

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
NATIONAL LIFE BUILDING, MONTPELIER, VT
BOARD OF NURSING
APPROVED MINUTES
January 14, 2013**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM by Jeanine Carr - Chair; Board Members present: John Todd, Alan Weiss, Luana Tredwell, Ellen Watson, Sheila Davis, Deborah Swartz, Stephen Morse, William White, Douglas Sutton, Virginia Hudson; Staff members present: Linda Davidson – Executive Director, Nancy Morin - Administrative Assistant, Elizabeth Hansen - Nursing Program Manager, Ellen Leff - Nursing Case Manager, Larry Novins - Board Attorney, Gabriel Gilman and Lauren Hibbert - Prosecuting Attorneys, Dennis Menard – OPR Investigator; Others present: North Country Career Center, LNAs and Instructors, Arthur Boal, Charles Martin, Esq., Clifford Peebles

2. Changes and Additions to the Agenda:

- J. Carr welcomed the LNAs and Instructors from North Country Career Center. J. Carr introduced Luana Tredwell, LPN and Stephen Morse, LNA as new Board members.
- L. Novins gave an overview for the students and new Board members on the disciplinary process for contested hearings and stipulations.

3. Approval of Minutes:

A. Weiss moved to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2012 meeting. V. Hudson, L. Tredwell and S. Morse recused. **Pass**

4. Disciplinary Proceedings:

- 2012-759 Dale Kenyon was not present. The Board went into deliberative session at 10:10 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m. The Board, while in deliberative session, voted to **SUMMARILY SUSPEND** the license of Registered Nurse **Dale Kenyon**.
- 2011-661 Arthur Boal was present. The Board went into deliberative session at 9:50 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:58 a.m. L. Novins announced that the Board while in deliberative session voted to dismiss the charges. The Board will issue a written decision.
- 2012-239 Ethel Angton was not present. The State requested that the Board dismiss the charges on 2012-239. A. Weiss moved to **DISMISS** the charges on Licensed Practical Nurse **Ethel Angton**. **Pass**
- 2011-287 Amy Belisle was not present but represented by Charles Martin, Esq. C. Martin requested that the hearing be continued until February 2013 as Ms Belisle was ill. The Board agreed to continue the hearing until the February 2013 Board meeting.
- 2012-664 Joanne Baldasare was not present. E. Watson moved to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order and **IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY** on the license of Registered Nurse **Joanne Baldasare**. **Pass**

- 2011-36 Thomas Disalvo was not present. D. Swartz moved to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order and **REPRIMAND** and **CONDITION** the license of Licensed Practical Nurse **Thomas Disalvo**. **Pass**
- M2012-13 Laura Crosby was not present. J. Carr moved to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order and **REINSTATE AND CONDITION** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Laura Crosby**. **Pass**
- 2012-193 Brooke Bishop was not present. J. Todd moved to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order and **IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY** on the license of Licensed Practical Nurse **Brooke Bishop**. E. Watson recused. **Pass**

CLOSING REPORTS:

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

- 2012-408 – J. Carr recused
- 2012-292 – D. Sutton recused
- 2012-565 – J. Todd recused
- 2010 -567 - D. Swartz recused
- 2012-622 – D. Swartz recused
- 2012-490 – D. Swartz recused
- 2011-772 – D. Swartz recused
- 2011-247 – E. Watson recused
- 2012-206 – E. Watson recused
- 2012-223 – E. Watson recused

Pass

A. Weiss moved to recommend that the following complaints be concluded without charges:

- 2012-729 – J. Todd recused
- 2011-416 – D. Swartz recused

Pass

OTHER DISCIPLINARY ITEMS:

A. REINSTATEMENTS:

M2009-133/2008-202 Anne-Marie Newton was not present. J. Todd moved to **REINSTATE WITHOUT CONDITIONS** the license of Registered Nurse **Anne-Marie Newton**. E. Watson recused. **Pass**

M2012-156/2011-638 Karen St. Peter was not present. D. Swartz moved to **REINSTATE WITHOUT CONDITIONS** the license of Registered Nurse **Karen St. Peter**. **Pass**

M2012-141/2012-110 Nicole Maple was not present. S. Davis moved to **REINSTATE WITHOUT CONDITIONS** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Nicole Maple**. **Pass**

M2011-157/2011-71 Wendy Culligan was not present. D. Sutton moved to **REINSTATE WITHOUT**

CONDITIONS the license of Registered Nurse **Wendy Culligan.** **Pass**

M2012-143/2012-108 Kelly Donahue was not present. S. Davis moved to **REINSTATE WITHOUT CONDITIONS** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Kelly Donahue.** **Pass**

M2009-185/2008-71 Eleonore Makosso-Tchiapi was not present. J. Todd moved to **REINSTATE WITHOUT CONDITIONS** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Eleonore Makosso-Tchiapi.** S. Morse recused. **Pass**

M2012-123/2011-245 Betty Searles was not present. V. Hudson moved to **REINSTATE WITHOUT CONDITIONS** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Betty Searles.** **Pass**

M2011-158/2011-9 Lori O'Brian was not present. D. Swartz moved to **REINSTATE WITHOUT CONDITIONS** the license of Registered Nurse **Lori O'Brian.** **Pass**

M2012-157/2011-740 Heather Huntley was not present. J. Todd moved to **REINSTATE WITHOUT CONDITIONS** the license of Licensed Practical Nurse **Heather Huntley.** **Pass**

B. Current Discipline Cases – December 3, 2012 – The Board received and reviewed the current discipline cases December 3, 2012 charts with E. Leff.

