

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
89 MAIN STREET, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, MONTPELIER, VT  
BOARD OF NURSING  
APPROVED MINUTES  
January 12, 2015**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Jeanine Carr – Chair at 89 Main St., Montpelier; Board members present: Ellen Watson, Kelly Sinclair, Jennifer Laurent, Jeanine Carr, Doug Sutton, Virginia Hudson, William White, and Sheila Davis. 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; Lauren Hibbert & Annika Green - Prosecuting Attorneys; Others present: Earnest LaPierre, Thomas Njuguna, Richard Bothfeld, Esq., and Gale Holtz Golden

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

Correction on agenda:

- Ellen Watson assigned to the Earnest LaPierre case (not Douglas Sutton).

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

D. Sutton moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2014. **Pass**

**4. Disciplinary Proceedings:**

M2013-92 (2012-119) Earnest LaPierre was present. The Board went into deliberative session at 9:10 AM. The meeting resumed at 9:15 AM. While in deliberative session the Board voted to REMOVE the conditions on Advanced Practice Registered Nurse **Earnest LaPierre**. **Pass**

2014-307, 459 Matthew Gottung was not present. The Board went into deliberative session at 10:40 AM. The Board will issue a written decision. **Pass**

2013-203, 290, 637, 638, 688, 2014-17, 110, 157

Dorothy Malone-Rising was not present. J. Carr moved to find Dorothy Malone-Rising in **DEFAULT**. J. Carr moved to **INDEFINITELY SUSPEND** the licenses of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse **Dorothy Malone-Rising**. Jennifer Laurent Recused. **Pass**

2014-578 Lynx Rembert was not present. S. Davis moved to find Lynx Rembert in **DEFAULT**. J. Carr moved to **REVOKE** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Lynx Rembert**. **Pass**

2014-442 Nicky Tyler was not present. E. Watson moved to find Nicky Tyler in **DEFAULT**. D. Sutton moved to **CONDITION** license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Nicky Tyler**. **Pass**

2013-662 Rachel Greene-Wells was not present. J. Carr moved to find Rachel Greene-Wells in **DEFAULT**. J. Carr moved to **WARN and CONDITION** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Rachel Greene-Wells**. **Pass**

- 2014-302 Riya Mathew was not present. E. Watson moved to **WARN** the license of Registered Nurse **Riya Mathew**. **Pass**
- M2013-409 (2012-381) Sharon Laub was not present. S. Davis moved to approve the Stipulation and Consent order and **CONDITION** the license of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse **Sharon Laub**. **Pass**
- 2014-326 Carrie Percey was not present. S. Davis moved to accept the Stipulation and Consent order and **WARN** the license of Registered Nurse Carrie Percey. **Pass**

#### **CLOSING REPORTS:**

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

- 2014-496 J. Laurent recused
- 2014-513 S. Davis recused
- 2014-504 J. Laurent recused
- 2014-463 J. Greenleaf (not present)

**Pass**

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

- M2014-16 (2012-247) Thomas Njuguna, Richard Bothfeld, and Gale Holtz Golden were present. The Board went into deliberative session at 9:52 AM. The meeting resumed at 10:20 AM. The Board will issue a written decision.
- M2012-138 Melanie Burrows was not present. V. Hudon moved to accept the **ORDER REINSTATING LICENSE WITH CONDITIONS**. **Pass**
- Current Discipline Cases – December 31, 2014 – The Board received and reviewed the current discipline cases with E. Leff.
- Quarterly Statistics 2010-2014 – The Board received and reviewed the Quarterly Statistics with E. Leff
- Case Aging Report Summary – The Board received and reviewed the Case Aging Report Summary with E. Leff
- Alternative Program and Practice Remediation Program 2014 Report – The Board received the Alternative Program and Practice Remediation Program 2014 Report.

#### **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.

**Board Packets:** S. Davis moved to accept that the Board receive email packets on the Tuesday before a scheduled Board meeting and that a paper copy will be made available to Board members on the date of the Board meeting. **Pass**

**Mid-Year Meeting:** L. Davidson announced the upcoming NCSBN mid-year meeting on March 16-18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**2014 Strategic Initiatives and Goals Progress Report:** L. Davidson reviewed the progress on the 2014 Strategic Initiatives and Goals Progress Report.

**RN/ARPN Workforce Surveys:** The Board reviewed the workforce data surveys for the upcoming RN and APRN renewal.

**Emergency Involuntary Procedures:** L. Davidson presented to the Board information on emergency involuntary procedures. L. Davidson was called to testify on APRN education and training as it relates to this issue.

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

7. **Education:**

**Education Meeting Annual Report:** The Board received and reviewed the annual report as presented by J. Carr.

**Nursing Assistant Education and Practice Committee Annual Report:** The Board received and reviewed the annual report as presented reviewed by E. Paus.

**MSN Programs:**

- Norwich University – MSN Action Plan. J. Carr moved to grant full approval of the Norwich University MSN Action Plan. **Pass**

8. **Practice:**

**Position Statements**

- LNA Scope of Practice Review. J. Carr moved to accept the LNA Scope of Practice. **Pass**

**Practice Committee Annual Report:** The Board received and reviewed the annual report as presented by D. Sutton.

**APRN Sub-Committee Annual Report:** The Board received and reviewed the annual report as presented by L. Davidson.

8. **Other Business:**

9. **Adjournment:** V. Hudson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 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: