

**OCTOBER 13, 2008
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was held at the National Life Building in Montpelier, VT. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Linda Rice, Chair. Board Members present: Alan Weiss, Sandra Norton, William White, Deborah Robinson, Jeanine Carr, Donarae Metcalf, Ken Bush. Board Members absent: Deann Welch, Ellen Leff. Staff members present: Mary Botter - Executive Director, Nancy Morin – Administrative Assistant, Elizabeth Hansen - LNA Program Coordinator, Kevin Leahy - Board Attorney, Ed Adrian and Betsy Wrask - Prosecuting Attorneys, Chris Winters, Director, OPR, Stephen Kennedy, Investigator for OPR. Others present: North Country Career Center LNA Students, Vermont Technical College – Bennington LPN Students, Larissa Snorek-Yates, Paul Harrington, Mary Schober, Suzanna Bivens, Darlene Reid, Sheila Mullineaux, Wesley Baggett, Jacqueline Patenaude, Raphael Castillo, Judy Poiere, Julie Letourneau, Pamela Jefferson by telephone, Keith Hodges by telephone

2. Changes and Additions to the Agenda:

The revised agenda provided at the meeting today was accepted without changes or additions.

3. Approval of Minutes:

J. Carr moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2008 meeting. Ken Bush abstained. **Pass**

4. Administration, Education, Practice, Licensure

- A. Executive Director's Report - Monthly Report** - M. Botter reported that due to some Office computer system problems the Executive Director's Report will not be distributed today. The report will be e-mailed or sent to Board members. The report includes the information that due to potential fraud the Office has stopped accepting applications from graduates of nursing programs in Haiti. Additionally, M. Botter reported that with the continued volume of international applicants and in preparation for e-

licensing “go-live”, the Office has hired a temporary employee to assist with international applications through the first week of December.

- B. Discipline Follow-Up Report** – J. Carr moved to accept the Discipline Follow-Up Report. **Pass**

- C. Nursing Assistant Program Approval** – D. Metcalf moved to approve Addison County Home Health & Hospice Biennial Review with recommendations. **Pass**

D. Metcalf moved to approve North Country Career Center (Adult/Evening Program) Biennial Review. **Pass**

A. Weiss moved to table approval of Starr Farm Nursing Center. **Pass**

S. Norton moved to approve Vermont Veterans’ Home Biennial Review with recommendations. **Pass**

D. Metcalf moved to remove the conditions and grant full approval to River Bend Career & Technical Center. **Pass**

K. Bush moved to grant approval for the American Red Cross Green Mountain Chapter new LNA program. **Pass**

J. Carr moved to grant approval for Gill Odd Fellows Home’s new LNA program with recommendations. **Pass**

- D. Nursing Assistant Program Report** –The Board received the reports.

- E. Nursing Assistant Licensure Report** - The Board received the report.

- F. APRN Administrative Rules** – M. Botter facilitated a discussion on the transition to practice component of the draft rules. Recommendations from the APRN Advisory Committee were shared with the Board. After discussion a consensus was reached by the Board to eliminate any formal collaborative agreement or mentorship for new graduates from the APRN draft rules.

- G. Christian Science Nurses** – Larissa Snorek-Yates spoke to the Board on H.379 regarding Christian Science Nursing. She indicated that a “statement of non-objection” was being sought. The Board will discuss the request at the November meeting after reviewing documents that Ms. Yates provided to the Board.

5. **Public Comment:** Paul Harrington, Executive Director of the Vermont Medical Society, presented the opinion of the Medical Society regarding the section of the proposed revision to the Administrative Rules relevant to APRN transition to practice. Mr. Harrington indicated that the greatest concern was that new APRN graduates would be able to start their own independent practice without a formal relationship with a MD or APRN. The position of the Medical Society is that no new graduate (MD or APRN) is ready to start treating patients independently and need a formal mentorship or collaborating relationship. Mr. Harrington noted that physicians are required to have 1-3 years of post-graduate supervision.
6. **Administration, Education, Practice, Licensure (con't):** A. Weiss moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 10:00 a.m. **Pass**
The meeting resumed at 10:22 a.m.
7. **Disciplinary Proceedings:**
- NU35-0907 Michelle Kuusela was not present. J. Carr moved to reject the Stipulation and Consent Order. L. Rice moved on behalf of the Board to have the Respondent appear before the Board for a hearing at the November meeting. **Pass**
- NU91-0508 Lori Lynn Ellis hearing was continued.
- NU06-0707 Jane Dorrian was not present. K. Bush moved to find Jane Dorrian in **DEFAULT** **Pass**
A. Weiss moved to **INDEFINITELY SUSPEND** the license of Registered Nurse **Jane Dorrian**. The Board will issue a written order. **Pass**
- NU80-0605 Mark Ward was not present. D. Robinson moved to find Mark Ward in **DEFAULT**. **Pass**
J. Carr moved to **INDEFINITELY SUSPEND** the license of Registered Nurse **Mark Ward**. The Board will issue a written order. **Pass**
- NA27-0108 Amy Sue Odhiambo-Aguda was not present. L. Rice moved to find Amy Sue Odhiambo-Aguda in **DEFAULT**. **Pass**
L. Rice moved to **REPRIMAND** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Amy Sue Odhiambo-Aguda**. The Board will issue a written order. **Pass**
- NU61-0202 Mary Schober was present. A. Weiss moved to **INDEFINITELY SUSPEND** the license of Registered Nurse **Mary Schober**. W. White voted No. D. Robinson recused. The Board will issue a written order. **Pass**

- NU40-1106 Darlene Reid was present. L. Rice moved to go into deliberative session at 1:52 p.m. **Pass**
The meeting resumed at 2:00 p.m. K. Leahy announced that the Board will issue a written order.
- NU60-0108 Tonya Conway was not present. K. Bush moved to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order and **CONDITION** the license of Registered Nurse **Tonya Conway**. **Pass**
- NU83-0308 Martha Chadwick was not present. L. Rice moved to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order and **REVOKE** the license of Registered Nurse **Martha Chadwick**. **Pass**
- NU38-1007 Jacqueline Patenaude was present. L. Rice moved to go into deliberative session at 2:32 p.m. **Pass**
The meeting resumed at 2:45. K. Leahy announced that the Board will issue a written decision.
- NU47-1107 Dawn Ash hearing was continued.
- NA21-1207 Mary McQuinn was not present. J. Carr moved to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order and **INDEFINITELY SUSPEND** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Mary McQuinn**. **Pass**
- NU18-0908 Kimberly Corbett was not present. K. Bush moved to **SUMMARILY SUSPEND** the license of Registered Nurse **Kimberly Corbett**. The Board will issue a written decision. **Pass**
- NA11-1007 Kelly Tennett was not present. K. Bush moved to **INDEFINITELY SUSPEND**
NA28-0108 the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Kelly Tennett**. The Board will issue a written decision. **Pass**
- NU42-1007 Raphael Castillo was present. A. Weiss moved to go into deliberative session at 3:45 p.m. **Pass**
The meeting resumed at 4:00 p.m. K. Leahy announced that the Board will issue a written decision.
- NU17-0908 Barbara Bristol was not present. L. Rice moved to **SUMMARILY SUSPEND** the license of Licensed Practical Nurse **Barbara Bristol**. The Board will issue a written decision. **Pass**
- APPNU11-0708 Christina Lapinska was not present. D. Robinson moved to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order and **GRANT and CONDITION** the license

of Registered Nurse **Christina Lapinska.**

Pass

NU31-1100 David Bristol was not present. K. Bush moved to continue the hearing until the November meeting. **Pass**

8. **Other** – The Board received the September 2008 Nursing Law Regan Report. The Board received the 2007 LNA Relicensure Survey.

9. K. Bush moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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