

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
89 MAIN STREET, 3RD FLOOR, MONTPELIER, VT
BOARD OF NURSING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
April 13, 2015**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Jeanine Carr – Chair at Capitol Plaza, 100 State Street, The Montpelier Room, Montpelier, VT; Board members present: Jeanine Carr, Ellen Watson, Deborah Swartz, Virginia Hudson, Jennifer Laurent, Sheila Davis, Douglas Sutton, Luana Tredwell, William White, Jr., and John Welch, Jr. Staff members present: Linda Davidson - Executive Director, Jennifer Silverwood - Administrative Assistant, Ellen Leff - Nursing Case Manager, Eileen Paus – Education Program Manager, Larry Novins– Board Attorney, George Belcher – Hearing Officer; Lauren Hibbert & Beth Jarvis - Prosecuting Attorneys; Others present: Loralie Wareing, Amy Richards, and Peter Martin, Esq.

2. Changes and Additions to the Agenda:

3. Approval of Minutes:

E. Watson moved to approve the minutes of March 9th, 2015 with changes. **Pass**

4. Disciplinary Proceedings:

Wareing, Loralie – Appeal of Preliminary Decision to Rescind LNA License. Loralie Wareing was present. The Board went into deliberative session at 9:53 AM. The meeting resumed at 10:10 AM. **The Board will issue a written decision.** **Pass**

2014-655 James Duguay was not present. J. Carr moved to find James Duguay in **DEFAULT**. S. Davis moved to **INDEFINELY SUSPEND** the license of Registered Nurse **James Duguay**. **Pass**

2013-85 Tina Gallagher was not present. J. Welch moved to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order and **REMOVE** the **UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT** charge from the license of Registered Nurse **Tina Gallagher**. **Pass**

CLOSING REPORTS:

E. Watson moved to recommend that the following complaints be concluded without charges.

- 2012-13 D. Sutton recused
- 2010-692 D. Swartz recused

Pass

OTHER DISCIPLINARY ITEMS:

- Richard, Amy – Appeal of Preliminary Denial. Amy Richard and Peter Martin, Esq. were present. The Board went into deliberative session at 1:21 PM. The meeting resumed at 1:36 PM. **The Board will issue a written decision.** **Pass**

- M2013-203, 290, 637, 638, 688, 2014-17, 110, 157 – Dorothy Malone-Rising was not present. D. Swartz moved to **DENY REQUEST FOR STAY** on the license of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse **Dorothy Malone-Rising**. **Pass**

- M2015-1 (2003-93) – Brandie J. Vincelette Ovitt was not present. D. Sutton moved to **APPROVE** the **REINSTATEMENT STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER** on the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Brandie J. Vincelette Ovitt.** **Pass**
- M2013-32 (2011-287) – Amy Sue Belisle was not present. S. Davis moved to approve **REMOVAL OF CONDITIONS** on the license of Registered Nurse **Amy Sue Belisle.** **Pass**
- M2013-3 (2011-759) – Nicole Moret was not present. S. Davis move to **APPROVE** the **REINSTATEMENT STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER** on the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Nicole Moret.** **Pass**
- Quarterly Statistics 2011-2015 – The Board received and reviewed the quarterly statistics from 2011-2015 with E. Leff
- Current Discipline Cases – April 1, 2015 – The Board received and reviewed the current discipline cases with E. Leff.
- Case Aging Report Summary – The Board received and reviewed the current case aging report summary with E. Leff

5. Administration, Education, Practice, Licensure:

Executive Director’s Report: The Board received the written Executive Director’s Report and related documents provided in the Board meeting packet.

- L. Davidson complimented the Board of Nursing staff on their performance over the last few months. It was a busy renewal cycle.
- L. Davidson discussed the upcoming shortage of staff at OPR this summer. The Nursing Board staff will be filling in at the front desk. It is likely that walk-in applicants will not be processed the same day.
- L. Davidson announced that there has been an increase of fraudulent documents coming out of nursing education programs in Jamaica.

Criminal Background Checks:

- L. Davidson announced that the Office of Professional Regulation pulled the criminal background language from statutes until all professions who would like criminal background checks can move forward together with a plan.
- The Board reviewed NCSBN’s Criminal Background Check standard. E. Watson motioned to approve the model language with comments about the timing when CBC’s are done, specifically opposing “at renewal”. **Pass**

Nurse Licensure Compact:

- The Board reviewed the current Nursing Licensure Compact and Advanced Registered Nursing Licensure Compact with E. Watson. E. Watson moved to recuse the Board from a response regarding the Compact. **Pass**

6. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments

7. Education:

Education Committee

- The Education Committee prepared a document titled "The Baccalaureate Degree as Entry to Professional Practice". The committee requests the Board's approval of the document as written and for its use in the efforts to move the initiative forward.

- J. Carr and D. Swartz presented details from the VONL presentation regarding how other states are moving forward with the Baccalaureate Degree as Entry to Professional Practice.

LNA Programs

- Bennington Health and Rehabilitation – Initial Approval for a Nursing Assistant Education Program.
E. Watson moved to **APPROVE** the Initial Survey for a Nursing Assistant Education Program at **Bennington Health and Rehabilitation** with an annual review.
Pass
- Gill Odd Fellows Home – Initial Approval for a Nursing Assistant Education Program.
D. Sutton moved to **APPROVE** the Initial Survey for a Nursing Assistant Education Program at **Gill Odd Fellows Home** with an annual review.
Pass
- North Country Career Center (Day Program) – Biennial Approval
E. Watson moved to **APPROVE** the biennial approval of **North Country Career Center (Day Program)**.
Pass
- Cold Hollow Career Center (Day Program) – Biennial Approval
D. Sutton moved to **APPROVE** the biennial approval of **Cold Hollow Career Center (Day Program)**.
Pass
- Stafford Technical Center (Day Program) – Biennial Approval
V. Hudson moved to **APPROVE** the biennial approval of **Stafford Technical Center (Day Program)**.
Pass

Practice:

Practice Committee: The Practice Committee met on April 8, 2015.

- The Practice Committee has been devoting time to position statements.
- The Practice Committee welcomes S. Davis as a new Committee Member.

Position Statement: Role of the RN, LPN, and LNA in Foot Care

- The Board reviewed the Position Statement with D. Sutton. E. Watson moved to **APPROVE** the Role of the RN, LPN, and LNA in Foot Care Position Statement.
Pass

Alternative Program Committee: The Alternative Program Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

9. Adjournment: J. Carr moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 P.M.

Minutes recorded by: Jennifer Silverwood, Administrative Assistant

Draft minutes reviewed by: Linda Davidson, Executive Director

Draft minutes approved by Vermont Board of Nursing: