

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
NATIONAL LIFE BUILDING, MONTPELIER, VT  
APPROVED MINUTES  
July 8, 2013**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by John Todd – Vice-Chair at The Capitol Plaza; Board Members present: Alan Weiss, Luana Tredwell, Ellen Watson, Sheila Davis, Stephen Morse, Douglas Sutton, Virginia Hudson, William White; Board members absent: Jeanine Carr, Deborah Swartz; Staff members present: Nancy Morin - Administrative Assistant, Elizabeth Hansen - Nursing Program Manager, Ellen Leff - Nursing Case Manager, Larry Novins - Board Attorney, Gabriel Gilman, Lauren Hibbert - Prosecuting Attorneys, Michael Ruse, Investigator; Others present: Tracie Hauck, Jason Sawyer, Esq., Theodore Parisi, Esq., Jessica Larson, Mark Logan, MD, by telephone

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

- There were no changes to the agenda.

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

A. Weiss moved to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2013 meeting. **Pass**

**4. Disciplinary Proceedings:**

M2010-93/2010-21 Jessica Larson was present and represented by Theodore Parisi. S. Davis moved to amend the supervision requirement to allow a Doctor to supervise her practice rather than a Registered Nurse. The Board went into deliberative session at 10:35. The meeting resumed at 11:00. The Board while in deliberative session did not pass the motion.

S. Davis moved to change the Stipulation from 3 years to 1 year of supervision. **Pass**

The Board will issue a written decision.

2013-255 Tracie Hauck was present. V. Hudson moved to **SUMMARILY SUSPEND** the license of Registered Nurse **Tracie Hauck**. **Pass**

2012-449 Pauline Morin – Hearing was postponed until the August meeting.

2012-750 Lynda Hook– L. Hibbert submitted a motion for continuance until August and the continuance was granted.

Appeal Sally Sprague was not present. J. Todd moved to **AFFIRM THE DENIAL TO RESCIND** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Sally Sprague**. **Pass**

2012-450 Gregory Sieverding was not present but was represented by Jason Sawyer, Esq. The hearing was postponed and it was agreed that Gregory Sieverding would not be allowed to renew his license until a decision had been reached on the charges.

2011-501 Sarah Stanley was not present. S. Morse moved to find Sarah Stanley in **DEFAULT**.

The Board went into deliberative session at 10:40 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:47 a.m. The Board while in deliberative session approved the motion. E. Watson moved to **INDEFINITELY SUSPEND** the license of Registered Nurse **Sarah Stanley**. **Pass**

2012-346 Deborah Webber was not present. V. Hudson moved to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order and **WARN AND CONDITION** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Deborah Webber**. **Pass**

2012-569 Chrystal Cioffi was not present. E. Watson moved to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order and **ISSUE AND CONDITION** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Chrystal Cioffi**. **Pass**

#### **CLOSING REPORTS:**

S. Morse moved to recommend that the following complaints be concluded without charges.

- 2012-154 – E. Watson recused
- 2012-616 – D. Sutton recused
- 2013-125 – D. Sutton recused
- 2012-747 – S. Davis recused
- 2011-400
- 2011-211 – J. Todd recused

**Pass**

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

##### **A. REINSTATEMENTS:**

M2013-16/2012-354 Ashley Walker was not present. S. Davis moved to **REINSTATE WITHOUT CONDITIONS** the license of Registered Nurse **Ashley Walker**. **Pass**

M2013-27/2012-663 Trisha Crocker was not present. E. Watson moved to **REINSTATE WITHOUT CONDITIONS** the license of Licensed Practical Nurse **Trisha Crocker**. **Pass**

M2011-149/2011-233 Marley Parsons was not present. D. Sutton moved to **REINSTATE WITH CONDITIONS** the license of Licensed Practical Nurse **Marley Parsons**. L. Tredwell recused. **Pass**

**B. Current Discipline Cases – July 1, 2013** – The Board received and reviewed the current discipline cases with E. Leff.

**C. Board of Nursing Quarterly Statistics – July 1, 2013** - The Board received and reviewed the Board of Nursing Quarterly Statistics with E. Leff

**D. Discipline for Working Without Practice Guidelines** – L. Novins discussed with the Board what he thought an appropriate sanction for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses working without having practice guidelines on file and approved by the Office should be. The Board concurred that an Administrative Penalty of \$500.00 and no finding of unprofessional conduct would be appropriate.

