

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
89 MAIN STREET, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, MONTPELIER, VT  
BOARD OF NURSING  
APPROVED MINUTES  
March 9, 2015**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Jeanine Carr – Chair at VCFA, 36 College Street, College Hall (The Chapel), Montpelier; Board members present: Jeanine Carr, Ellen Watson, Deborah Swartz, Virginia Hudson, Sheila Davis, Kelly Sinclair, Douglas Sutton, 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 & Annika Green - Prosecuting Attorneys; Others present: Scott, Knudsen, Jerome Holland, Thomas French, Esq., Jennifer Clark, Dana Antoine Rank, Dr. Cynthia Martindill, and Nancy Dwyer.

**2. Changes and Additions to the Agenda:**

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

D. Sutton moved to approve the minutes of February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with changes. **Pass**

**4. Disciplinary Proceedings:**

Plant, Lisa – Appeal of Preliminary Decision to Rescind LNA License. Lisa Plant was not present.

D. Swartz moved to **AFFIRM** the preliminary decision to rescind the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Lisa Plant**. **Pass**

2014-657 Michael DeMello was not present. V. Hudson moved to **SUMMARILY SUSPEND** the license of Registered Nurse **Michael DeMello**. **Pass**

2014-188 Scott Knudsen was present. The Board went into deliberative session at 11:30 AM. The meeting resumed at 12:55 AM. **The Board will issue a written decision.**

2013-768 & 2014-28

Jerome Holland and Thomas French, Esq. were present. Jennifer Clark, Dana Antoine Rank, and Nancy Dwyer were present. The Board went into deliberative session at 1:35 PM. The meeting resumed at 2:15 PM. **The Board will issue a written decision.**

2014-639 Shawna Kopchu was not present. D. Swartz moved to **REVERSE THE DEFAULT** order on the license of Registered Nurse **Shawna Kopchu**. **Pass**

2013-515 Karen Morin was not present. E. Watson moved to **WARN** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Karen Morin**. **Pass**

2014-403 Vanessa Lauzon was not present. J. Welch moved to **WARN** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Vanessa Lauzon**. **Pass**

2012-759 Dale Kenyon was not present. D. Swartz moved to **CONDITION** the license of Registered Nurse **Dale Kenyon**. **Pass**

2013-643 Kristie Jo Latimer was not present. E. Watson moved to **WARN** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Kristie Jo Latimer**. **Pass**

2014-269 & 278 Sara Sturgis was not present. D. Sutton moved to **INDEFINITELY SUSPEND** the license of Registered Nurse **Sara Sturgis**. **Pass**

2013-767 Penny Verwey was not present. J. Carr moved to **INDEFINITELY SUSPEND** the license of Licensed Practical Nurse **Penny Verwey**. **Pass**

2014-175 Lindsey Kent was not present. S. Davis moved to **REPRIMAND** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Lindsey Kent**. **Pass**

#### **CLOSING REPORTS:**

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

- 2014-566 D. Sutton recused
- 2014-609 D. Sutton recused
- 2014-738 D. Sutton recused
- 2014-467 J. Laurent recused

**Pass**

#### **OTHER DISCIPLINARY ITEMS:**

- M2014-92 Nicole Greenia was present by telephone. Welch moved to **REMOVE CONDITIONS** on the license of Licensed Practical Nurse **Nicole Greenia**. **Pass**
- M2012-59 (2012-155) Rebecca Hackett was not present. D. Swartz moved to **REMOVE CONDITIONS** on the license of Registered Nurse **Rebecca Hackett**. **Pass**
- 2013-203, 290, 637, 638, 688, 2014-17, 110, 157 – Dorothy Malone Rising was not present. E. Watson moved to **GRANT CONTINUANCE** on the license of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse **Dorothy Malone Rising**. **Pass**
- Current Discipline Cases – February 27, 2015 – The Board received and reviewed the current discipline cases with E. Leff.
- Disciplinary Sanction Documents – D. Sutton moved to establish an Ad Hoc committee to create documents regarding the Board's position on lying, falsification, fraud, theft, and deceit.

#### **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.

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

#### **7. Education:**

##### **Education Committee**

- The Education Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

##### **LNA Programs**

- Hartford Area Career & Technology Center – Biennial Approval  
E. Watson moved to approve the biennial approval of Hartford Area Career & Technology Center with a yearly review in December 2015. **Pass**

#### **Nursing Education Program Approval**

- Vermont Technical College – Practical Nursing Education Program  
E. Watson moved to grant continued approval of the Vermont Technical College Practical Nursing Program. **Pass**
- Vermont Technical College – Associate Degree Nursing Education Program  
S. Davis moved to grant continued approval of the Vermont Technical College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program. **Pass**
- Vermont Technical College – RN to Bachelor of Nursing Education Program  
E. Watson moved to grant approval of the Vermont Technical College RN to Bachelor of Nursing Education Program upon graduation of students in May 2015. **Pass**
- Vermont Technical College – LPN and RN Re-entry Program  
S. Davis moved to grant continued approval of the Vermont Technical College LPN and RN Re-entry Program. **Pass**

#### **8. Practice:**

**Practice Committee:** The Practice Committee met on March 4, 2015.

- The Practice Committee has been reviewing the APRN Sub Committee position statement on “Termination of the Provider-Patient Relationship”, a foot care position statement, and the “RN/LPN Scope of Practice with Decision Tree.”

**Alternative Program Committee:** The Alternative Program Committee met on February 24, 2015.

- The Alternative Committee worked on the NCSBN audit tool. Will be finalizing a contract that is compliant with NCSBN.

#### **9. Adjournment:** J. Carr moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 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: 4/13/15