

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
89 MAIN STREET, 3RD FLOOR, MONTPELIER, VT
APPROVED MINUTES
December 9, 2013**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Jeanine Carr – Chair at 89 Main Street, Montpelier; Board members present: John Todd, Alan Weiss, Ellen Watson, Stephen Morse, Douglas Sutton, Sheila Davis, Deborah Swartz, William White, Virginia Hudson, Luana Tredwell; Staff members present: Linda Davidson - Executive Director, Nancy Morin - Administrative Assistant, Michael Saint Joseph - Nursing Program Manager, Ellen Leff - Nursing Case Manager, Larry Novins - Board Attorney, Gabriel Gilman, Lauren Hibbert - Prosecuting Attorneys; Others present: Tracie Hauck, Suzanne Sylvester by telephone

2. Changes and Additions to the Agenda:

- There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes:

A. Weiss moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2013 meeting with corrections as noted. **Pass**

4. Disciplinary Proceedings:

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| 2012-7 | Wendy Daley was not present. The Hearing was continued. |
| 2012-450 | Gregory Sieverding was not present. A. Weiss moved to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order and SUSPEND the license of Registered Nurse Gregory Sieverding .
Pass |
| 2013-2 | Suzanne Sylvester was present by telephone. The Board went into deliberative session at 9:50 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:58 a.m. The Board will issue a written decision. |
| 2013-634 | Sarah Day was not present. J. Carr moved to SUMMARILY SUSPEND the license of Licensed Practical Nurse Sarah Day . The Board will issue a written decision.
Pass |
| 2013-255 | Tracie Hauck was present. J. Carr moved to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order and INDEFINITELY SUSPEND the license of Tracie Hauck .
Pass |
| 2013-70 | Christi Taylor was not present. E. Watson moved to find Christi Taylor in DEFAULT .
Pass
J. Todd moved to INDEFINITELY SUSPEND the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant Christi Taylor .
Pass |
| 2012-489 | Lisa Wester was not present. D. Sutton moved to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order and WARN the license of Registered Nurse Lisa Wester . Pass |

CLOSING REPORTS:

D. Sutton moved to recommend that the following complaints be concluded without charges.

- 2013-501 – V. Hudson recused
- 2013-446 – J. Carr recused
- 2013-433 – S. Davis recused

Pass

OTHER DISCIPLINARY ITEMS:

A. Current Discipline Cases – December 2, 2013 – The Board received and reviewed the current discipline cases with E. Leff.

B. Case Aging Summary – December 2, 2013 - The Board received and reviewed the case Aging Summary with E. Leff.

C. M2012-78/2011-103 Amy MacDonald was not present. S. Morse moved to **REINSTATE WITHOUT CONDITIONS** the license of Registered Nurse **Amy MacDonald**. **Pass**

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.

- **Nursing Program Manager:** L. Davidson has been orienting Michael Saint Joseph to his role and responsibilities of Nursing Program Manager for the Board of Nursing. They have been working together on LNA application processing, LNA practice questions, Administrative Rules, education program approval process, e-license orientation, text common (computer) orientation and any other education miscellaneous items.
- **OPR Board Retreat:** There will be an OPR Board Retreat on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, Vermont.
- **NCSBN APRN Knowledge Network Call:** L. Davidson participated in the NCSBN APRN Knowledge Network Call on November 21, 2014. Topics included "LACE and Legislative Updates, Grandfathering Guidelines, Disciplinary Actions and APRNs, APRN Compact Rules, and the Impact of the Affordable Care Act on APRNs."
- **APRN Graduating Class Presentation:** On Tuesday, December 3, 2013, L. Davidson spoke at the University of Vermont in a class of graduating APRNs. Topics covered included The Board of Nursing, APRN Practice Guidelines, Transition to Practice and the APRN Application Process.
- **NCSBN Long Distance Education Call:** On Thursday, December 5, 2013, L. Davidson participated in the NCSBN Long Distance Education call.
- **Licensure:** LPN renewal notices will be sent out the week of December 16, 2013. The minimum data set is a part of this renewal.
- **Discipline:** As of November 30, 2013 there are 138 open cases, 66 follow-up cases and 13 Alternative Program participants (7 Traditional participants and 6 Practice Remediation Program participants.)

A. Licensing: Lapse vs. Reinstate – The Board received and reviewed the document with L. Novins. J. Todd moved to support in principle the draft Title 3 Provisions for Expired Licenses, Inactive Licenses proposed legislation. **Pass**

B. H. 275 Licensing Members of the Armed Forces: The Board received and discussed H.275. The Board feels now, as it did in 2008, that giving credit for military service is for educational institutions to decide and not a regulatory agency decision.

C. Strategic Initiatives and Goals Progress Report: The Board received and reviewed the Strategic Initiatives and Goals Progress Report with L. Davidson

D. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

E. Education Committee Report: The Education Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. J. Carr read the Education Committees Annual Report for the Board.

F. Nursing Assistant Education Programs:

S. Morse moved to approve the following:

- **Hartford Area Career and Technology Center's New Program** with recommendations. **Pass**

G. Practice Committee: D. Sutton reported that the Nursing Practice Committee met on December 4, 2013. The Board received and D. Sutton reviewed with the Board the Practice Committee's Annual Report and the report on the Status of all Position Statements. The Committee is requesting that the Board approve the following position statement:

- APRN Prohibition on Prescribing Oral Buprenorphine (Suboxone or Subutex) for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence- E. Watson moved to approve the .APRN Prohibition on Prescribing Oral Buprenorphine (Suboxone or Subutex) for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence Position Statement. **Pass**

H. Alternative Program Committee: J. Todd reported that the Committee has been working on the Draft Rules revisions Part 11. The Board received and reviewed Part 11. J. Todd moved to accept Part 11 as proposed. **Pass**

I. Nursing Assistant Education & Practice Committee: The Nursing Assistant Education & Practice Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The Committee will meet on January 10, 2014.

J. APRN Advisory Committee Report: The APRN Sub-committee met on Wednesday, November 20, 2013. The Committee discussed the following:

- Update from the Board of Medical Practice;
- Review of position statement: APRN Prohibition on Prescribing Oral Buprenorphine (Suboxone or Subutex) for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence.
- Credentialing Organizations and Title changes for APRN's

6. Other Business: J. Carr thanked J. Todd for all of his work on behalf of the Board. J. Todd's Board term expires on 12/31/13. This was his last Board meeting.

7. Adjournment: J. Todd moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.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: January 13, 2014