

House Bill 5839: An Act Requiring Hospitals to Provide Forensic Nursing or Sexual Assault Crisis Services. The purpose of this bill is to require hospitals to provide quality forensic nursing services to patients who have been assaulted.

The Board wishes to go on record in support of this bill. The addition of forensic nurses and/or sexual assault crisis services in a hospital setting will enhance the care and services patients receive. The collection of forensic evidence and the manner in which this evidence is collected will presumably be of a higher quality while providing the patient with supportive services.

House Bill 6301: An Act Concerning Dialysis Patient Care Technicians. The purpose of this bill is to permit dialysis patient care technicians to initiate and terminate dialysis while under the supervision of a RN who is experienced in dialysis care.

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Board is opposed to this bill. The Board feels very strongly that in an out-patient dialysis unit, a licensed RN is the health care provider who should be administering medications necessary to initiate and terminate dialysis treatments. Allowing a dialysis technician to perform this care is outside the scope of practice for a dialysis technician. The Board has great concerns that the safety of the public is placed at risk by this proposed legislation. The motion passed with all in favor.

House Bill 6585: An Act Establishing a Program For Impaired Nurses. The purpose of this bill is to establish a program for impaired nurses to intervene, evaluate, and treat nurses with substance abuse or certain other problems so they may return to treating patients.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board provide a letter to the Public Health Committee in support of this bill. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board supports improvements in the process for dealing with impaired nurses and is looking at the structure of this bill.

Senate Bill 305: An Act Concerning Good Samaritan Laws for Pro Bono Work by Retired Health Care Practitioners.

The Board wishes to go on record as opposed to this bill. The Board has concerns about a nurse who works without a license as there would be no oversight of that practice. The Board further believes that when a nurse holds a license there are minimal standards under which the nurse must practice. Without this license there is no protection of the public.

DISCIPLINE: DRUG CONTROL CASES

John Gadea, Director of the Drug Control Division of the Department of Consumer Protection, and Gerry DeStefano, Principal Agent, were present to discuss the timeliness of cases from Drug Control to the Department of Public Health. As is with all state agencies the Drug Control Division lost a considerable amount of workforce when the last retirement package was offered two years ago. Since that time only recently two agents have been hired and were put into the workforce. At DCP Consumer Complaints and Diversion Cases are top priority cases. There are some cases which could be sent over to DPH more quickly but DCP is waiting for further documentation on rehab reports, etc. John Gadea will discuss with Kathy Boulware of DPH to see if these cases can be sent over with a notation that amendments to the case will follow at a future date which will allow DPH to start the process on these cases at the Department. The Board congratulated John Gadea on his appointment as Director of the Drug Control Division of DCP and looks forward to working with him and his staff.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE DMR MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION RN DELEGATION TO LPNs

David Carlow, Director of Health & Clinical Services at DMR, was present for this discussion. The Board reviewed all the documentation with Mr. Carlow. The Board views this process as a monitoring and validation process, and the use of the checklist substantiates that this is a task delegated by the RN to the LPN. The Board made the following recommendations to be submitted to the Board. Once the revisions are made the Board will grant full approval: changes to the delegation protocol, selection process for LPN, identification of orientation time frames, form checklist - recommend changing “as the agency RN, I certify that the statements made “by” me be changed “to” me. When changes have been made Mr. Carlow will forward documentation to the Board for their review.

SCHOOL ISSUES: NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER EXTENSION

Joanne Ottman, Director of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, was present for this discussion. The school is requesting a one-year waiver extension for Oliver Clark who was granted a one-year waiver in March of 2004. Mr. Clark has completed 50% of studies toward his MSN degree. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that a one-year temporary waiver be granted to Mr. Clark. The motion passed with all in favor.

Break 10:20 AM – 10:30 AM

SCHOOL ISSUES: NEW ENGLAND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (NETI)

JoAnn Dean, NETI Program Administrator, and Ellen Capiello, Program Manager of the Shelton Program, were present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the waiver request for Susan Levine which was denied unanimously as she has not matriculated into an MSN program.

The Board reviewed the documentation from Lincoln Educational Services which notified the Board that New England Technical Institute was acquired by Lincoln Education Services on January 11, 2005. This is now the parent company of NETI with corporate offices in New Jersey. Paul Taub, Executive Director and Vice President of NETI has committed to remain with the school in his previous capacity. Mr. Taub reports directly to a corporate Vice President. Jo-Ann Dean, LPN Administrator has committed to remain with the school in her previous capacity as have all the Department Managers located at each campus. Ms. Dean will continue to report to Mr. Taub and the Department Managers will continue to report to Ms. Dean. The Board reviewed the Organizational Charts and requested a revised organizational chart to reflect consistency in the reporting outline to the Executive Director/Director of Education.

The regulations are silent on new ownership. Based on the information submitted the LPN Program will remain the same with no substantive changes. Due to the acquisition all employees were grandfathered in with each employee’s new hire date by Lincoln as January, 2005. According to the new school regulations, the four-year time limit for acquiring the MSN begins on the date of hire. NETI would like to know if this means that each of their employees that are pursuing the MSN has an additional four years? Also if their request for an extension is denied, does Ms. Levine have the ability to be hired by another nursing education program in Connecticut? The wording of the new regulations implies that an instructor could continue to change employment every four years and never obtain his/her MSN degree. The Board requests an informal opinion from the Office of the Attorney General regarding the language in the new nursing school regulations.

SCHOOL ISSUES: ST. VINCENT'S COLLEGE SELF-EVALUATION REPORT

Dr. Susan Abbe, Assistant Dean of Nursing and Allied Health, and Margo McCarthy, were present for this report. The Board reviewed the self-evaluation report. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that this report be accepted as meeting all Department of Public Health Regulations for the Registered Nursing Education Programs and the program be granted full approval. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES: ST. VINCENT'S COLLEGE REFRESHER PROGRAM APPROVAL

Virginia Stoeffel, Director of Continuing Education, was present for this report. The Board reviewed the report for the RN Refresher Course. The course will consist of 152 hours as follows: 28 theory hours and 28 skills hours which will be held at the St. Vincent's College and 96 clinical practicum which will be held at St. Vincent's Medical Center. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the program be granted full approval. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES: FEASIBILITY STUDY OUTLINE

The Board is going to work towards creating guidelines for new programs presenting their Feasibility Study to the Board. The Board suggested that a query be done through the NCSBN to see if other programs throughout the United States have a Feasibility Study Outline.

The Board also commented that they briefly looked at the recent report received from Porter and Chester and the report appears the same as presented in the past with only a few minor changes. The prior report presented by Porter and Chester was rejected by the Board. Donna Canalis will contact Jack Burke to discuss the Board's comments on the report.

SCHOOL ISSUES: LPN EVENING PROGRAM AND SEPARATE EXAM CODES

The Board requests that separate exam codes be given to the LPN evening programs. Donna Canalis will discuss the Board's request with Stephen Carragher.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE: ADMINISTRATION OF BUPIVICAINE IN HOME SETTING BY RNS

The Board reviewed the documentation received in the mail regarding the administration of Bupivacaine in the home by RNs via Axillary or Epidural access catheters. In the June 6, 2001 Board Minutes the Board found that the administration of this drug was not within the scope of practice of RNs but within the scope of practice for CRNAs. The Board expressed concerns about the safety of this agent in the home care setting, as it may cause respiratory arrest as late as six hours following administration. The 2001 Board Minutes did not differentiate if this was pertaining to Intravenous administration or all routes of administration. Currently Bupivacaine is being administered in very dilute concentrations through Axillary and Epidural catheters and they would like to clarify the Board's standing on this.

The Board discussed the axillary perineural Bupivacaine continuous infusion via catheter/pump in the home, monitored by RNs from a home infusion company.

Since the last meeting, the Board has been able to research some Anesthesiology literature on the subject. A few investigational trials are reported in Florida, North Carolina, Sweden, Belgium.

The articles discussed the efficacy, side effects, complications, and monitoring. While no life threatening complications occurred, they stated numerous complications *could* occur including respiratory arrest, seizures, diaphragmatic paralysis, Horner's syndrome, infection from indwelling but not implanted catheters, profound motor block with subsequent limb injury, pump failure or malfunction or tampering allowing an unintentional "bolus" of local anesthetic. The studies indicated that this was *not* a widely acceptable form of pain management, and that further study needed to be done.

None of the articles mentioned the role of the RN in the home monitoring the safety or efficacy of the pain devices. Interestingly, the authors all did patient and family (in Europe "Attendant") teaching of the side effects, complications and care of the catheters. The authors emphasized that they (the anesthesiologists that inserted the catheters) did follow up calls and remained responsible and available to the patients 24/7 via telephones and pagers for any and all problems or concerns. None of the studies had catheters infusing for more than 2-3 days.

The Board cannot find evidence in the current anesthesia literature supporting the widespread and safe use of in-home infusion of local anesthetics through axillary for acute post op pain catheters monitored by home care RNs. The Board does not believe the nurses can affirmatively meet our 'scope of practice' questions and cannot condone their involvement in this practice.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bafundo will be attending the Mid Year meeting in March and the Executive Officer meeting in April.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 6, 2004

Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that these minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 6, 2004

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that these minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – FAYETTE TREMALLO, RN, REVOKED 11-15-00

Ms. Tremallo was present. The Board reviewed the documentation provided. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the request for reinstatement hearing be denied. The Board requests further documentation of Ms. Tremallo's work history since the revocation and if she hasn't worked since the revocation the reason for this, what her plans are for the future, what type of work she would be interested in when she returns to work as a nurse, letter from her sponsor, reports from recent urine screens as urine screens presented to the Board were from 2002, and current letter from her therapist. Once this information is received Ms. Tremallo may reapply to the Board for a reinstatement hearing.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARK JABLONSKI, LPN, 025502

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mark Jablonski. Mr. Jablonski was not present and was not represented by counsel. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for March 16, 2005 at 9:00 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MELISSA BROCIOS, RN, 067817

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Melissa Brocious. Ms. Brocious was not present and did not have representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for March 16, 2005 at 9:00 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JUDITH CULLEN, RN, E41617

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Judith Cullen. Ms. Cullen was not present and did not have representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Armand Amendola seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for March 16, 2005 at 9:00 AM.

CONSENT ORDER – SANDRA LAURIA, RN, 070841

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Sandra Lauria. Ms. Lauria was with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – THOMAS HARRINGTON, RN, R51223

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Thomas Harrington. Mr. Harrington was present without counsel. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – MICHELE DORAN, LPN, 0247309

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Michele Doran. Ms. Doran was present without counsel. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

AUDREY HOWELL, LPN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Audrey Howell. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Howell's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

WENDY SEIFERT, RN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Wendy Seifert. Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Seifert's license. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Patricia Bouffard.

DONNA LONG, LPN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Donna Long. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Long's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor.

ANN HARRIS, LPN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Ann Harris. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to keep the existing Consent Order in place without any changes made. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – HELEN SATKUNAS, RN, E53220

The hearing convened at 11:50 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Satkunas was present without counsel. Testimony was provided by Ms. Satkunas. The Board took a lunch break from 12:30 PM to 1:06 PM. The testimony by Ms. Satkunas resumed. The hearing concluded at 1:45 PM.

FACT FINDING/REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Satkunas be found on the following charges: Count One paragraphs 1, 2, 3a as referring to the Percocet, 4 as referring to the Percocet, 5, 6a, 6b, and Count Two Ms. Satkunas can only be found on paragraphs 7 and 8. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Satkunas' license be placed on probation for four years with the usual terms, she is not to have access to the narcotic keys nor be allowed to administer controlled substances for the first year upon her return to work as a nurse, and the summary suspension remains in effect until the Memorandum of Decision is signed. During the first year of probation Ms. Satkunas is to successfully complete a medication administration course and a charting course. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Sacheli moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 2:00 PM. The motion passed with all in favor.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Sullivan, Assistant Attorney General
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the Norwich Practical Nurse Education Program, Saint Joseph College, Central CT State University, American International, and the University of Hartford.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – CLAUDIA MONTANO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Claudia Montano as Ms. Montano has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – VICKI HOLMES, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Vicki Holmes. Ms. Holmes was without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

PATRICIA NELSON, LPN

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Nelson's license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

LEANNE MONTAGANO BEVERIDGE, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Beveridge's license on probation for four years effective immediately. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

GINNETTE MAGRO, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Magro's license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

BARBARA SWAIN, LPN

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Swain's license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – JANET ROSELLE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Janet Roselle. Ms. Roselle was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – PATRICIA HARRISON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Patricia Harrison. Ms. Harrison was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order with the amendment that Nubain be screened for also. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

HEARING – MARK JABLONSKI, LPN

Due to lack of proof of service, this hearing has been rescheduled to April 6, 2005 at 11:30 AM.

HEARING – MELISSA BROCIIOUS, RN

The hearing convened at 9:40 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Michael Sullivan was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Brocious was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Scott Brocious and Melissa Brocious. The hearing concluded at 10:38 AM.

FACT FINDING/REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Respondent be found on all charges as Ms. Brocious admitted to all the charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Respondent's license be suspended through March 15, 2006 with concurrent probation, followed by four years probation with a psychiatric evaluation due 30 days prior to the end of the period of suspension with drug/alcohol screen reports twice per month for the entire probationary period. Monthly therapist and employer reports when working as a nurse and upon her return to work as a nurse Ms. Brocious is not to have access to the narcotic keys nor be allowed to administer controlled substances for twelve months. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING - JUDITH CULLEN, RN

The hearing convened at 10:56 AM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Michael Sullivan was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Cullen was present without representation. Ms. Cullen requested a continuance on the record because of a pending criminal matter. The request was granted and the hearing will be held on October 5, 2005 at 11:30 AM. The hearing concluded at 11:04 AM.

HEARING - DEBRA TROMBETTA, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:04 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Michael Sullivan was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Trombetta was without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Trombetta. The hearing concluded at 11:45 AM.

FACT FINDING/REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Trombetta be found on all charges as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this case be dismissed and the probation pursuant to the Memorandum of Decision of July 21, 2004 remain in effect and that the Summary Suspension be vacated immediately. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 11:55 AM. The motion passed unanimously.

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Katherine Pellerin, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: M.J. McCarthy, Assistant Attorney General
Valerie Bryan, Supervising Nurse Consultant
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Kaynor LPN Program, Capitol Community Technical College, Saint Joseph College, St. Vincent's College and the University of Hartford.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Congratulations to Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano-DeMattia on the birth of her baby girl
- Chair Bafundo attended the NCSBN Mid Year Meeting in Chicago
- Chair Bafundo attended a meeting at DPH regarding resources available for the Board was discussed
- Chair Bafundo presented at Geriatric Resources on nursing issues
- Chair Bafundo attended the University of Hartford for a nursing student presentation
- The Emergency Preparedness mailing for nurses has been sent out. Additional brochures were available today
- Patricia Bouffard attended the CT Allied Health Work Force Policy Board meeting. No new date has been scheduled for the next meeting.
- State Board of Education – Naugatuck Community College presentation by Patricia Bouffard

OPEN FORUM

- Introduction of Board Members
- The Board is tabling the Consent Order Language agenda item until the May 4, 2005 meeting. This will be discussed when Kathy Boulware is available to attend the meeting.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – JO ANNE CICCARELLI, LPN

Deborah Brown of the Department of Public Health presented the Board with a reinstatement request for Jo Anne Ciccarelli. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Ciccarelli repeat the basic LPN nursing course and successfully complete the NCLEX-PN examination.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – PATRICIA ERIKSON, RN

Deborah Brown of the Department of Public Health presented the Board with a reinstatement request for Patricia Erikson. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Erikson successfully complete a Board approved RN refresher program.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – JEANETTE HOGUE, RN

Deborah Brown of the Department of Public Health presented the Board with a reinstatement request for Jeanette Hogue. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Hogue repeat the basic RN nursing course and successfully complete the NCLEX-RN examination.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – PENNY MURPHY, RN

Deborah Brown of the Department of Public Health presented the Board with a reinstatement request for Penny Murphy. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Murphy successfully complete a Board approved RN refresher program followed by the successful completion of the NCLEX-RN examination.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – EILEEN PLUMB, RN

Deborah Brown of the Department of Public Health presented the Board with a reinstatement request for Eileen Plumb. The Board tabled this discussion until further information is received.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – KATHLEEN SHEA, LPN

Deborah Brown of the Department of Public Health presented the Board with a reinstatement request for Kathleen Shea. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Shea successfully complete a basic LPN nursing course followed by the successful completion of the NCLEX-PN examination.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NCLEX UPDATE

NCLEX is now being offered in foreign sites, England, South Korea, and Hong Kong. 16,000 students have signed up for the NCLEX and 60% took the NCLEX in Hong Kong. This is presently being reviewed by the states at this time.

CONSENT ORDER LANGUAGE

DPH is requesting that the following language be added to the Consent Order Template for standard of care violations. This would be an additional paragraph to the Consent Order. DPH feels this should be addressed. Again, this is only for standard of care cases, and not impairment cases.

“In the event respondent is not employed as a _____ for periods of thirty (30) consecutive days or longer, or is employed as a _____ less than twenty (20) hours per week, or is employed outside of the State of Connecticut, respondent shall notify the Department in writing. Such periods of time shall not be counted in reducing the probationary period covered by this Consent Order”.

The Board tabled the discussion regarding the above to the May 4, 2005 meeting.

SCHOOLS ISSUES – PORTER & CHESTER – NEW DIRECTOR & CURRICULUM PRESENTATION

Present for this discussion from Porter & Chester Institute were Jack Burke, Ray Clark, and Phyllis DelMastro. This LPN program proposal was last discussed in November of 2004. Since that time a new administrator for the program has been hired, Phyllis DelMastro. Donna Canalis explained the purpose of the Feasibility Study. Is there a need for this program in this area, is there a sufficient applicant pool, is there sufficient faculty, are there adequate clinical sites, and will the LPN graduates find jobs in this area? The Board reviewed the Feasibility Study presented, the curriculum was discussed, and areas of rework were reviewed. The plan is for Porter & Chester to revise and resubmit the Feasibility Study for approval. The curriculum may be submitted at this time however the Feasibility Study must be approved before the Board will move to review the entire curriculum. The plans submitted were much improved.

SCHOOL ISSUES: NCLEX SCORES

Chair Bafundo explained the NCLEX score process and what happens to a school that has less than an 80% pass rate. The pass rate for the University of Connecticut was 77.5%. Dr. Dzurec and Mr. McNulty from UConn attended the February 2, 2005 meeting and explained that the reason for the inaccurate pass rates was due to incorrect program coding with Pearson Vue. Mr. McNulty has worked with Stephen Carragher of DPH regarding this problem and the programs at UConn have the correct coding. Sacred Heart University had a 76.9% pass rate. Donna Canalis will speak with Dr. Dori Taylor Sullivan regarding an update on their plan of correction.

SCHOOL ISSUES – AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE – MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL

This program wants to use Johnson Memorial Hospital as a clinical site for students. The Board requested a copy of their self-study report which should include resumes of faculty and their accreditation status and a copy of their regulations.

LOAN FORGIVENESS

Deadline was March 18, 2005. Check Web Site <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/loanrepay.htm> to sign up for e-mail notification when the FY 2006 Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program application becomes available.

Break 10:40 AM – 10:50 AM

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Valerie Bryan presented the current update on legislation currently before the House and the Senate and answered questions. The Board is opposed to expanding scope of practice of dialysis techs, medication administration pilot program, and reducing RN oversight. The Board is also opposed to allowing paramedics who do not have a license (lapsed) to work as an EMT. The Board's written comments will be sent to the Legislature reflecting the Board's opinion.

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY UPDATE

Valerie Bryan spoke with Cheryl Carotenuti who reported that the school nurse qualifications are being worked on using a national model and will span from beginner to expert school nurses. The Medication Administration Program regulations continue to be reviewed.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

Chair Bafundo attended the NCSBN Mid Year Meeting which will included discussion of Executive Directors and Chair roles. Issues discussed were as follows:

1. Credentialing of nurses with fraudulent identifications, moving from state to state, changing their names and ID.
2. New Educational Director hired – looking at how well will new grads do over five years (RN, LPN). Also, APRN job analysis, multi-state license.
3. Information sharing of different issues facing each other will be shared.
4. David Swenk Citizen Advocacy Group presented information on keeping citizens safe.
5. Strategies for the NCSBN.
6. Financial issues approved which will permit two delegates to be funded to attend the NCSBN Delegate Assembly.
7. Networking with New England states, share resources.

Chair Bafundo will be also attending the NCSBN Executive Officer Meeting in Florida on April 20, 2005.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the following minutes.

NOVEMBER 17, 2004

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

DECEMBER 1, 2004

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

DECEMBER 15, 2004

Katherine Pellerin moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor.

JANUARY 19, 2005

Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor.

MARCH 2, 2005

Review of the March 2, 2005 minutes was tabled to the May 4, 2005 meeting.

MARCH 16, 2005

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – BRUCE TORRANT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Bruce Tarrant. Assistant Attorney General M. J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Tarrant was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. Patricia Bouffard and Joan Dobbins were in favor of Motion to Deny and Chair Bafundo and Katherine Pellerin were opposed therefore the motion failed. Joan Dobbins made a new motion, which was seconded by Patricia Bouffard, to table the Motion for Summary Suspension and that the Department should return with either an Interim Consent Order or Consent Order to present to the Board. The motion passed unanimously. .

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – REGINA ROSA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Gina Rosa. Assistant Attorney General M. J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Rosa was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 20, 2005

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SANDRA SCHUTTE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Sandra Schutte. Assistant Attorney General M. J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Schutte was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 20, 2005.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – REBEKAH WELLS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Rebekah Wells. Assistant Attorney General M. J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Wells was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 20, 2005.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – ELIZABETH GARCIA, LPN

Linda Fazzina presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Elizabeth Garcia. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to accept the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously and Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – DEBORAH MELLADY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to approve, the motion passed unanimously, and Chair Bafundo signed the Motion.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – WILLIAM DELGIUDICE, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for William DelGiudice. Mr. DelGiudice was not present although he was represented by counsel, Attorney Donald Leone. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

LILLIAN GRAHAM, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Graham's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

SUSANNE HOLLY, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Holly's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

MONITORING ISSUES – REQUEST TO TERMINATE THERAPY – KRISTINE ALEXANDER, RN

The Board reviewed Kristine Alexander's request to terminate therapy. Ms. Alexander was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Alexander's request be denied but would agree to a reduction in the frequency of therapy sessions and would welcome an opinion from another therapist as to whether ongoing therapy is necessary. The motion passed unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – JOAN YAW, RN

The Board reviewed the documentation provided by Joan Yaw to the Board Office. Ms. Yaw was not in attendance as she was out of town. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to deny the request for a reinstatement hearing as Ms. Yaw has not provided sufficient information in support of her request for reinstatement. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING MARK JABLONSKI, LPN

The hearing convened at 12:20 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General M.J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mark Jablonski was not present and did not have representation. There was no testimony provided. The hearing concluded at 12:40 PM.

FACT FINDING/REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Mr. Jablonski be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Mr. Jablonski's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 20, 2005 at the Hartford Hospital - Newington Campus, Curtis Building Amphitheater, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Joan Dobbins, RN, Chair Pro Tem
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN *via Telephone 10:35 AM – 11:00 AM*
Armand Amendola, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick Kwanashie, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Lynn Rioux, Paralegal Specialist, Office of the Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins welcomed students from Capital Community Technical College, the University of Connecticut, Three Rivers Community College, and Saint Joseph College.

HEARING – VALERY COVELLO, LPN

The hearing convened at 9:05 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Covello was present with counsel, Attorney Ellen Costello. CEU documentation will be sent in by Respondent to be marked at Exhibit F. The hearing concluded at 9:13 AM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place at a later date.

HEARING – RENEE SEGNAPELLI, LPN

The hearing convened at 9:15 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Segnatelli was not present and did not have representation. The Board went off the record at 9:20 AM as Ms. Segnatelli had called notifying the Board Office that she would be arriving late at which time the hearing will resume.

HEARING – MARY SUTTON HAGAN, RN

The hearing convened at 9:21 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Sutton Hagan was not present and did not have representation. The hearing concluded at 9:30 AM. The Respondent appeared after the hearing had concluded. Upon the advice of Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie, the hearing shall be reopened. After reviewing the hearing calendar, the hearing will be rescheduled for June 1, 2005 at 11:30 AM at the Department of Public Health Complex in the “470” building in Conference Room “C” by the cafeteria.

PREHEARING REVIEW – MAUREEN MCCAFFERTY-MATTIA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Maureen McCafferty-Mattia. Ms. McCafferty-Mattia was present without representation. After review of the documentation presented the Board recommended that this case be brought to hearing and will be scheduled for June 15, 2005 at the Legislative Office Building in Room 1-B.

HEARING – ELIZABETH CURTIN, RN

The hearing convened at 9:45 AM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Curtin was not present and did not have representation. The hearing concluded at 10:02 AM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place at a later date.

Linda Sacheli arrived at this time

Nancy Bafundo was available via telephone at 10:35 AM

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ERINN BIRNEY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Erinn Birney. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Birney was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 19, 2005.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KAREN CROSBY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Karen Crosby. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Crosby was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 19, 2005.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – CATHERINE PEASE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Catherine Pease. Ms. Pease was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order be denied as written. The motion passed with all in favor. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that language be added that Ms. Pease not work as a nurse supervisor for the duration of the probationary period. An Amended Consent Order will be sent to the Board Chair for signature when new documented is prepared. The motion passed unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER – ALAN LAWSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Reinstatement Consent Order for Alan Lawson. Mr. Lawson was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Reinstatement Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board needs more information regarding his AA participation.

Nancy Bafundo no longer available via telephone

CONTINUATION OF HEARING – RENEE SEGNAPELLI, LPN

The hearing reconvened at 11:05 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Segnatelli arrived without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Segnatelli. The hearing concluded at 11:45 AM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place at a later date.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 4, 2005 at the Hartford Hospital - Newington Campus, Curtis Building Amphitheater, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Armand Amendola, Public Member
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN *arrived 10:00 AM*
Brother Francis Smith, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant
Valerie Bryan, Supervising Nurse Consultant
Donna Canalis, RN Consultant
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

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

The Board welcomed Brother Francis Smith who was appointed to the Nursing Board as an LPN Member on April 25, 2005 by Governor M. Jodi Rell.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Capital Community College, A.I. Prince PNE Program, and Windham PNE Program.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo attended the NCSBN Executive Officer's Meeting in Florida
- Chair Bafundo attended the NCSBN Finance Committee Meeting in Chicago which included discussion on investments and financial strategies for the upcoming year
- Chair Bafundo and Patricia Bouffard attended the Allied Health Work Force Policy Board Meeting

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

- Distance Learning Services – Nurse Crews
- Faculty Waiver Request – Southern Connecticut State University

DISCIPLINE: CONSENT ORDER LANGUAGE

Kathleen Boulware, DPH Public Health Services Manager, was present to discuss the proposed revisions with the Board. There was discussion that the language “or is employed as a _____ less than twenty (20) per week” be eliminated. The Board would prefer that the language be adjusted to say “if they are not working for 30 days.” This item has been tabled and will be discussed at the June 1, 2005 meeting.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE: LASER HAIR REMOVAL & VARIOUS ANTI-AGING TREATMENTS

Attorney Jennifer Groves was present representing Michael Rubin, President of SONA (a med spa), who was unable to attend today’s meeting. Attorney Groves was present to seek clarification concerning certain scope of practice issues relative to laser hair removal and various anti-aging treatments. SONA currently employs MDs, RNs, and other non-licensed staff and is looking to possibly employ PAs, APRNs/Nurse Practitioners and/or LPNs. SONA is seeking clarification concerning whether and to what extent, RNs, PAs, APRNs/Nurse Practitioners, and/or LPNs are authorized by law to perform services such as laser treatments, Botox Cosmetic and Restylane injections and facial treatments such as microdermabrasion. Moreover, they are seeking clarification concerning the level of MD supervision required when one of the aforementioned healthcare professionals perform these procedures.

The Board maintains their October 1, 2003 decision that APRNs and RNs who have had the appropriate training, demonstrate ongoing competency/skill, and have resources available to them for consultation and supervision, may perform the following treatments:

- Laser treatment – hair, age, and sun spot removal, capillary removal, impulse, light treatment
- Collagen Injections
- Facials – etc, microdermabrasion and glycolic treatment
- Botox Injections and Restylane.

The MD does not need to be on-site, but must be available to them for consultation. The above procedures are not within the scope of practice for LPNs, due to the assessment requirement which is not within his/her scope. The LPN Declaratory Ruling states that LPNs can administer medications, however assessments are under the jurisdiction of RNs/APRNs. Having an LPN work under the direction of an MD is not in accordance with the Nurse Practice Act which states that the LPN works under the direction of the RN.

The Nursing Board is unable to set standards for PAs and/or Paramedics, nor do statutes identify the ability to delegate to these practitioners.

The Board’s Decision-Making Model asks these crucial questions:

1. Is the procedure legal/illegal?
2. Is the individual performing the procedure trained or not?
3. Is the individual competent to perform the procedure?

SCHOOL ISSUES: PNEP CURRICULUM CHANGES

The Board reviewed documentation provided by the PNEP Curriculum Committee for Board approval of an addition to the existing PNEP curriculum. This addition is to include “Emergency Preparedness for Health Care Professions” in the non-credit Practical Nurse Seminar II component of the program. At the end of the Seminar on Emergency Preparedness for Healthcare Professionals the student practical nurse will be able to understand the risks and threats of terrorism, and the potential targets that may be inherent in a community, they will understand the planning initiatives for a local, regional and statewide response to any terrorist event or other natural or manmade event, they will be able to define terrorist threats and types of weapons use, and will be able to identify the role of the LPN in the care of the patient during terrorist activities. The Board requested that Objective #4 be expanded to clearly identify the role of the LPN in the care of the patient during terrorist activities. The revision will be resubmitted at the June 1, 2005 meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES: SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY NCLEX ACTION PLAN

The Board reviewed the update provided by Sacred Heart University regarding the Action Plan for NCLEX Scores. The Board requests that the school submit curriculum revisions for the Board’s review and the Action Plan will be reviewed at the June 1, 2005 meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN APPROVAL OF ACCELERATED ON-LINE BACHELOR’S TO BSN PROGRAM

The Board reviewed documentation received from the University of Wisconsin as they have students from Connecticut who are requesting enrollment at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh to their Accelerated, Online Bachelor’s to BSN Program. This is an innovative distance education program allowing students who have already earned a Bachelor’s Degree in another field to complete a BSN in an accelerated format online. The University is requesting approval to use Connecticut health care facilities for clinical experiences for these students. Specific contracts with individual facilities would be negotiated only after approval from the Connecticut Nursing Board and after the potential students have been accepted into their program. The Board reviewed the curriculum, the design for precepted clinical experiences, and appropriate policies for clinical supervision and teaching. The Board is requesting further information regarding the state regulations that the school operates by, the certificate of accreditation, a recent self-study report, an explanation of how preceptors are selected and how the faculty oversee the preceptors and how frequently, the ratio of preceptors to students, the result of the first graduating class, the length of the class and the total clinical hours, the preceptor and instructor licensed in Connecticut, a copy of the state specific instruction protocol used to assure the students and faculty follow the state specific nurse practice act, how is this reviewed with the students and faculty, what is the process that the students must use to access state specific information, and the Board would also like a copy of the curriculum that addresses this information.

The Board Office received a letter on May 16, 2005, dated May 11, 2005 from the University of Wisconsin stating that due to the fact that they do not currently have any students from Connecticut enrolled in their program at the present time and the fact that the Nursing Board is asking for a great deal more information, they respectfully withdraw their request for Board approval for their program at this time. If more potential students from Connecticut inquire about their program in the future, they will contact the Board at that time for approval.

SCHOOL ISSUES: WASHINGTON STATE LPN SELF-STUDY REFRESHER PROGRAM

The Board reviewed the documentation provided. The Board requests a copy of the state specific instructions for scope of practice, the process that the students use to access the state specific information and is this reviewed with the student, how much time is spent on out-of-state requirements and is this part of the student's evaluation, also the part of the curriculum that addresses the practice of the RN in another state.

SCHOOL ISSUE: NURSE CREWS DISTANCE LEARNING SYSTEMS

Nurse Crews is affiliated with Distance Learning Systems and is very misleading. The Board has received three complaints against Nurse Crews by students who allege that they were charged \$2,000.00 for a course that was not needed to enter into Excelsior College. The Board requested that a representative from Nurse Crews attend the June 1, 2005 meeting to discuss this matter and the Board has tabled the review of the Nurse Crews Feasibility Study for an LPN Program until this matter has been straightened out.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE: ADMINISTRATION OF BUPIVICAINE IN THE HOME SETTING BY RNs

The Board reviewed the documentation provided. The Board's prior decision at the March meeting was based on acute post op care in the home setting in which the patient is not being monitored. For hospice, palliative, or chronic pain patients this provides comfort and reduces pain in this population of patients. The ruling needs to be population specific. The Board tabled this until the June 1, 2005 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS

Tabled to the June 1, 2005 meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Valerie Bryan provided the Board with an overview of recent legislation. The impaired nurse bill died, the med tech bill has a huge fiscal impact and is in Appropriations, the dialysis bill is moving along and the language has been modified, the bill expanding the authority of PAs is moving forward, the nursing facility user fee is moving forward, and the military spouse bill is moving along without opposition.

SCHOOL ISSUES: SOUTHERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed the part-time faculty waiver request for Kathleen Williams, RN, BSN. It was the unanimous decision of the Board to deny this request.

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY UPDATE

Valerie Bryan spoke with Cheryl Carotenuti at the DOE. They are reconvening the Medication Administration Committee and they are also working on competencies regarding school nurses.

NCSBN UPDATE

Chair Bafundo apprised the Board that the NCSBN will pay for two delegates for the Delegate Assembly in August. At present Patricia Bouffard, Katherine Pellerin, and Chair Bafundo may be available to attend. This will be discussed further at the June 1, 2005 Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NOVEMBER 3, 2004

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

FEBRUARY 2, 2005

Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained.

FEBRUARY 16, 2005

Katherine Pellerin moved and Armand Amendola seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained.

MARCH 2, 2005

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that the March 2, 2005 minutes be tabled to the June 1, 2005 meeting.

APRIL 6, 2005

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

APRIL 20, 2005

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – SARAH BURKE, RN

Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the documentation provided. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Burke request for a reinstatement hearing be granted. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be scheduled for December 7, 2005.

Break 10:35 AM – 10:55 AM

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – RAYMOND J. DUBOIS, RN

The Board reviewed the Motion for Summary Suspension for Raymond Dubois, Jr. provided by Legal Office Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville. Mr. Dubois was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin 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 May 18, 2005.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – REBEKAH WELLS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Ms. Wells as she has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – KAREN LeSTAGE, RN

The Board reviewed the Prehearing Review/Consent Order provided by Legal Office Staff Attorney Diane Wilan. Ms. LeStage was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to deny the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this case be dismissed.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – BETHMARIE JACKSON, RN, LPN

The Board reviewed the Motion for Summary Suspension for Bethmarie Jackson provided by Legal Office Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford. Ms. Jackson was present without representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin 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 May 18, 2005.

HEARING – ROXANNE BOUCHARD, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:40 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Bouchard was not present and did not have representation. The hearing concluded at 11:50 AM.

FACT FINDING/REMEDY

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Bouchard be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Bouchard's license be reprimanded. After discussion Joan Dobbins amended her motion to also include six months probation during which time she is to successfully complete a Department of Public Health approved Medication Review Course. The motion was seconded by Patricia Bouffard and passed with all in favor.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – WENDY OLDS, LPN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Wendy Olds, LPN. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Ms. Olds' license. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bafundo moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this meeting be adjourned at noon. The motion passed unanimously.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 18, 2005 at the Hartford Hospital - Newington Campus, Curtis Building Amphitheater, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Katherine Pellerin, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Sullivan, Assistant Attorney General
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearing Specialist, DPH

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Eli Whitney Practical Nurse Education Program and Vinal Tech Practical Nurse Education Program.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bafundo attended the Nursing Issues Work Group Quarterly Meeting at DPH on May 6, 2005

REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS

LINDA BERKWITS, RN

Deborah Brown provided the Board with a reinstatement request for Linda Berkwits. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Berkwits retake a basic registered nurse course and successfully complete the NCLEX-RN examination.

SUSAN EICHLER, RN

Deborah Brown provided the Board with a reinstatement request for Susan Eichler. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Eichler successfully complete a Board approved refresher program with both clinical and theoretical components.

CELESTE LUCCHINI, RN

Deborah Brown provided the Board with a reinstatement request for Celeste Lucchini. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Lucchini successfully complete a Board approved refresher program with both clinical and theoretical components.

JEAN O'KEEFE, RN

Deborah Brown provided the Board with a reinstatement request for Jean O'Keefe. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. O'Keefe successfully complete a Board approved refresher program with both clinical and theoretical components.

LORETTA RICKER, RN

Deborah Brown provided the Board with a reinstatement request for Loretta Ricker. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Ricker successfully complete a Board approved refresher program with both clinical and theoretical components.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KATHLEEN WENTWORTH, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kathleen Wentworth. Ms. Wentworth was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Assistant Attorney General Michael Sullivan was present to provide counsel to the Board. Linda Sacheli moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to deny the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 7, 2005.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LINETTE CAMERON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Linette Cameron. Ms. Cameron was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Michael Sullivan was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant this Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 1, 2005.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – COLLEEN SPIETT-BOYKO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Colleen Spiett-Boyko. Ms. Spiett-Boyko was not present although she was represented by counsel, Attorney James Kane. Assistant Attorney General Michael Sullivan was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to grant this Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 1, 2005.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ELIZABETH ALMODOVAR, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Elizabeth Almodovar. Ms. Almodovar was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Michael Sullivan was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant this Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 1, 2005.

CONSENT ORDER – ALAN LAWSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Alan Lawson. Mr. Lawson was present to answer questions from the Board. Joan Dobbins recused herself in this matter. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

Armand Amendola arrived at this time.

CONSENT ORDER – BRUCE TORRANT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Bruce Torrant. Mr. Torrant was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

ADJOURNMENT

Armand Amendola moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 10:15 AM. The motion passed unanimously.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 1, 2005 at the Department of Public Health Complex, Room C in the 470 Building, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Joan Dobbins, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: M. J. McCarthy, Assistant Attorney General
Valerie Bryan, Supervising Nurse Consultant
Donna Canalis, RN Consultant
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:14 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the first graduating class of Goodwin College. Students will be graduating this August.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo recently attended the CT Licensed Practical Nurses' Association Convention at Gaylord
- Chair Bafundo attended the Henry Lowe Conference on Cardiac Care
- Chair Bafundo testified before the Arbitration Board regarding DMR LPN scope of practice
- Chair Bafundo did a presentation for the Connecticut Adult Day Care Group

OPEN FORUM - There were no issues brought up from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

- Consent Order Language has been postponed until the September 7, 2005 meeting.
- Lynette Cameron, RN, hearing has been continued. Ms. Cameron is now living in Florida and will be signing a Voluntary Surrender of Licensure Affidavit.
- Administration of Bupivacaine tabled to the September 7, 2005 meeting.

CONSENT ORDER LANGUAGE

Kathleen Boulware's presentation about Consent Order language was tabled to September 7, 2005 as Ms. Boulware was not able to attend today's meeting.

SCHOOLS ISSUES

PNEP CURRICULUM CHANGE

Gayle Whitmore, Department Head from A. I. Prince Practical Nurse Education Program, was present for this discussion. Ms. Whitmore presented the Board with a revised version expanding the definition of the Role of the LPN contained in Objective 4. The Practical Nurse Seminar II, a total of 12 hours, is a non-credit component of their program. The Board requested that the language under "Course Content" Emergency Preparedness Health Care Delivery System, Section 2 be changed to read "under the direction of an RN or APRN" and remove "or emergency preparedness official."

PORTER AND CHESTER INSTITUTE – APPROVAL FOR NEW LPN PROGRAM

Jack Burke and Phyllis DelMastro were present for this discussion. The Board still has concerns with several areas of the Feasibility Study and the Curriculum. If the school can provide the new packets to the Board Members by June 20, 2005 the Board will review the information at their July 20, 2005 meeting. The Board needs the packets one month prior to the meeting.

Break 10:48 AM – 10:55 AM

NURSE CREWS – COURSE DISCUSSION

Emily Cruz, CEO and President of Nurse Crews Staffing and Tutoring Center, was present for this discussion. The Board asked Ms. Cruz to clarify the situation involving three complaints against Nurse Crews by students who allege that they were charged \$2,000.00 for a course that was not needed to enter into the Excelsior College External Degree Program. Ms. Cruz explaining that Nurse Crews has been a staffing agency for years and they provide only tutoring for nurses doing distance learning courses. Nurse Crews does not grant a degree and no credit is given for the course since they are only offering support for distance learners.

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY REVIEW OF NCLEX PLAN OF CORRECTION

The Board Office has not received any new data regarding their plan of correction. This will be placed on the September 7, 2005 agenda.

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed the permanent waiver request for Carrie D'Amico Michalski, RN, JD. Ms. Michalski has a BSN in Nursing and a JD Degree. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that this request be denied after the Board considered the appropriateness of the advanced degree for the particular coursework this faculty member would engage in based on her clinical experience. The motion passed with all in favor.

BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING APPROVAL OF NEW ADMINISTRATOR

The Board reviewed the documentation provided. The Board requested an organizational chart which clearly depicts the reporting line to Ms. Juckel-Regan. The Board will review this at the next meeting on June 15, 2005.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

ADMINISTRATION OF BUPIVICAINE IN THE HOME SETTING BY RNs

This item will be tabled to the September 7, 2005 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Donna Canalis reported that there was nothing out of the ordinary this month.

DMR PROPOSED REVISION FOR MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

The Board reviewed the revised documentation provided. It still is unclear in some sections who is the DMR Endorsed Instructor. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the person doing the training, the DMR Endorsed Instructor, must be an RN. The motion passed with all in favor.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Valerie Bryan reviewed recent legislative activity with the Board.

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY UPDATE

Cheryl Carotenuti from the State Department of Education reported that they continue to work on a competency model for school nurses which is expected to be completed soon. Ms. Carotenuti would like to present it to the Nursing Board in September for the Board's input.

The Draft Regulations for School Medication Administration will be reviewed on June 20, 2005 by the subcommittee. It is expected to move forward after that meeting.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

Chair Bafundo did not have anything new to report. The NCSBN is preparing for the Annual Delegate Assembly.

Delegates for the NCSBN Delegate Assembly in Washington, DC August 2-5, 2005 will be as follows: Delegate 1 will be Patricia Bouffard, Delegate 2 will be Katherine Pellerin, and the Alternate Delegate will be Nancy Bafundo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MARCH 2, 2005

The Board reviewed the March 2, 2005 minutes. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

MAY 4, 2005

The Board reviewed the May 4, 2005 minutes. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor.

MAY 18, 2005

The Board reviewed the May 18, 2005 minutes. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING/REMEDY – ELIZABETH CURTIN, RN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Curtin be found as charged. The charges were deemed admitted as Ms. Curtin did not respond to the charges and did not attend the hearing. The motion passed with all in favor. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Curtin's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING/REMEDY – RENEE SEGNATELLI, LPN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Segnatelli be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Segnatelli's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual probationary terms. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHRISTA J. ZUCCO, RN

The Board reviewed the Motion for Summary Suspension for Christa J. Zucco presented by Legal Office Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville. Assistant Attorney General M. J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Zucco was present with counsel, Attorney Joan W. Feldman. Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 15, 2005.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARTHA BLOOD, RN

The Board reviewed the Motion for Summary Suspension for Martha Blood presented by Legal Office Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina. Assistant Attorney General M. J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Blood was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of hearing scheduling the hearing for June 15, 2005.

Linda Sacheli left for the day

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – VIRGINIA SCHROEDER, RN

Due to the fact that the Board no longer had a quorum, and this packet was just presented to the Board today, this matter will be tabled until the June 15, 2005 meeting.

CONSENT ORDER – LAUREEN MANCINONE, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lauren Mancinone. Ms. Mancinone was present without counsel. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor including Linda Sacheli who voted to deny the Consent Order. The Board agreed to the Consent Order if language were added that Ms. Mancinone could not work in a supervisory capacity during her probationary period.

CONSENT ORDER – LORI ANDERSON, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lori Anderson. Ms. Anderson was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor including Linda Sacheli who identified before she left that she was in favor of the Consent Order. Linda Sacheli identified that she was in favor of the Consent Order prior to leaving. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – KRISTIN MAGALLANES-DeLEON, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kristin Magallanes-DeLeon. Ms. Magallanes-DeLeon was present with counsel, Attorney Joanne Sheehan. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor including Linda Sacheli who identified before she left that she was in favor of the Consent Order. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

REQUEST TO LIFT SUSPENSION – MICHAEL HASSELBACHER, RN

The Board reviewed the documentation provided by Michael Hasselbacher. Mr. Hasselbacher was present for the discussion. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Mr. Hasselbacher needs to provide the Board with a lab report which meets the Department's criteria. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board informed Mr. Hasselbacher that if he could provide the Department with a lab report which meets the Department's criteria, they would review his request to lift the suspension at their June 15, 2005 meeting.

REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT HEARING – FAYETTE TREMALLO, RN

The Board reviewed the documentation provided by Fayette Tremallo. Ms. Tremallo was not present for the discussion. The Board found the information to be incomplete with outdated letters, there was no date on the letter from her sponsor, there were no employer reports, the Board would also like a list of medications she is presently on and her plans for the future on how she will manage pain. The Board would like a better picture of what is happening in her life at the present time. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. Tremallo's request for a reinstatement hearing be denied at this time. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board Office will resend Ms. Tremallo the letter which specifies the documentation needed.

HEARING MARY SUTTON-HAGAN, RN

The hearing convened at 1:10 PM. Legal Office Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department. Assistant Attorney General M. J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Sutton-Hagan's first hearing was held April 20, 2005 in Newington. The hearing went forward and Ms. Sutton-Hagan did not arrive until after the hearing was completed. She said she had difficulty finding the meeting location. Due to the fact that the Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti had already left the Newington facility, Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie stated that we would re-open the record on another hearing date due to the fact that Ms. Sutton-Hagan did not arrive until after the record was closed. The hearing was rescheduled for June 1, 2005 at 11:30 AM. Ms. Sutton-Hagan was not present nor did she have representation for this hearing. The record closed at 1:13 PM. Due to lack of a quorum fact finding will take place at the June 15, 2004 meeting.

HEARING – COLLEEN SPIETT-BOYKO, LPN

The hearing convened at 1:15 PM. Legal Office Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General M. J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Spiett-Boyko was present with counsel, Attorney James Kane. Testimony was provided by Elizabeth Begley, RN, Drug Control Agent Kristine Nasinnyk, and by Ms. Spiett-Boyko. Board Member Patricia Bouffard left for the day at 2:30 PM. The hearing closed at 5:05 PM and will be rescheduled for June 15, 2005 at 9:00 AM the first hearing to be heard.

HEARING – KAREN POTTER, APRN

Due to lack of a quorum, this will be tabled to the June 15, 2005 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members presented that the meeting be adjourned at 5:15 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 15, 2005 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-B, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Joan Dobbins, RN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Joelle C. Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from E. C. Goodwin Practical Nurse Education Program.

ST. VINCENT'S COLLEGE – FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed the documentation provided regarding the faculty education waiver request for Krista Wise. Ms. Wise has previously been issued a faculty education waiver for Spring, 2004 and in September, 2004 she was granted a one-year waiver. Ms. Wise is currently matriculated in the master of science in nursing program, family nurse practitioner program at Quinnipiac University. She has completed 27 credits toward her degree and plans to complete the remaining 20 credits by May, 2006. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Wise's waiver be granted for one year. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING NEW ADMINISTRATOR

The Board reviewed the documentation provided which does include the requested organizational chart. The Board tabled this issue again as the information requested was not provided. It still is unclear as to whom Hope Juckel-Regan reports to.

REQUEST TO LIFT MOD SUSPENSION – MICHAEL HASSELBACHER, RN

The Board re-reviewed the packet presented on behalf of Michael Hasselbacher regarding his request to lift the Suspension ordered in the Memorandum of Decision dated February 16, 2005. At the last meeting that Board had requested a recent drug screen report which meets the Department's reporting guidelines which is included in the packet presented. Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Mr. Hasselbacher's request to lift the suspension ordered in the February 16, 2005 Memorandum of Decision be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – JEANETTE HOGUE, RN

Stephen Carragher presented the Board with Ms. Hogue's second request for reinstatement of her lapsed RN license. After the Board's last meeting Ms. Hogue was told that due to the fact that she has been out of the practice of nursing for over ten years she would have to successfully complete a basic nursing course and the NCLEX-RN exam. In a telephone call to the Department of Public Health in 1997 Ms. Hogue was told that if she let her license lapse she would have to successfully complete an RN Refresher Course. At the time of her request in 1997 that was the policy. In 2002 the Board changed their policy on lapsed licenses to the following: if the nurse has been out of the practice or nursing for three to five years, successful completion of a refresher course would be required for reinstatement; if out of the practice of nursing between five to ten years, successful completion of a refresher course and the NCLEX exam would be required for reinstatement; and if out of the practice of nursing for over ten years the nurse must successfully complete a basic nursing course and the NCLEX exam. Ms. Hogue was not called and advised of the new policy in December, 2002 and feels that she should be grandfathered in and should only have to successfully complete a refresher course. Ms. Hogue was not in attendance at today's meeting. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the recommendation of the Board remains that Ms. Hogue successfully complete a basic RN nursing course and the NCLEX-RN exam. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – SELENA KAPLAN, RN

Deborah Brown presented Ms. Kaplan's reinstatement request. It was the Board's recommendation, motioned by Katherine Pellerin and seconded by Linda Sacheli, that Ms. Kaplan successfully complete an RN refresher course. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Nancy Bafundo who was opposed.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – TRACEY McCANN, RN

Deborah Brown presented Ms. McCann's reinstatement request. It was the Board's recommendation, motioned by Katherine Pellerin and seconded by Linda Sacheli, that Ms. McCann successfully complete an RN refresher course along with the successful completion of the NCLEX-RN exam. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – BARBARA TOLEDO, LPN

Deborah Brown presented Ms. Toledo's reinstatement request. It was the Board's recommendation, motioned by Linda Sacheli and seconded by Katherine Pellerin, that Ms. Toledo retake and successfully complete a basic RN nurse course followed by the successful completion of the NCLEX-RN exam. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING – MARY SUTTON-HAGAN, RN

All Board Members were mailed a copy of the transcripts and the hearing exhibits. Ms. Sutton-Hagan phoned the office and said she was not in attendance at the hearing because she thought it was scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2005. She asked that it be rescheduled. The Notice of Hearing clearly stated that the hearing was scheduled for June 1, 2005. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Sutton-Hagan be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Sutton-Hagan's probation be extended for an additional four years until September, 2009 with the usual terms of probation. The motion passed unanimously.

CHRISTOPHER GRIGAITIS, LPN

Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Board move into Executive Session at 9:35 AM to obtain legal advice from Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro. Executive Session ended at 9:45 AM.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW CHARGES/VOLUNTARY SURRENDER – ELIZABETH ALMODOVAR

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Elizabeth Almodovar as Ms. Almodovar has signed a Voluntary Surrender of Licensure Affidavit. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion to Withdraw Charges.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW CHARGES/VOLUNTARY SURRENDER – HOLLY VINCELETTE, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Charges for Holly Vincelette as Ms. Vincelette has signed a Voluntary Surrender of Licensure Affidavit. Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion to Withdraw Charges.

CONSENT ORDER – MARCIA BALASAL, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Marcia Balasal. Ms. Balasal was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor.

Break 10:20 AM – 10:30 AM

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DONNA LEE DeLOS SANTOS, LPN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Donna Lee DeLos Santos. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. DeLos Santos was present without representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing for July 20, 2005.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DONNA KRIKSCIUN, LPN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Donna Kriksciun. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Kriksciun was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing for December 7, 2005. The Board recommends dismissal of this case.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – VIRGINIA SCHROEDER, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order (ICO) for Virginia Schroeder. The ICO would suspend Ms. Schroeder's license 120 days or until September 21, 2005, whichever is later, after the effective date of the ICO. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the ICO be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Attorney Michael Kurs was present on behalf of the Respondent.

CONSENT ORDER – KAREN POTTER, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Karen Potter. Ms. Potter was present with Attorney James McLaughlin. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Nancy Bafundo who abstained from the discussion and vote in this matter. Patricia Bouffard signed the Order.

HEARING – COLLEEN SPIETT-BOYKO, LPN

The hearing convened at 10:30 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present on behalf of the Department. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Spiett-Boyko was present with counsel, Attorney James Kane. Testimony was provided by the Respondent and by Beverly Thurman-Jones. The hearing recessed at 11:35 AM.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING – MAUREEN McCafferty-Mattia, RN

The hearing convened at 11:35 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present on behalf of the Department. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. McCafferty-Mattia was present without counsel. Testimony was provided by the Petitioner. The hearing closed at 12:00 PM. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to reinstate Ms. McCafferty-Mattia's license be four years probation with drug/alcohol screens twice per month with therapist and employer reports monthly during the first and fourth years and quarterly during the second and third years of probation with no access to the narcotic keys nor be allowed to administer controlled substances for her first year of employment as a registered nurse. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – COLLEEN SPIETT-BOYKO, LPN

The hearing reconvened at 12:00 PM. Testimony was provided by Stephen Zebrowski, M.D. The hearing closed at 12:40 PM. This hearing will be rescheduled for July 20, 2005 at 9:00 AM for final documents and closing remarks.

Lunch recess 12:40 PM – 12:55 PM

HEARING – MARTHA BLOOD, RN

The hearing convened at 12:56 PM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present on behalf of the Department. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Blood was not present and did not have representation. The hearing closed at 1:08 PM. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to find Ms. Blood on all charges. The motion passed unanimously. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to extend the current probation to August 1, 2009 with the usual terms. The motion passed with all in favor. Patricia Bouffard left at this time.

HEARING – CHRISTA ZUCCO, RN

The hearing convened at 1:15 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present on behalf of the Department. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Zucco was present with counsel, Attorney Jeri Barney and Attorney Moria Buckley. Testimony was provided by Lavita Sookram, RN, Department of Public Health. Testimony was also provided by Ms. Zucco which was heard in Executive Session. The hearing closed at 2:24 PM. Due to the fact that the Board no longer had a quorum, Fact Finding will take place at the July 20, 2005 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 2:25 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on July 20, 2005 at the Legislative Office Building, Conference Room 1-B, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Valerie Bryan, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, RN Consultant, DPH
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Ralph Efrid, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 8:58 AM.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – DIANE M. ISDANOVICH, LPN

Deborah Brown presented the Board with a Reinstatement Request for Diane M. Isdanavich. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Isdanavich successfully complete a Board approved refresher program with both clinical and theoretical components and the successful completion of the NCLEX-RN exam.

BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING – APPROVAL OF NEW ADMINISTRATOR

The Board reviewed documentation provided regarding the request for approval of the new administrator at Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing. Hope Juckel-Regan was present for this discussion. Katherine Pellerin moved to approve which was seconded by Linda Sacheli. The motion passed unanimously.

UCONN SCHOOL OF NURSING – FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER

The Board reviewed documentation from the UConn School of Nursing requesting a permanent waiver for Beverly Jones, RN, BSN, and who holds a master's degree in gerontology. Ms. Jones will be teaching their introductory nursing course in Acute Care for Adults. Ms. Jones also serves as a clinical instructor at Capitol Community College. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis seconded to grant Ms. Jones a permanent waiver. The motion passed with all in favor.

ST. VINCENT'S COLLEGE – NEW CHAIR OF THE NURSING PROGRAM

The Board reviewed correspondence from Dr. Joanne Wolfertz, Vice President/Dean of the St. Vincent's College Nursing and Allied Health Program, informing the Board that Dr. Susan Abbe has resigned from her position as Assistant Dean of Nursing and Allied Health. Margo McCarthy, MSN, APRN, Associate Professor of Nursing, has been appointed Chair of the Nursing Program. Professor McCarthy served as Interim Chair of the Nursing Program for Academic Years 1994-1995 and 2002-2003 and she has also served as Chair of the Curriculum Committee Program. The Board reviewed the credentials of Professor McCarthy. Patricia Bouffard moved to approve and Katherine Pellerin seconded the vote. The motion passed unanimously and the Board wished Margo McCarthy well with her new endeavors.

PORTER AND CHESTER INSTITUTE APPROVAL OF NEW LPN PROGRAM

Ray Clark, Executive Vice-President, Jack Burke, Executive Director, and Phyllis DelMastro, Administrator, from Porter and Chester, were present with Mary Ellen O'Hurley, Nurse Consultant, for this discussion. The Board reviewed the documentation presented. Based on their review, the following revisions have been requested: Term IV Medical Surgical II. No outcomes are delineated. This must be submitted to the Board as soon as possible, and the School Catalog, specifically referring to the LPN Program, must be submitted to the Board as soon as it is completed. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the program be granted Conditional Approval until review of NCLEX results of the first graduating class. The motion passed with all in favor. The on-site visit will be scheduled within the very near future.

PREHEARING REVIEW – EVA JURZYK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Eva Jurzyk. Ms. Jurzyk was present without representation. The Board reviewed the documentation provided and recommended that Ms. Jurzyk's probation be extended for an additional six months.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – DEBORAH LABRIE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Deborah Labrie. Ms. LaBrie was present with Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – DAVID JENKINS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for David Jenkins. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present representing Mr. Jenkins. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

Break 10:00 AM – 10:20 AM during which time Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro and Jeffrey Kardys arrived.

CONSENT ORDER MODIFICATION – SHAWN HOWARD, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Shawn Howard. The Respondent was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – JEANNE BRUESTLE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Jeanne Bruestle. Ms. Bruestle was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins 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 - LORI LaROSA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lori LaRosa. Ms. LaRosa was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER - KARA TAYLOR, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kara Taylor. Ms. Taylor was present with counsel, Attorney Louis Todisco. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER - CAROL BETH COURTMANCHE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Carol Beth Courtmanche. Ms. Courtmanche was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins 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 – JOHN BALBONI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for John Balboni. Mr. Balboni was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Chair Bafundo recused herself from participation in the discussion and voting of this case. Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Order.

FACT FINDING – CHRISTA ZUCCO, RN

All Board Members were provided and have reviewed the transcripts and exhibits. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis seconded that Ms. Zucco be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Zucco has a recovery plan in place. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Zucco's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual terms and the key restriction for one year. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING – VALERY COVELLO, LPN

All Board Members were provided and have reviewed the transcripts and exhibits. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Covello be found on all charges with the exception of 3b. The motion passed with all in favor. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Covello's license be placed on probation for one year with monthly employer reports. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHERYL McCLEOD, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Cheryl McCleod. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 17, 2005. The Board commented that the Statement of Charges did not represent that there was substitution.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LORETTA ARNOTT, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Loretta Arnott. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 17, 2005.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SHANNYNN CELLA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Shannynn Cella. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 17, 2005.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DAWN NOYCE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Dawn Noyce. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. The Respondent was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Linda Sacheli moved and Brother Francis seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 17, 2005.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

CHRISTOPHER GRIGAITIS, LPN

Joan Dobbins moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision which becomes effective immediately.

ROXANNE BOUCHARD, LPN

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 which becomes effective immediately.

MELISSA BROCIOSUS, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision which becomes effective immediately.

HELEN SATKUNAS, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision which becomes effective immediately.

DEBRA TROMBETTA, LPN

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 which becomes effective immediately.

MARK JABLONSKI, LPN

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 which becomes effective immediately.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – LINETTE CAMERON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Linette Cameron as Ms. Cameron has signed a Voluntary Surrender of Licensure Affidavit. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – BEATRICE ARTZ, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Beatrice Artz as Ms. Artz has signed an Agreement Not To Renew or Reinstate Licensure. Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis seconded that the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – BARBARA SODERBERG, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Barbara Soderberg as Ms. Soderberg has signed an Agreement Not To Renew or Reinstate Licensure. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion.

HEARING – COLLEEN SPIETT-BOYKO, LPN

The third hearing reconvened at 11:35 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Spiett-Boyko was present with counsel, Attorney James Kane. The hearing concluded at 11:40 AM and will be rescheduled for August 17, 2005 at 9:00 AM.

HEARING – DONNA LEE DeLOS SANTOS, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:43 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. DeLos Santos was present with counsel, Attorney Michael J. Melly. Testimony was provided by Donna DeLos Santos. The Respondent made an Oral Motion to Vacate the Summary Suspension. Chair Bafundo moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this motion be denied. The motion to deny passed unanimously. The hearing concluded at 12:50 PM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Respondent be found on all charges as they relate to Ritalin and Heroin, and not found as to Codeine and Morphine. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Respondent's license remain suspended until the Memorandum of Decision is signed. The terms of the Memorandum of Decision will place Ms. DeLos Santos' license on probation for four years with usual terms for drug/alcohol screens, therapist and employer reports, and no access to the narcotic keys nor be allowed to administer controlled substances for one year upon her return to work as a nurse. The motion passed with all in favor.

Lunch 1:00 PM – 1:43 PM during which time Linda Sacheli left for the day

HEARING – WILLIAM LaCOURSE, LPN

The hearing convened at 1:43 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. LaCourse was present without counsel. Testimony was provided by Levita Sookram, RN, Department of Public Health. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Board move into Executive Session for a portion of Ms. Sookram's testimony and the Respondent's testimony. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing closed at 2:59 PM.

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

At 2:45 PM Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to enter into Executive Session to obtain legal advice from Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro. Executive Session concluded at 2:54 PM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Mr. LaCourse's license be placed on probation through June 1, 2007 with monthly urine screens and/or breathalyzer for alcohol only. The motion passed unanimously.

Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded to immediately vacate the Summary Suspension with the monthly alcohol screens. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – MARK BEAUREGARD, RN

The hearing convened at 3:00 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Beauregard was present with counsel, Attorney Janis Malec. Testimony was provided by Mr. Beauregard. The hearing concluded at 3:26 PM.

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

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Respondent's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual terms including no 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 remains in place until the Memorandum of Decision is signed. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – JOHN GINETTI, RN

The hearing convened at 3:35 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Ginnetti was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Testimony was provided by Mr. Ginnetti. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro left at 3:50 PM, Katherine Pellerin left at 3:55 PM, and the hearing concluded at 4:12 PM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place on August 17, 2005.

HEARING – FRANKLIN RECTOR, APRN

The hearing convened at 4:15 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Rector was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Mr. Rector. The hearing concluded at 4:35 PM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place on August 17, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

Brother Francis moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 4:37 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on August 17, 2005 at the Legislative Office Building, Conference Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Brother Francis Smith, LPN

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

ALSO PRESENT: Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General
Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearing Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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

FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER REQUEST – SOUTHERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY

The Board reviewed the documentation received from Dr. Cesarina Thompson. The waiver request is for Kathleen M. Visinski who is currently enrolled in the MSN Program at the University of Hartford. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant a one year temporary faculty education waiver to Ms. Visinski. The motion passed unanimously.

FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER REQUEST – THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Board reviewed the documentation received from Linda Perfetto who was unable to attend today's meeting.

Heather Bader

The school is requesting a waiver for Heather Bader who has been awarded matriculation status into the MSN Program at the University of Hartford. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant a one year temporary faculty education waiver to Ms. Bader. The motion passed unanimously.

Lauri Tinelle

The school is requesting a waiver for Lauri Tinelle who plans to be finished with her MSN degree at Saint Joseph College by December 2005. Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded to grant a one year temporary faculty education waiver to Ms. Tinelle. The motion passed unanimously.

FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER REQUEST – NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Joanne Ottman, Director of the A.D.N. Program, was present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the documentation provided.

Lisa Anderson

Ms. Anderson is currently enrolled in the MSN Program at the University of Hartford. Katherine Pellerin moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Ms. Anderson be granted a one year faculty waiver extension. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Patricia Bouffard.

Nancy Stein

Ms. Stein has completed all course work for her MSN at Saint Joseph College including her student teaching experience and is completing her masters' thesis. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Stein be granted a one year temporary faculty education waiver. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Patricia Bouffard.

Gloria Nardella

Ms. Nardella was originally enrolled in the master's program in Forensic Nursing at Quinnipiac University and has transferred to the Nursing Education tract although she is not matriculated in the MSN Program. The Board tabled this matter until a later date.

FACT FINDING – JOHN GINETTI, RN REINSTATEMENT

Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present with Mr. Ginnetti. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorneys General Daniel Shapiro and Emily Melendez were present to provide counsel to the Board. The hearing convened at 9:25 AM to enter new documentation received and closing arguments. The hearing closed at 9:45 AM. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Mr. Ginnetti's license be reinstated to probation for two years with monthly employer reports and the successful completion of an RN Refresher program. Chair Bafundo made a friendly amendment to the motion stating that Mr. Ginnetti should also provide monthly urine drug/alcohol screen reports. Joan Dobbins accepted the amendment to the motion, which was also approved by Katherine Pellerin. The motion passed unanimously.

FACT FINDING – FRANKLIN RECTOR, APRN REINSTATEMENT

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorneys General Daniel Shapiro and Emily Melendez were present to provide counsel to the Board. The hearing convened at 9:55 AM. Closing remarks were entered into the record. The hearing closed at 9:59 AM. Joan Dobbins recused herself from the discussion and the voting. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Mr. Rector's APRN license be reinstated and it is his responsibility to meet the certification qualifications for licensure. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CAROLE DENNISS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Carole Denniss. Assistant Attorneys General Daniel Shapiro and Emily Melendez were present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Denniss was present without representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin 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. The hearing has been scheduled for September 7, 2005 at 11:30 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LINDA S. MASSA, LPN & RN

The Board reviewed the Motion for Summary Suspension, presented by Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville, for Linda Massa's RN and LPN licenses. Assistant Attorneys General Daniel Shapiro and Emily Melendez were present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Massa was not present although she was represented by counsel, Attorney Eliot B. Gerstein. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to deny the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing for both licenses will be scheduled for March 15, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - PATRICIA LOPA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Patricia Lopa. Assistant Attorneys General Daniel Shapiro and Emily Melendez were present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Lopa was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing. The hearing will be scheduled for September 7, 2005 at 11:30 AM.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – LINDA DELISLE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Linda Delisle. Ms. Delisle was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant the Consent Order. The motion passed with one opposition, Patricia Bouffard. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – KARRIE ELLIS, RN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Karrie Ellis. Ms. Ellis was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to deny the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – CHRISTINE ADORNO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Christine Adorno. Ms. Adorno was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to deny the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo stated that the Board would reconsider the Consent Order if there were a treatment plan in place.

CONSENT ORDER – LAUREEN MANCINONE, RN

Legal Office Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Laureen Mancinone. Ms. Mancinone was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant the Consent Order. The motion passed with one abstention, Patricia Bouffard. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – MARCIA PARENT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Marcia Parent. Ms. Parent was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – DONNA LOSCHIAVO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Donna Loschiavo. Ms. Loschiavo was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – KATHLEEN WENTWORTH, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kathleen Wentworth. Ms. Wentworth was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – JANE JACKSIC-THOMSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Jane Jacksic-Thomson. Ms. Jacksic-Thomson was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded to deny the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo would reconsider another Consent Order with two years probation including quarterly employer reports.

CONSENT ORDER – ELIZABETH GARCIA, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Elizabeth Garcia. Ms. Garcia was present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

Break 10:55 AM – 11:05 AM

HEARING – CHERYL McLEOD, RN

The hearing convened at 11:09 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorneys General Emily Melendez and Daniel Shapiro were present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. McLeod was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. McLeod. The hearing concluded at 11:50 AM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. McLeod be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. McLeod's current probation be extended until June 1, 2009, she is not to have access to the narcotic keys nor be allowed to administer controlled substances for twelve months upon her return to work as a nurse, she is to comply with the conditions of probation as set forth in the Consent Order dated May 19, 2004, and drug screens shall include testing for the presence of Naltrexone. Testing for Naltrexone shall continue until such time that Ms. McLeod's psychiatrist informs the Board and the Department that treatment with Naltrexone has been discontinued. The motion passed with all in favor. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Summary Suspension be vacated immediately. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – SHANAYNN CELLA, RN

The hearing convened at 11:58 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorneys General Emily Melendez and Daniel Shapiro were present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Cella was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Cella. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Board move into Executive Session at 12:40 PM to discuss confidential treatment records. The motion passed with all in favor and the room was cleared on all observers. Executive Session concluded at 12:50 PM. Testimony continued. The hearing concluded at 1:00 PM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Cella be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Cella's current probation be extended for one year with a psychiatric evaluation due by December 1, 2005, quarterly reports from a licensed psychiatrist in addition to the current therapy requirements, and the Summary Suspension remains in place until the Memorandum of Decision is signed. The motion passed with all in favor.

Lunch recess 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM during which time Linda Sacheli left for the day.

HEARING - JAMIL QUTUB, RN

The hearing convened at 1:35 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorneys General Emily Melendez and Daniel Shapiro were present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Qutub was present with counsel, Attorney Joanne Sheehan. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to move into Executive Session at 1:36 PM to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorneys General. The motion passed with all in favor, the room was cleared of all observers, and Executive Session concluded at 1:43 PM. Testimony was provided by Diane Cybulski, RN, Department of Public Health, Lucy Earley, Adrene LaCroix, RN, Barbara Cass, RN, Department of Public Health, Bruce Shapiro, MD. Joan Dobbins left for the day at 2:45 PM. The hearing concluded at 5:00 PM and will be rescheduled for September 7, 2005 at 11:30 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Brother Francis Smith moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that this meeting be adjourned at 5:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 7, 2005 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General
Valerine Bryan, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna M. Canalis, Registered Nurse Consultant, DPH
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

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

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bafundo welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed Maria Pietrantuono as the RN Member to the Board.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims of Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf area. Connecticut is part of the disaster compact in which CT licensed nurses can work in the disaster area without getting licensed in that state. The Louisiana BOEN Office has been destroyed. We did hear from the Mississippi BOEN Office and they are looking for donations of diversional activities for the children.

- Chair Bafundo, Patricia Bouffard, and Katherine Pellerin attended the NCSBN Delegate Assembly.
- Chair Bafundo attended a meeting regarding medications in the school system.
- Chair Bafundo and Patricia Bouffard attended Allied Health Task Force Meetings in June and July.
- Chair Bafundo attended the NCSBN Finance Committee Meeting in Chicago. One of the issues voted on was funding delegates to attend the Annual Delegate Assembly.
- Chair Bafundo attended a Pain Management Meeting at the Department of Public Health. DPH and the Medical Board are working on the language with the Office of the Attorney General.
- Chair Bafundo was part of the NCSBN Finance Committee conference call in August.
- Chair Bafundo attended the Department of Public Health Nurse Intervention Program Meeting.
- Chair Bafundo attended the Emergency Credentialing Meeting at CHA.

OPEN FORUM

Polly Barey recommended that everyone go on the CNA Web Site to view “Project Hope” to see how you can help out the victims in the Gulf.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – JEANNE COHEN, RN

Stephen Carragher presented the Board with a Reinstatement Request for Jeanne Cohen. This was tabled to a later date.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – WENDY JOHN, RN

Stephen Carragher presented the Board with a Reinstatement Request for Wendy John. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. John successfully complete a Board approved refresher program with both clinical and theoretical components.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – MARYLOU MACALUSO, RN

Stephen Carragher presented the Board with a Reinstatement Request for Marylou Macaluso. This was tabled to a later date.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – JOAN FELDMAN, RN, ESQ.

Stephen Carragher presented the Board with a Reinstatement Request for Attorney Feldman. This was also tabled to a later date.

REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER – THOMAS LONGO, RN

Stephen Carragher and Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented this Reinstatement Consent Order for review.

CONSENT ORDER LANGUAGE

Supervising Nurse Consultant Diane Cybulski discussed the Consent Order language changes with the Board. After discussion with Ms. Cybulski, Attorney Martha Murray and Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett, this item was tabled until the October 5, 2005 meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUESTS

Cynthia Adams, Director of Nursing and Health Careers, was present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the documentation provided for the waiver requests for Amy Nagle and Elizabeth Rodriguez. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that both Ms. Nagle and Ms. Rodriguez be granted a two year faculty education waiver. The motion passed with all in favor. Cynthia Adams withdrew her request for a waiver for Ms. Luckey-Percy.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAIVER REQUEST

Joanne Ottman, Director of the A.D. Nursing Program, presented the Board with a waiver request for Gloria Nardella. Patricia Bouffard recused herself from the discussion and the voting process. Due to the fact that Ms. Nardella is now matriculated into an MSN Program, Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Nardella be granted a two-year temporary waiver. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – VOCATIONAL-EDUCATION ASSOCIATE EDUCATION CONSULTANT

Drew Soltys, Admissions Facilitator, Department of Education, introduced the new Associate Education Consultant Patricia Fennessy to the Board. Ms. Fennessy provided the Board with her background information and her plans to visit all the PNEP sites. The Board welcomed Ms. Fennessy and apprised her that administrative issues have been a grave concern to the Board. In the past the Board has had to make threats to close down a program in order to get the resources and faculty to run an appropriate and successful program.

SCHOOL ISSUES – HOWELL CHENEY PNEP SIX MONTH SELF-EVALUATION REPORT

Barbara Linder presented the Board with a six-month, self-evaluation report as a follow-up to the site survey of November 8 and 9, 2004. At the present time, the secretarial position has not been filled. No substitute faculty is available, and advertisement has not been done. Substitute faculty must be oriented to each facility and orientation is not paid for. In addition, salary for substitute faculty still is not competitive. Adult size desks have been purchased for the students. Due to the fact that concerns still remain, it was the unanimous decision of the Board that another update report be presented at the Board's December 21, 2005 meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES – A.I.PRINCE PNEP REVISED VERSION OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

The Board reviewed the revised version of the PNEP Emergency Preparedness for Health Care Professionals document which clearly identifies the role of the LPN and care of the patient. This revised Emergency Preparedness Plan was unanimously accepted by the Board.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY REVIEW OF NCLEX PLAN OF CORRECTION

Dr. Dori Taylor Sullivan was present for this discussion. Dr. Sullivan presented the NCLEX-RN report to the Board dated September 1, 2005. Seventeen of the eighteen May, 2005 graduates have taken the NCLEX-RN exam and sixteen passed. This is a 94.1% pass rate.

The Board reviewed the waiver request presented by Dr. Dori Taylor Sullivan for Irene McDonald Haight. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded Ms. Haight be granted a waiver for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – STONE ACADEMY – FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Board reviewed the Feasibility Study for the new East Hartford location. Present for this discussion were Mark Scheinberg, President, Andrew Tierney, Director, and Eleanor Davio, LPN Department Head. After discussion, the Board tabled this and will reschedule this for the November 2, 2005 meeting. The revised Feasibility Study must be received by the Board Members one month prior to the meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAIVER REQUEST

Mary Schuler, Director of Nursing and Allied Health at Norwalk Community College was present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the documentation provided regarding the waiver request for Judy Mocchiola. Due to the fact that Ms. Mocchiola does not have a BSN degree as required in Section 20-90-51(d)2B(ii) of the Nursing Education Programs and Licensure Requirements, it was the unanimous decision of the Board that the request be denied. The Board cannot overrule the School Regulations.

Recess 11:11 AM – 11:23 AM

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – RELATED ISSUES

John Gadea, Director of the Drug Control Division (DCD) of the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP), and Gerry DeStefano, Senior Drug Control Agent, were present to discuss two issues brought to the attention of the Board of Examiners for Nursing (BOEN). The Department of Public Health (DPH), through Joan Leavitt, RN, Public Health Services Manager, asked if an unlicensed person, acting as an “agent” of the practitioner, may give a verbal order for medications to a pharmacy (re: CGS 21a-240; 20-576-26). DPH expressed concerns that these statutes may exceed the function of an unlicensed person.