## 5. Hearing Officer Recommendations.

- Melody Soquena– S. Morse moved to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that the application of Melody Soquena be **DENIED**. **Pass**
- Brian Larkin – E. Watson moved to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that the application of Brian Larkin be **CONTINUED FOR 90 DAYS TO ALLOW FOR HIM TO OBTAIN A NEW CES REPORT**. **Pass**
- Lekwalo Mokgalo – E. Watson moved to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that the application of Lekwalo Mokgalo be **DENIED**. **Pass**
- Jency Philip – D. Sutton moved to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that the Denial of the application of Jency Philip be **REVERSED**. **Pass**
- Hans Seitz – V Hudson moved to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that the application of Hans Seitz be **CONTINUED FOR 4 MONTHS TO ALLOW FOR HIM TO OBTAIN A NEW CES REPORT**. **Pass**
- Cini Augustine – E. Watson moved to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that the application of Cini Augustine be **DENIED**. **Pass**
- Rhea Asagra – E. Watson moved to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that the application of Rhea Asagra be **DENIED**. **Pass**
- Evela Joy Estacio – D. Sutton moved to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that the application of Evela Joy Estacio be **DENIED**. **Pass**
- Adeyinka Odumosu – V. Hudson moved to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that the application of Adeyinka Odumosu be **DENIED**. **Pass**
- Confidence Nwogu – E. Watson moved to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that the application of **Confidence Nwogu** be **DENIED**. **Pass**

## 6. 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. The report included:

- **Office of Professional Regulation Move:** OPR has moved to City Center in Montpelier. Forms on the website have been updated to reflect the new address. All committee meetings will be held at the new office. At the writing of this report we do not know if the conference space in the new office will be large enough for the Nursing Board meeting. We will be able to decide if the room is large enough once the furniture is in place.
- **Physician Assisted Dying Bill:** The sub-Committee met on Thursday, June 20, 2013 to review the first draft of the nurse's role related to the physician assisted dying bill. The practice committee will review the final draft prior to moving it along to the full Board for review. L. Davidson participated in a conference call on June 18, 2013 with the Department of Health/Physician stakeholders who are discussing the Physician Assisted Dying Bill. They too are looking at creating guidelines to help providers and patients understand the content of this bill
- **SANE:** L. Davidson attended the SANE Board meeting on June 12, 2013. The Board reviewed its mission. The Board decided that at a future meeting the SANE Board's Rules and Statute should be reviewed. The Board would like to discuss goals for the future.
- **Licensure:** No nursing renewals are in process at this time. The Office is receiving approximately 150 late RN renewals monthly.
- **Pearson Vue/NACES:** The Pearson VUE/NACES workshop for nursing assistant education program faculty was held on June 12th, primarily focusing on the changes to the skills exam that are effective as of July 1st. Most of the programs attended the meeting and feedback was positive.

- **Discipline:** As of June 30, 2013 there are 140 open cases, 46 follow-up cases and 5 Alternative Program participants.

**A. Public Comments** – There were no public comments.

**B. Education Committee Report:** E. Hanson reported that the Committee met on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The Committee discussed the Nursing program approval process being combined with the accreditation process. The Committee agreed that one of the goals for 2014 would be whether or not to recommend a requirement for CEU's to renew licenses. The next annual report will be in an electronic format. There are 2 vacancies, a RN Nursing Educator and a Licensed Practical Nurse, on the Committee.

**C. Nursing Assistant Education Programs:**

- **River Valley Technical Center (Adult Program)-** A. Weiss moved to approve River Valley Technical Center (Adult Program) with recommendations for the Biennium of 2013-2015. **Pass**
- **Green Mountain Technology and Career Center (Adult Program)** – S. Morse moved to approve Green Mountain Technology and Career Center (Adult Program) with recommendations for the Biennium 2013 - 2015. **Pass**

**D. Nursing Assistant Education Programs Annual Report Summary** – The Board received and reviewed the NAEP Annual Report Summary with E. Hansen

**E. Practice Committee:** D. Sutton reported that Committee will be meeting on July 31, 2013 and will be reviewing the “Nurses Role in Physician Assisted Dying”.

- **Position Statement Survey and Cover Letter** – The Board received and reviewed. S. Morse moved to approve the Position Statement Survey and Cover Letter. **Pass**
- **Student Nurse Prelicensure Extern Programs Position Statement** – A. Weiss moved to approve the Student Nurse Prelicensure Extern Programs Position Statement. **Pass**

**F. Alternative Program Committee:** There was no report as the Committee has not met since the June Board meeting.

**G. Nursing Assistant Education & Practice Committee:** The Nursing Assistant Education & Practice Committee met on June 14<sup>th</sup> and completed their recommendations on the Medication Nursing Assistant program. Those recommendations will be forwarded to the Education Committee in August.

**H. APRN Advisory Committee Report:** The APRN Advisory Committee will be meeting on August 28, 2013.

**6. Other Business:** There was no old business

**7. Adjournment:** D. Sutton moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m. **Pass**

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Morin, Administrative Assistant  
Draft minutes reviewed by: Linda Davidson, Executive Director  
Draft minutes approved by Vermont Board of Nursing: August 12, 2013