C. Board of Nursing Quarterly Statistics – The Board received the quarterly statistics. E. Leff discussed the statistics with the Board. A. Weiss moved to accept the quarterly report with commendation for E. Leff's work on the report. **Pass**

D. Nursing Board Pending Case Age Report December 2010-December 2012 – The Board received the case age report and E. Leff explained the different charts and any changes that have developed regarding cases.

E. Revision of Alternative Program Committee Charter – D. Sutton moved to approve the Alternative Program Committee Charter. **Pass**

F. Alternative Program Summary 2012 – The Board received and reviewed with E. Leff the Alternative Program Summary 2012 report.

G. Board of Nursing Discipline Case Trends – 1/13 – The Board received the Nursing Discipline Case Trends charts and E. Leff reviewed with the Board.

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. The report included:

- **Board Member Changes:** L. Davidson welcomes Luana Tredwell, LPN and Stephen Morse, LNA to the Board.
- **Board Retreat:** The Board will have a retreat on Monday, February 4, 2013 at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier. L. Davidson handed out a draft agenda for the Board's review. The agenda includes Recommendations to the Governor from The Blue Ribbon Commission on Nursing, Current trends nationwide regarding Criminal Background Checks, The Alternative Program – update and future plans, Lessons to Learn from nursing cases. A. Weiss asked that C. Winters attend the retreat and report on the Board Surveys that OPR had gathered to see how the Board was doing.
- **SANE Board Meeting:** L. Davidson attended the SANE Board meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2012. A group of UVM medical students presented a public health project they did on the importance of follow up for patients served by SANE nurses

- **RN/APRN Renewal:** The Board office is preparing for the upcoming RN/APRN renewal cycle. RNs will be able to renew on-line. APRNs will renew by paper since supporting documentation (practice guidelines and national board certification) must accompany the application. RNs and APRNs will be participating in the workforce survey.
- **LNA Medication Assistants:** The LNA Education and Practice Committee are working on setting the standards for LNA Medication Assistants as charged by the legislature. The Vermont Board of Nursing is responsible for licensing criteria, standards for educational programs and competency testing.
- **Discipline:** As of December 31, 2012 there are 176 open cases, 74 follow-up cases and 8 Alternative Program participants.
- **2013 Strategic Initiatives and Annual Goals** – The Board received the final 2013 Strategic Initiatives and Annual Goals.

A. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

B. Education Committee Report: D. Swartz reported that the Committee met on January 11, 2013, The Committee discussed the following:

- Program accreditation and approval.
- The agenda for the Nursing Educational Program meeting to be held in June
- The Step 1 and Step 2 proposals sent in by Southern Vermont College and Vermont Technical College.
- Educational hour requirements for Nursing programs.

Nursing Assistant Education Committee Report: E. Hansen reported that the Committee met January 4th and discussed the following:

- Annual Reports being available electronically for the first time.
- Stakeholders recommendations
- LNA Medication Assistant requirement
- Committee will meet monthly, the second Friday of each month starting in March, until the LNA Medication Assistant program is operational

C. Practice Committee: D. Sutton reported that the Committee met on January 2, 2012 and worked on position statements.

The Practice Committee is requesting that the Board approve the following Position Statements:

- **Administration of Immunizations in an Immunization Clinic** – The Board discussed and made changes which included a change in the title of the position statement to “The Role of the Nurse in an Immunization Clinic”. John Todd moved to approve “The Role of the Nurse in an Immunization Clinic Position Statement” with corrections as noted. Stephen Morse recused.

Pass

- **The Role of the Registered Nurse in Obtaining Informed Consent for a Treatment or Procedure Position Statement.** Clifford Peebles attended the meeting in support of the position statement. S. Davis moved to approve “The Role of the Registered Nurse in Obtaining Informed Consent for a Treatment or Procedure Position Statement” with corrections as noted.

Pass

- **Nursing Practice Committee Charter** – This agenda item was moved to the February Board meeting

6. Other Business:

- L. Novins requested that the Board go back into deliberative session to discuss 2011-661. The Board went into deliberative session at 1:55 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 2:14 p.m.

7. Adjournment: J. Todd moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Pass

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Morin, Administrative Assistant
Draft minutes reviewed by: Linda Davidson, Executive Director
Date minutes approved by Vermont Board of Nursing: February 11, 2013