Mr. Gadea and Mr. DeStefano related that this practice went back at least thirty years and mirrored Federal Regulation (e.g. 21CFR 1306.03) which refers to an “employee.” They felt that in general it is working well and that many physician offices do not have licensed nurses. The use of electronic orders may clarify the order further but this frequently does not occur. If an error occurs the physician is ultimately responsible for the actions of the “agent.”

The BOEN felt that the nurse must assure that there is a valid order for any medication the nurse is administering and the decision tree should be consulted.

The second issue identified that the DCD allows for persons, other than nurses, to perform narcotic counts and/or counter-sign for narcotic waste (e.g. 21a-262(9)(b)(g)(h)). The DPH had concerns that this process may exceed the scope of practice of the individual involved.

Mr. Gadea discussed that thirty years ago there were nurses on each unit of a health care facility but now there may be units that do not have nurses presented. The DCP allows the hospital to designate specific people to discard/waste narcotics. In these specialty units there are no “shift changes” with on-coming/off-going personnel. Hospitals would be expected to develop a protocol to govern this practice with technological changes. The PYXIS performs the count automatically and there is no manual counting.

The BOEN felt that if there were issues and the nurse was brought before the Board, the Decision Tree would be reviewed along with changes in technology. Each case would be looked at individually. The possibility of changing the regulations are long and it is difficult to keep up with technology.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE CURRICULUM CHANGE

Lois Daniels presented the Board with a curriculum change that Goodwin College will be implementing in the September, 2005 semester. The Board also reviewed the number of faculty to student ratios to assure that faculty is sufficient to run three concurrent classes. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to approve the above. The motion passed with all in favor. In addition, Goodwin College will be assigned three NCLEX-RN codes by the Department of Public Health.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NEW ENGLAND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE – SHELTON CAMPUS

JoAnn Dean, Program Administrator for the NETI LPN programs, was presented for this discussion. The Board reviewed the documentation provided. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the program be granted Full Approval based on the NCLEX-PN results of the first graduating class which had a 100% pass rate. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board congratulated the program on their excellent results and wished them continued success in the future.

NCLEX SCORES

This was tabled to the October 5, 2005 meeting.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DMR MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATION PROCESS REVISION

The Board reviewed the submitted Department of Mental Retardation Proposed Revisions for the Medication Administration Certification process with the revisions requested by the Board at their March 2, 2005 meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded to accept the document with revisions. The motion passed with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Donna Canalis reviewed the calls received in the Department with the Board. There was nothing out of the ordinary this month.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING COMPLIANCE MEETINGS

The Board reviewed information received from Assistant Attorney General Richard J. Lynch which requests that the Board go on the record stating they can use a compliance meeting as a practice to collect information and resolve issues. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to adopt the following resolution. The motion passed unanimously and Chair Bafundo signed the document.

RESOLUTION

In accordance with past practice and the Supreme Court's decision in Tele Tech of Connecticut Corporation v. Department of Public Utility Control, 270 Conn. 778 (2004), it is hereby acknowledged that the Department of Public Health has the authority to hold compliance meetings as required by Conn. Gen. Stat § 4-182(c).

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY UPDATE

Cheryl Carotenuti, School Nurse Consultant for the Department of Education, will be attending the October 5, 2005 meeting to provide the Board with an update.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Patricia Bouffard presided over the minutes section of the meeting as Chair Bafundo was called out of the room. The Board reviewed the following minutes.

JUNE 1, 2005

Katherine Pellerin moved and John Titsworth seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Maria Pietrantuono.

JUNE 15, 2005

John Titsworth moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Maria Pietrantuono.

JULY 20, 2005

Brother Francis Smith moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Maria Pietrantuono.

AUGUST 17, 2005

Brother Francis Smith moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Maria Pietrantuono.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – ELIZABETH D'AGOSTINO, RN

The Board reviewed the reinstatement hearing request documents provided by Elizabeth D'Agostino. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. D'Agostino be granted a reinstatement hearing. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing will be scheduled for February 15, 2005.

RECONSIDERATION OF MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – ELNA HUGHES, RN

The Board reviewed the packet of information regarding Elna Hughes from Attorney Karen Crotty Palumbo. Ms. Hughes and Attorney Palumbo were not present at this meeting. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Order issued August 19, 1998 remains in effect that “Until such time the Board is notified that the Respondent has attained a passing score on the licensing examination, the Respondent is prohibited from practicing as nurse.” The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MITCHELL NYE, RN, E59231

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mitchell Nye. Mr. Nye was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant this Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for September 21, 2005.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SUSAN WILLIAMS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Susan Williams. Ms. Williams was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to deny this Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for March 15, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JoANN WOJCIK, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for JoAnn Wojcik. Ms. Wojcik was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for September 21, 2005.

CONSENT ORDER – TRACY SOBIN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Tracy Sobin. Ms. Sobin was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – MIRIAM LISKA, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Miriam Liska. Ms. Liska was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo stated that the Board would consider a Consent Order with a reprimand and a civil penalty.

HEARING – JAMIL QUTUB, RN

The hearing convened at 12:40 PM. Attorney Steven A. Levy. The Board recessed for lunch at 1:00 PM and reconvened at 1:40 PM. The hearing closed at 2:24 PM. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Board move into Executive Session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General from 2:25 PM to 2:33 PM. Maria Pientrantuono left for the day during the hearing.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Mr. Qutub be found on charges 1, 2, 5, and 6 and he was not found on charges 3, 4, 7, and 8. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the charges against Mr. Qutub's license be dismissed. The motion passed unanimously. Patricia Bouffard then moved that the Summary Suspension regarding Mr. Qutub's license be vacated immediately. The motion was seconded by Linda Sacheli and passed unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – MARTHA BLOOD, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Martha Blood. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to adopt the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor and Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

HEARING – PATRICIA LOPA, RN

The hearing convened at 2:41 PM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Lopa was not present and was not represented. The hearing concluded at 2:46 PM.

Brother Francis Smith moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Lopa be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Sacheli moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. Lopa's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – SUSAN JOY, RN

The hearing convened at 2:50 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Joy was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Testimony was provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, RN, Department of Public Health, and Ms. Joy. The hearing concluded at 3:25 PM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Joy be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Joy's probation pursuant to the November 20, 2002 Order be extended for one year until November 30, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING CARLENE SHAW, RN

The hearing convened at 3:35 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Shaw was not present and was not represented. Testimony was provided by Nancy Oliveira. The hearing concluded at 4:00 PM.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Shaw be found on all charges in the Statement of Charges as orally amended. The motion passed with all in favor.

Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Shaw's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 4:15 PM. The motion passed with all in favor.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 21, 2005 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Joan Dobbins, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Sullivan, Assistant Attorney General
Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:09 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the University of Connecticut School of Nursing BSN Program.

REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS REGARDING LAPSED LICENSES

Stephen Carragher and Deborah Brown from the Department of Public Health were present for this discussion. The Board and the Department reviewed the current guidelines. This was tabled to the October 5, 2005 meeting along with the reinstatement requests for Jeanne Cohen and Joan Feldman.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – FAITH MALI, RN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Mali's license be reinstated without restrictions. The motion passed unanimously.

ORAL ARGUMENT ON MOTION TO REOPEN HEARING – CARLENE SHAW, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health and Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present representing Carlene Shaw who was also present. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. The Board heard Oral Argument from Attorney Leonhardt and Attorney Shanley. Linda Sacheli moved to reopen the hearing in the matter of Carlene Shaw, RN. The motion was seconded by Brother Francis Smith and passed unanimously.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – VIRGINIA SCHROEDER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Second Interim Consent Order for Virginia Schroeder. Due to a present illness Ms. Schroeder has been unable to comply with the requirements of the Interim Consent Order and this document will extend the terms of the original Interim Consent Order through February 1, 2006. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept this Second Interim Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PAMELA GAGE, RN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Pamela Gage. Ms. Gage was present without representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded to reject the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 19, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – GWYNEDD HIGHT-ROSSHIRT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Gwynedd Hight-Rosshirt. Ms. Hight-Rosshirt was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 5, 2005.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PATRICIA INTEGLIA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Patricia Integlia. Ms. Integlia was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 5, 2005.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – LINDA MASSA, RN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges for Linda Massa, RN, LPN. Ms. Massa was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and John Titsworth seconded to grant the Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Brother Francis Smith who recused himself.

CONSENT ORDER – CAROLE DENNISS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Carole Denniss. Ms. Denniss was present without representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to grant the Consent Order which would place Ms. Denniss' license on probation for four years with conditions. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – ANN McADOO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ann McAdoo. Ms. McAdoo was present without counsel. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded to deny the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board recommended additional terms of employer reports and no pool work.

CONSENT ORDER – LOIS DAIGLE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lois Daigle. Ms. Daigle was present without representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded to deny the Consent Order as written and recommend the addition of a \$500.00 Civil Penalty. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – PETER FLYNN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Peter Flynn. Mr. Flynn was present with counsel, Attorney Natasha White. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant the Consent Order which would place Mr. Flynn's license on probation for four years with conditions. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded to vacate the Summary Suspension of Respondent's license effective immediately.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

RENEE SEGNAPELLI, LPN

Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Segnatelli's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Maria Pietrantuono. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision which becomes effective immediately.

ELIZABETH CURTIN, RN

Linda Sacheli moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Board affirms their prior decision to revoke Ms. Curtin's license. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Maria Pietrantuono. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision which becomes effective immediately.

HEARING – COLLEEN SPIETT-BOYKO, LPN

The fifth hearing convened at 10:30 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Spiett-Boyko was present with counsel, Attorney James Kane. Assistant Attorney General Michael Sullivan was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by the Respondent. The hearing ended at 10:50 AM and was rescheduled to October 5, 2005 at 11:30 AM.

HEARING – JEAN LAVIN CAPLAN, RN, APRN

The hearing convened at 10:55 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Lavin-Caplan was present with counsel, Attorney Steven Errante. Assistant Attorney General Michael Sullivan was present to provide counsel to the Board. During the hearing the Respondent filed a Motion to dismiss which was denied on the record. Testimony was provided by Jean Lavin-Caplan, Mark Filak, MD, Lisa Berardesca, RN.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Member's present to adjourned this meeting at 4:30 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 5, 2005 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

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

ALSO PRESENT: M. J. McCarthy, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, DPH
Valerie Bryan, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Registered Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:17 AM.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo attended the quarterly Nursing Issues Workgroup Meeting
- Chair Bafundo attended the Emergency Credentialing Meeting to discuss planning in the event of an emergency situation
- Chair Bafundo attended the Allied Health Task Force meeting which is looking at the nursing shortage issue
- Chair Bafundo received many scope of practice calls
- Chair Bafundo and Wendy Furniss attended a press conference regarding pain management, particularly for long term care and cancer patients

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the University of Hartford and the Saint Raphael's School of Anesthesia.

REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS REGARDING LAPSED LICENSES

Previously the Department had polled all Boards of Nursing and reviewed a variety of data and instituted guidelines.

Stephen Carragher and Deborah Brown, from the Department of Public Health, were present for this discussion. The Board's current guidelines were reviewed and revisions were made as follows.

- If an individual's license has been lapsed for a period less than three years, they do not need to complete a refresher course.
- If an individual holds a current license in any state, they do not need to complete a refresher course.

If the license has been lapsed for:

- 3 or more years, a refresher course is required;
- 5 or more years, a refresher course will be 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*); and
- *All Refresher Courses are to be Board approved and are to include both theoretical and clinical components.*

The Department will handle cases on a case-by-case basis and will bring to the Board only when questions arise.

CONSENT ORDER – THOMAS LONGO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Thomas Longo. In reviewing this document the Board found that it was consistent with the Board's prior recommendations. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER LANGUAGE

Kathy Boulware apprised the Board that ongoing reviews of Consent Orders have brought this recent concern to the Department's attention. Currently, there is no tolling language in the current BOEN template for standard of care violations. This is a loophole that the Department feels should be addressed. The Department recommends that the following language be entered into the BOEN Consent Order language as a new paragraph #13. This is the language the Department uses in the template for all other professions. This language would be used only for standard of care cases, not impairment/diversion cases.

“In the event respondent is not employed as a _____ for periods of thirty (30) consecutive dates or longer, or is employed as a _____ less than sixteen (16) hours per week, or is employed outside of the State of Connecticut, respondent shall notify the Department in writing. Such periods of time shall not be counted in reducing the probationary period covered by this Consent Order.”

The Department has no legal authority to access records in another state and cannot compel an employer in another state to provide employer reports. Nothing precludes the Respondent from requesting a modification of a Consent Order upon return to this state to practice. At that time the onus would be on the respondent to provide proof of safe practice through documentation from their previous employers of safe practice. With sufficient evidence of safe practice that coincides with the timeframe of the original BOEN Consent Order, the Department would draft a proposed modification to end the terms of the Consent Order and present the information to the Board.

IV CONSCIOUS SEDATION GUIDELINES

This item was tabled to a future date.

LICENSURE

The Department of Public Health provided the following information regarding nurses licensed in Connecticut who currently reside out of state. There are a total of 12,154 nurses: 386 APRNs, 1,814 LPNs, and 9,954 RNs.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – GRADUATE RN, LPN, ARPN, AND CRNA STUDENTS BEING EMPLOYED AND WORKING

The Board has not changed their position or their opinion on any of the letters being sent out to students awaiting licensure, RNs, LPNs, CRNAs, & APRNs, who are being employed and working. There were questions as to whether a GRNA can be employed by a hospital or anesthesia group and work as RNs with certain levels of supervision. GRNAs cannot prescribe or order diagnostics, and cannot do medical diagnosing independently. They must work under the direct supervision of an anesthesiologist or a CRNA and cannot work independently. There were several members of the anesthesiology community at this meeting. There will be a subcommittee formed including the Department of Public Health, the Board of Examiners for Nursing, and members from the anesthesia community to further discuss this matter.

Brother Francis Smith returned to the meeting at this time.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Donna Canalis provided the Board with a brief overview of the calls received during August.

There have been many inquiries regarding administration of the flu vaccine. This is a licensed function. If a nurse has retired, and does not have a “retired license,” he or she cannot administer the vaccine.

Questions regarding the LPN as a charge nurse in the facility. If there is an RN in charge anywhere in the facility, the LPN can be considered charge nurse in the facility as long as there is an RN within the walls of the facility.

Question regarding prescriptions filled or accessed through Canada. On September 1, 2005 the Department of Public Health received a call from an assisted living facility inquiring whether nurses can give medications that the patients in their facility have obtained from Canada. The simple answer is NO. Drug Control was contacted and their answer is as follows. Drugs received from Canada are not manufactured by an FDA approved company. Many of the drugs from Canada have been produced in other countries that do not meet the quality control standards of the US FDA. It is illegal to import medications from other countries because the source is not FDA approved. Obviously the FDA is not going to go after grandma and grandpa for accessing individual prescriptions, but it does raise concerns if licensed nursing staff in licensed facilities are asked to administer medications that are considered illegal. If a nurse is administering medications from Canada, she/he is administering non-FDA approved drugs and consequently is jeopardizing her/his license. For further information regarding this issue the Hartford FDA office should be contacted at 860-240-4289.

The Board Office has been receiving many questions concerning Telephonic Case Management. Connecticut has no regulations specifically governing telephonic case management. The Board has issued informal guidance as follows:

- If you are practicing nursing as defined by the General Statutes of Connecticut and caring for Connecticut residents, one must have a Connecticut Nursing License, Section 20-87a Nursing.
- Connecticut's Nurse practice Act allows only registered nurses to perform assessments. If an LPN participates in telephones "case management" she or he must do so only under the direction of a registered nurse. (*The Nurse Practice Act can be accessed at www.dph.state.ct.us through Programs & Services.*)
- The licensing process in Connecticut can be accessed at www.dph.state.ct.us through "Licensure & Renewal." At present there are no continuing education requirements for licensure.

For additional information the contact person at the Department of Public Health is Stephen Carragher who may be reached at 860-509-7590.

SCHOOL ISSUES – PORTER AND CHESTER INSTITUTE

Phyllis DelMastro, Director of the LPN Program at Porter and Chester, Jack Burke, School Director at Porter and Chester, and Mary Ellen O'Hurley, Consultant, were in attendance. Ms. DelMastro apprised the Board that the program has received approval by the State Department of Higher Education. The Board requested additional information at the last meeting which was received and approved. The program is hoping to start classes in November.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – NCLEX REVIEW

Sheila Solernou, Director of the Nursing Program, was present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the NCLEX information provided. The Board requested a formal report from Ms. Solernou before granting the program full approval and will review the report at the October 19th meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES – UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT – NCLEX RESULTS

Dr. Laura Dzurec, Dean of the School of Nursing, was present for this discussion. The Board and the school have grave concerns about the NCLEX results. Last year the pass rate was 93.7% and this year the pass rate dropped to 77%. Dr. Dzurec shared the schools plan for remediation which was accepted by the Board.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NURSE CREWS – FEASIBILITY STUDY

This issue was tabled as the documentation has not been received.

SCHOOL ISSUES – RN PROGRAM ENROLLMENT STATS

Donna Canalis reviewed the RN Program Stats with the Board. NCLEX eligibility has shown an increase but enrollment needs improvement.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE SELF-EVALUATION WAIVER

The Board reviewed documentation from Cynthia Adams, Director of Nursing Health Careers at Capital Community College, requesting deferment of their program's self-evaluation report due in February 2007. Ms. Adams sent a letter to Chair Bafundo asking if her program can join the Connecticut Community College Curriculum Group who will be approaching the Board of Examiners for Nursing for accreditation as one group in the Spring of 2007. Nancy Bafundo and Donna Canalis recently met with Dr. Susan Abbe who introduced this project, discussed the development of a common curriculum, and described their efforts to request one accreditation review. The Board unanimously granted deferment of Capital Community College's self-evaluation report to the Fall of 2007.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Valerie Bryan apprised the Board that Karen Buckley-Bates, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Public Health, will be attending the November 2, 2005 meeting to apprise the Board of the Department's legislative initiatives for the upcoming February, 2006 Session.

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY UPDATE

Cheryl Carotenuti, School Health Consultation for the Department of Education, was present for this discussion. Ms. Carotenuti explained that the State Department of Education continues to work on revisions of the Medication Administration Regulations. A work group developed these changes over the past few years. Ms. Carotenuti is also involved in the development of nursing competencies for school nurses. As both of these items move towards completion Ms. Carotenuti will notify the Board of Examiner for Nursing.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

- Delegate Assembly did do Summary Book.
- Medication Administration and Medication Assistants – asking that job analysis and model medication administration course and feasibility be done – they will be looking into a certification exam and competencies. This has been in Connecticut Legislature for five to six years.
- Louisiana's RN and LPN Boards are up and running.
- Angela Diaz-Kay has resigned. Angela was working with DPH regarding NURSYS.
- Chair Bafundo was reappointed to the Finance Committee for two more years.
- There was discussion regarding fingerprinting/criminal background checks.
- The rest of the discussion of the Annual Meeting will be tabled to a later date.

Break 10:55 AM – 11:15 AM during which time Jeffrey Kardys and Assistant Attorney General M.J. McCarthy arrived.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – COLLEEN ALLEN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Colleen Allen. Assistant Attorney General M. J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Allen was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 19, 2005.

CONSENT ORDER MODIFICATION – KAREN CROSBY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Modification of a Consent Order for Karen Crosby. Ms. Crosby was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept this Consent Order Modification. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

HEARING – COLLEEN SPIETT-BOYKO, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:30 AM. Legal Office Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General M. J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Spiett-Boyko was present with counsel, Attorney James Kane. Testimony was provided from Turgut Yetil, MD. The hearing concluded at 1:05 PM.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to find Ms. Spiett-Boyko on Paragraph 3b only. Paragraphs 3a, 3c, 4, and 5 were dismissed due to insufficient evidence. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Joan Dobbins who abstained.

At 1:15 PM Joan Dobbins moved to enter into Executive Session to obtain legal advise from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion was seconded by Brother Francis Smith and Executive Session concluded at 1:25 PM.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Spiett-Boyko's license be placed on probation for two years, she is to successfully complete a 40-hour medication administration documentation course, monthly random urine screens and employer reports, and quarterly reports from her treating physician. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Joan Dobbins.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded to immediately vacate the Summary Suspension Order pending issuance of the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Joan Dobbins.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 1:45 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 19, 2005 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Joan Dobbins, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pientrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Donna Canalis, Registered Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the University of Connecticut School of Nursing and the Windham Practical Nurse Education Program.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – NCLEX Review & Change in Approval Status

Sheila Solernou, Director of Nursing at Gateway Community College, was present for this discussion. Donna Canalis indicated that Gateway's first graduating class has a 96% pass rate on the NCLEX-RN exam. Katherine Pellerin moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to grant Gateway's Nursing Program Full Approval. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DONNA KRIKSCIUN, LPN

Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Donna Kriksciun. Ms. Kriksciun was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 2, 2005.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LISA A. HIBSON, RN

Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lisa Hibson. Ms. Hibson was present with counsel, Attorney Emmet Hibson. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 2, 2005.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – GWYNEDD HIGHT-ROSSHIRT, RN

Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Ms. Hight-Rosshirt signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit on September 30, 2005. Katherine Pellerin moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor and was signed by Chair Bafundo.

CONSENT ORDER – JANE JAKSIC-THOMSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Jane Jaksic-Thomson. Ms. Jaksic-Thomson was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – BARBARA PAWLOSKI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Barbara Pawloski. Ms. Pawloski was present with counsel, Attorney Louis Todisco. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept the Consent Order which is a written reprimand and a \$1,500.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER - JANE TANSLEY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Jane Tansley. Ms. Tansley was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept the Consent Order which is a written reprimand and a \$1,500.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

John Titsworth arrived at 9:23 AM.

CONSENT ORDER MODIFICATION – ERINN BIRNEY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order Modification for Erinn Birney. Ms. Birney was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order Modification which extends Ms. Birney probationary period for an additional six months. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – MAUREEN McCafferty-Mattia, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Maureen McCafferty-Mattia. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to reinstate Ms. McCafferty-Mattia's license to probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

HEARING – COLLEEN ALLEN, LPN

The hearing convened at 9:32 AM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Allen was present without counsel. Testimony was provided by Ms. Allen. The hearing concluded at 10:10 AM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pientrantuono seconded that Ms. Allen be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Allen's probation be extended an additional six months, through April, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

Break 10:20 AM – 10:30 AM

HEARING – KATHERINE LAWRENCE, LPN

The hearing convened at 10:30 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Lawrence was not present and did not have representation. The hearing concluded at 10:48 AM.

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

Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pientrantuono seconded that Ms. Lawrence's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 10:50 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 2, 2005 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Joan Dobbins, RN
Maria Pientrantuono, RN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya DeMattia, Assistant Attorney General
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Valerie Bryan, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Registered Nurse Consultant, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Dana Forster, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

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

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo has been reappointed to the NCSBN Finance Committee and will be attending a meeting in Chicago on November 23, 2005
- Chair Bafundo attended the Nursing Issues Work Group Meeting at the Department of Public Health
- Chair Bafundo will be attending the Allied health Task Force this Friday
- Valerie Bryan attended the Deans & Directors meeting yesterday

OPEN FORUM

Dede Dwyer and Patricia Halloran from the recovering Nurse Community of Connecticut, representing Nurses for Nurses and other recovering Nurses, requested a comprehensive audit/investigation of the Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigations of the Department of Public Health regarding the monitoring of nurses who are under disciplinary orders. The Department has not received the documentation therefore this will be tabled to a later date.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

- Capital Community College – Faculty Education Waiver
- New England Technical Institute – Faculty Education Waiver

SCHOOL ISSUES – CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Cynthia Adams, Director of Nursing Health Careers at Capital Community College, was present to provide the Board with documentation regarding the educational waiver for Cathy Ouellette. Ms. Ouellette is currently enrolled in the MSN Program at the University of Hartford in her third semester with an expected completion date of May, 2007. John Titsworth moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the one year waiver be approved and will review Ms. Ouellette's status in the MSN Program in one year and approve an additional year if progress in the MSN Program is on schedule.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Karen Buckley-Bates, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Public Health, was present to discuss the Department's initiatives for the upcoming Legislative Session in February, 2006. The Department's Legislative Proposals were sent to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) by October 7, 2005 and the Department expects to hear from OPM sometime in January, 2006. The Department has submitted 18 proposals. Ms. Buckley-Bates will attend another Board meeting closer to the start of the Legislative Session.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE: I. V. CONSCIOUS SEDATION GUIDELINES

Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health, was present for this discussion. Kathleen Boulware will meet with Joan Dobbins to discuss updating the guidelines and then it will be presented to the Board for further discussion.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Donna Canalis reviewed the incoming calls to the Department. Ms. Canalis reviewed the most commonly received calls and referred the students to the Web Site to review the Declaratory Rulings and Guidelines issued by the Board.

SCHOOL ISSUES – STONE ACADEMY – FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR EAST HARTFORD

Andrew Tierney, Director, and Eleanor Davio, LPN Director, were present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the Feasibility Study submitted for a new campus to be located in the East Hartford area. The previous review was conducted at the September 7, 2005 meeting. The Board, at this meeting, unanimously approved the Feasibility Study. Stone Academy will submit the school's curriculum at the December 21, 2005 meeting along with the completed survey forms.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING NEW DEAN

The Board reviewed documentation provided regarding Margaret Grey, DrPH, RN, FAAN, who has been appointed Dean of the Yale University School of Nursing. Brother Francis Smith moved and John Titsworth seconded to accept Dr. Grey as the new Dean of the Nursing Program as the qualifications as specified in the regulations have been met. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board wishes Dr. Grey success in her new endeavor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NEW ENGLAND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

JoAnn Dean, Program Administrator for New England Technical Institute's LPN Program, was present to request a six-month waiver through May, 2006 in order for Fern Gayle Wildman-Schrier to complete her Master's Degree. Ms. Wildman-Schrier was grandfathered in under the five-year rule to complete her Master's Degree. Brother Francis Smith moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the waiver be granted. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Board reviewed documentation from Joanne Ottman, Director of Allied Health, Nursing and Physical Education, requesting deferment of their program's self-evaluation report scheduled for Spring 2007. Ms. Ottman sent a letter to Chair Bafundo asking if her program can join the Connecticut Community College Curriculum Group who will be approaching the Board of Examiners for Nursing for accreditation as one group in the Fall of 2007. Nancy Bafundo and Donna Canalis recently met with Dr. Susan Abbe who introduced this project, discussed the development of a common curriculum, and described their efforts to request one accreditation review. The Board unanimously granted deferment of Naugatuck Valley Community College's self-evaluation report to the Fall of 2007.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NCLEX SCORES

The Board reviewed the NCLEX Scores for RNs/LPNs for the third quarter of 2005 and there was nothing unusual to report.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

This will be deferred to the next business meeting.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHRISTOPHER GRIGAITIS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Christopher Grigaitis. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Grigaitis was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 16, 2005.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – BRENDA FAY-REIS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Brenda Fay-Reis. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Fay-Reis was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pientrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 17, 2006.

CONSENT ORDER – DEBORAH BATES, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Deborah Bates. Ms. Bates was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded to accept the Consent Order which places Ms. Bates' license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – CHRISTINE ADORNO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Christine Adorno. Ms. Adorno was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded to accept the Consent Order which places Ms. Adorno's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Chair Bafundo presented the Board with the following Memoranda of Decision:

SHANNYNN CELLA

Joan Dobbins moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to extend Ms. Cella's probation to September 1, 2009. The motion passed with all in favor.

MARY SUTTON HAGAN

Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to extend Ms. Sutton-Hagan's probation to September 1, 2009. The motion passed with all in favor.

Break 11:15 AM – 11:30 AM during which time Maria Pientrantuono left for the day.

HEARING – DONNA KRIKSCIUN, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:32 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Kriksciun was not present and did not have representation. At 11:38 AM case was continued to December 7, 2005 to be consolidated with 2005-0504-011-013.

HEARING – AUGUSTUS PERALTA, RN

The hearing convened at 11:40 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Peralta was present with counsel, Attorney John Newman. Testimony was provided by Dorothy Shreders, RN, Department of Public Health, Paige Bergmark, RN, St. Vincent's Medical Center, and Kerry Eaton, St. Vincent's Medical Center. The hearing closed at 1:30 PM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place at the December 7, 2005 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 1:45 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 16, 2005 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Maria Pientrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member (*present 1:05 PM – 3:00 PM*)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya Feliciano-DeMattia, Assistant Attorney General
Jacqueline Hoell, Assistant Attorney General
Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Janet Williams, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the Vinal Practical Nurse Education Program and Central Connecticut State University.

SCHOOL ISSUES – UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT – WAIVER REQUEST – Desiree Diaz

Dr. Laura Dzurec, Dean of the Nursing Program at the University of Connecticut, was present for this discussion. Dr. Dzurec is requesting a permanent waiver of educational requirements for Desiree Diaz who has completed master's coursework in education at St. Joseph's College in Maine. Ms. Diaz will formally graduate from that program in December, 2005. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the request for permanent waiver for Ms. Diaz be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – MATTHEW DALLACHIE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Matthew Dallachie. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Interim Consent be accepted which suspends Mr. Dallachie's license until the disposition of this petition. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – HEATHER BABIS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Heather Babis. Assistant Attorneys General Tanya Feliciano-DeMattia and Jacqueline Hoell were present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Babis was not present and did not have representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 7, 2005.

CONSENT ORDER – EWA JURZYK, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ewa Jurzyk. Ms. Jurzyk was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – MARY JANE PRESCOTT, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Mary Jane Prescott. Ms. Prescott was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Assistant Attorneys General Tanya Feliciano-DeMattia and Jacqueline Hoell were present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board recommended elimination of the infection control course, to include probation for one year with quarterly employer reports which center around documentation in addition to the usual employer reporting guidelines.

HEARING – CHRISTOPHER GRIGAITIS, LPN

The hearing convened at 9:35 AM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorneys General Tanya Feliciano-DeMattia and Jacqueline Hoell were present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Grigaitis was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Joanne Haschak, RN, Director of Nursing, and by Mr. Grigaitis. The hearing concluded at 10:25 AM.

Break 10:25 AM – 10:35 AM

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Mr. Grigaitis be found as charged with the exception of 6B. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Mr. Grigaitis' license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – MARK BEAUREGARD, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Mr. Beauregard's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

HEARING – KRISTI DOUGHERTY, RN

The hearing convened at 11:00 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Dougherty was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Jose Chaffino, Hartford Fire Department, and Janet Williams, RN, Department of Public Health. *There was a lunch recess from 12:30 to 1:05 PM. Patricia Bouffard left for the day at 1:55 PM. John Titsworth arrived at 1:05 PM and left for the day at 3:00 PM. Joan Dobbins left for the day at 3:20 PM.* The hearing concluded at 4:06 PM and has been rescheduled for January 4, 2006 at 9:00 AM in Room 1-A at the Legislative Office Building.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 4:15 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on December 7, 2005 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-D, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN, *Chair Pro Tem*
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Armand Amendola, Public Member
Nancy Bafundo, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Rose McGovern, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Ralph Efrid, Court Reporter

Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins welcomed students from A. I. Prince Practical Nurse Program, E. C. Goodwin Practical Nurse Program, and Goodwin College RN Program.

SCHOOL ISSUES – QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUESTS

The Board reviewed the documentation provided for all three waiver requests.

CHRISTINE CASE

Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Christine Case be granted a permanent waiver based on the appropriateness of her degree for the particular course work she will engage in. The motion passed unanimously.

RUTH BOICZYK

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ruth Boiczuk be granted a permanent waiver based on the appropriateness of her degree for the particular course work she will engage in. The motion passed unanimously.

MARGO INGLESE BIEBER

It was the unanimous decision of the Board to table this waiver request until further information is provided.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LISA CHITTENDEN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lisa Chittenden. Ms. Chittenden was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Chittenden's probation be extended for six months.

CONSENT ORDER – SHARON JAFFEE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Sharon Jaffee. Ms. Jaffee was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Consent Order which places Ms. Jaffee's license on probation for four years.

CONSENT ORDER – ANN McADOO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ann McAdoo. Ms. McAdoo was present without representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Consent Order which placed Ms. McAdoo's license on probation for one year along with a civil penalty.

CONSENT ORDER – ROCHELLE A. NUNES, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Rochelle Nunes. Ms. Nunes was present without representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Katherine Pellerin who recused herself from voting. It was the recommendation of the Board that this case be dismissed.

CONSENT ORDER – HEIDI ADCOCK, RN

This item was tabled to attain further documentation.

HEARING – HEATHER BABIS, LPN

The hearing convened at 9:37 AM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Babis was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Drug control Agent Theresa Conroy and Ms. Babis. The hearing concluded at 10:27 AM and will be rescheduled for December 21, 2005 at 11:30 AM to provide Ms. Babis an opportunity to attain additional documentation regarding therapist and drug screen reports.

Break 10:27 AM – 10:48 AM

HEARING – KATHLEEN WAIDO, RN

The hearing convened at 10:48 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Waido was present with Attorney Donald Jacobs who withdrew his appearance on Ms. Waido's request. Testimony was provided by Lynn McLean, LPN, Kathy Ryan, Executive Director, Richard Brooks, Drug Control Agent, and Ms. Waido. Linda Sacheli left for the day at 12:35 PM. Lunch Recess 12:45 PM – 1:15 PM. Following the lunch break Brother Francis Smith recused himself in this matter at the request of the Department of Public Health.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION – DONNA DeLos SANTOS, LPN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Donna DeLos Santos. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin moved to adopt the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Decision.

HEARING – SARAH BURKE, RN, REINSTATEMENT HEARING

The hearing convened at 1:40 PM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Burke was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Attorney Leonhardt and Attorney Swafford concurred that the Respondent and the Department of Public Health will present a Reinstatement Consent Order on December 21, 2005 in lieu of a hearing. The hearing concluded at 1:43 PM.

CONTINUATION OF HEARING – KATHLEEN WAIDO, RN

Testimony continued at 1:45 PM. Patricia Bouffard left for the day at 3:50 PM. The hearing concluded at 4:03 PM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place at a later date.

HEARING – DONNA KRIKSCIUN, LPN

The hearing convened at 4:05 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Kriksciun was not present and did not have representation. The hearing concluded at 4:20 PM. Fact Finding will take place at a later date due to lack of a quorum.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 4:25 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on December 21, 2005 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Tanya Feliciano-DeMattia, Assistant Attorney General
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Valerie Bryan, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:18 AM.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Scope of Practice – Nurse Administered Sedation
Goodwin College – New Nursing Program Administrator
Quinnipiac University – Waiver Requests
Guidelines – PICC Line Insertion
PNEP – New Program Name

CHAIR UPDATES

- Armand Amendola has resigned from his position as Public Member of the Board. Armand was appointed by the Governor to the Nursing Board in March of 1997.
- Chair Bafundo was reappointed to the NCSBN Finance Committee
- NCSBN will be funding two positions to the Delegate Assembly
- Chair Bafundo and Brother Francis Smith attended and participated in the LPN Student Day November 21, 2005

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – I.V. CONSCIOUS SEDATION GUIDELINES

Kathleen Boulware, DPH Public Health Services Manager, was present for this discussion. A draft document will be provided at the February 1, 2006 meeting for Board review.

SCHOOL ISSUES – HOWELL CHENEY PRACTICAL NURSE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Barbara Lindner was present for this discussion as a follow-up to her September 7, 2005 report based on a site visit on November, 2004. The school now has a part-time clerical staff 15 hours per week which began November 1, 2005. Substitute instructors have still not been obtained however Patricia Fennessy has placed an advertisement in the various newspapers. Flyers have been placed at some graduate schools and the position is also posted on their Web site. The Board accepted Ms. Lindner's report as written and advised Ms. Lindner to notify the Board regarding the availability of substitutes when this occurs and relate any additional problems to the Board.

SCHOOLS ISSUES REGARDING THE STATE RUN LPN PROGRAMS

Patricia Fennessy apprised the Board regarding the rationale for the name change to the school district which is now "The Connecticut Technical High School System" and the name change of the Practical Nurse Educations Programs to the "Licensed Practical Nurse Programs."

SCHOOL ISSUES – STONE ACADEMY – EAST HARTFORD PROGRAM APPROVAL

Andrew Tierney, Director, and Eleanor Davio, LPN Department Head, were present for this discussion. The Board of Examiners for Nursing reviewed Stone Academy's submission of the Licensed Practical Nurse Comprehensive Plan for the implementation of a Licensed Practical Nurse Program in East Hartford, Connecticut.

At this meeting the Board requested revisions to this plan as outlined below. However, this should not be viewed as an all inclusive documentation of the Board's discussion with the presenters from Stone Academy.

- Document how the organizational chart will look with the addition of program director and lead instructor.
- Videos should all be dated.
- Identify specific plans regarding the starting of the part-time day and/or evening programs.
- The Board expressed concern that the needs assessment identified 96 positions; therefore there will be 25% more graduates than jobs. Please explain how this will be handled if necessary. There is another program in Hartford who also graduates students every 18 months.
- The Board will request identifiers for each program so the NCLEX results can be separately obtained.
- Please identify books related to nursing concepts.
- Does the school plan to have the following journals, Nursing 2005, RN? If so these need to be included in your report.
- Pages 262-263 – is the amount of insurance coverage sufficient? The form needs to identify that this coverage is for the East Hartford area as well.
- Page 269 – course evaluation is very subjective toward the instructor and not the course (the faculty evaluation should be separate from the course evaluation).
- Clinical site evaluation is on the report as being done prior to signing a contract with the facility. This evaluation also needs to be completed after the clinical rotation to be sure that it meets the student's needs clinically. One is done by faculty and one by students.
- Need permission from students to contact their employer regarding their performance. The submitted form does not include this.
- Please clarify the admission process.

- Where is the library located?
- Does the admission policy include an interview? Please clarify.
- Explain credits for high school and/or college and how they will be accepted.
- How often are instructor evaluations conducted and by whom?
- There also needs to be an evaluation by the students after the course and after the program.
- New timelines need to be submitted.

The Board will review this information at their February 1, 2006 meeting.

SCHOOLS ISSUES – NURSE CREWS – FEASIBILITY STUDY

Emily Cruz, owner of Nurse Crews, was present for this discussion. The Board of Examiners for Nursing reviewed the last submission of the brochure describing the tutoring program being provided at Nurse Crews. At this meeting the Board requested that revisions be made to this brochure. The following is an outline of the discussion and requests of the Board, in the order addressed. However this should not be viewed as an all inclusive documentation of the Board's discussion with the presenters from Nurse Crews.

- The brochure must be clear that Nurse Crews is not a nursing program.
- The first paragraph is misleading since it states that you will tutor, train, and develop supreme quality nurses.
- Page 2, first paragraph states that all credits are transferable. This is misleading since Nurse Crews is a tutoring program.
- Page 2, second paragraph states that once the students have completed all the "nursing courses." These are not nursing courses since this program is tutorial.
- Page 2, second paragraph speaks to the ASN degree program which is also misleading.
- Written money back guarantee is in the program brochure – but not stated as such in the contract submitted.
- Nurse Crews also needs approval from the State Department of Education in order to provide an LPN program.
- The brochure must clearly state that this is a tutoring program only; no degrees are granted, no credits are obtained or transferable, nor does this tutorial program guarantee entrance into a nursing program.

This brochure must be revised before the feasibility study is reviewed. Please submit a revised brochure and your feasibility study the first week in January to be reviewed at the February 1, 2006 meeting.

Because the feasibility study was submitted, a cursory review was done and the following suggestions made.

- The survey to nursing schools if completed may verify the need for an additional LPN program (5 schools were surveyed, ten schools were on summer break).
- What clinical facilities will be utilized for training (a letter of commitment is needed)?
- A hospital contract still needs to be obtained.
- Some applicants are to come from Athena communities. Do you have a number of possible candidates, letter of commitment?
- Library holdings with dates of books, journals, etc. Where is the library located?
- Laboratory holdings.
- Timelines for interviews, hiring.
- Classroom and office space available.
- Financial resources – budget, anticipated start up costs.
- Where will ongoing students come from, geographic area, and why was this area targeted?
- What is your target population and how will they be reached?
- Day and/or evening classes?
- Number of students per class. Nurses of classes per year.
- Employment opportunities.
- Secretarial availability.

Katherine Pellerin left for the day at 11:10 AM

SCHOOL ISSUES – QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY PERMANENT WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed the documentation provided regarding Margo Inglese Bieber for a clinical teaching position. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Ms. Bieber be granted a permanent waiver based on her BS from Southern Connecticut State University, and the appropriateness of her degree and particular course work she will be engaged in.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE – NEW CHAIRPERSON

The Board reviewed the qualifications for Janice Costello for the position of Chairperson of the Nursing Department as of January 1, 2006 at Goodwin College. The Board unanimously agreed that Ms. Costello meets the qualifications for this position. The Board wishes Ms. Costello success in her new endeavor.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – DO APRNs HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO INSERT AND REMOVE SUBDERMAL CONTRACEPTIVES

The Board reviewed this scope of practice request. The Board confirmed that APRNs should use the Board's Decision Making Model to determine whether they have the authority to insert and remove a subdermal contraceptive.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed a waiver request for Kristen Borgognone. Ms. Borgognone has a BSN degree and is matriculated in the Southern Connecticut State University master's degree in the nursing education track, with an expected graduation date of May 2006. The Board unanimously agreed to approve the six-month waiver for Ms. Borgognone.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE AND INQUIRIES

Donna Canalis reviewed the October and November scope of practice calls received in the Board Office.

The Board tabled the discussion as to whether a RN may obtain a consent form from a patient to have a PICC line inserted until further information could be obtained.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – NATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE NURSES – AGENCY SEEKING CERTIFICATION FOR APRNs

The Board reviewed the documented provided requesting recognition for the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses as an agency that certified advanced practice nurses. Based on the discussion with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the Board has decided not to approve the program at this time.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

The NCSBN is in the process of finding a replacement for Angela Diaz Kay.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER

The Board reviewed the September 7, 2005 Board meeting minutes. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the minutes be accepted as amended. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Board reviewed the September 21, 2005 Board meeting minutes. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be accepted as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

Break 11:40 AM – 11:50 AM

RECONSIDERATION OF MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – ELNA BJELLAND-HUGHES, RN

Ms. Bjelland-Hughes was present with counsel, Attorney Karen Crotty Palumbo to request reconsideration of the Memorandum of Decision issued in August 1998 which requires Ms. Bjelland-Hughes to successfully complete the NCLEX-RN examination. The Board re-reviewed the packet of information regarding Elna Hughes presented at their September 7, 2005 meeting and Attorney Palumbo's letter of October 10, 2005. Ms. Hughes and Attorney Palumbo were present for discussion. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that the Order issued August 19, 1998 remains in effect that "Until such time the Board is notified that the Respondent has attained a passing score on the licensing examination, the Respondent is prohibited from practicing as nurse." The Board stated that the NCLEX-RN licensing examination is used to demonstrate minimal competency. The requirement for passing the licensing examination applied to all situations in which a nurse has been out of practice for five years or more, regardless of discipline.

FACT FINDING – AUGUSTUS PERALTA, RN

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the transcript and the exhibits prior to today's meeting. Joan Dobbins made a motion that Mr. Peralta could be found on all charges. The motion was seconded by Linda Sacheli and passed unanimously. Joan Dobbins then made a Bench motion to dismiss the charges on the record. The motion was seconded by Brother Francis Smith and passed with all in favor. This was an unfortunate occurrence and does not rise to a level requiring discipline from this Board. There will not be a written Order as this was dismissed on the record.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARY SMYTH, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mary Smyth. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano-DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Smyth was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for January 18, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CAROLINE NICHOLAS-BRUNETTO, RN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary suspension for Caroline Nicholas-Brunetto. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano-DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Nicholas-Brunetto was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 1, 2006.

CONSENT ORDER – RUTHANNE WRIGHT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ruthanne Wright. Ms. Wright was present without counsel. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board recommended that a psychiatric evaluation within the first six months of probation be incorporated into this Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – BETHMARIE JACKSON, RN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Bethmarie Jackson. Ms. Jackson was present without counsel. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – SARAH BURKE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Sarah Burke. Ms. Burke was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – MARY PRESCOTT, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Mary Prescott. Ms. Prescott was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – FREDRA CHAMBERLAIN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Fredra Chamberlain. Ms. Chamberlain was present without representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Chamberlain receive a Letter of Warning.

CONSENT ORDER – TARA KRAUSE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Tara Krause. Ms. Krause was present without representation. Brother Francis Smith moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Krause receive a Letter of Warning.

CONSENT ORDER – MIRIAM LISKA, LPN

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

CONSENT ORDER – HEIDI ADCOCK, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Heidi Adcock. Ms. Adcock was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo will sign at the Department of Public Health.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

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

VALERY COVELLO, LPN

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Covello's license on probation for one year. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

CHRISTA J. ZUCCO, RN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Zucco's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

Lunch Recess – 1:05 PM – 1:50 PM during which time Joan Dobbins left for the day.

HEARING – HEATHER BABIS, LPN

The hearing convened at 1:50 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. This hearing is a continuation of the December 7, 2005 hearing. Ms. Babis was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano-DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. The hearing concluded at 2:10 PM.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Babis be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Babis' license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – JOANN WOJCIK, LPN

The hearing convened at 2:17 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Feliciano-DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Wojcik was present with counsel, Attorney Frank Johnson. Testimony was provided by Drug Control Agent Kristine Nasinnyk and JoAnn Wojcik. Brother Francis Smith left at 4:00 PM. Due to lack of a quorum Fact Finding will take place at a later date. All Board Members will be provided with the transcript and Board Members not in attendance will be provided with exhibits.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present at this meeting be adjourned at 4:10 PM.