

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
MEETING IN THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
89 MAIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR, MONTPELIER, VT
BOARD OF NURSING
APPROVED MINUTES
April 10, 2017**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Jeanine Carr – Chair; Board members present: Jeanine Carr, Ellen Watson, Jill Duell, Kelly Sinclair, William White, Jennifer Laurent, and Virginia Hudson. Judge George Belcher. Staff members present: Lauren Hibbert and Gabe Gilman – Board Attorneys, Phyllis Mitchell – Executive Director, Kristin Husher – Nursing Program Manager, Colette Page – Licensing Board Specialist, Ellen Leff – Case Manager; Prosecuting Attorneys Elizabeth St. James, Rachel Allen, and Jennifer Colin. Others present – OPR Director Colin Benjamin; Stephen Reynes; Mary Botter and 6 nursing students from Southern Vermont College; Christie Allen and 10 nursing students from Norwich University; Ernest Luikart; Jim Puente and Nicole Livanos from NCSBN; Rick Masters, special counsel for Interstate Compacts for the Nurse Licensure Compact by phone; Judy Way by phone; and Fania Oxy by phone.

The Board welcomes the nursing students from Norwich University and Southern Vermont College.

2. Changes to the Agenda: There were no changes to the Agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes:

E. Watson moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 2017, with 4 corrections.

Pass

4. SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS

2017-184 Taryn Kish was not present. J. Carr moved to **SUMMARILY SUSPEND** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Taryn Kish**. **Pass**

5. HEARINGS

2014-727 Brenda Brown was not present. J. Carr moved to **REPRIMAND** and make a finding of **UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Brenda Brown**. **Pass**

M2017-3 (2011-445) Fania Oxy was present by telephone. E. Watson moved to **UPHOLD STATE'S REJECTION** to respondent's request for reinstatement of the license of Licensed Practical Nurse **Fania Oxy**. **Pass**

M2015-96 (2015-136) Ernest Luikart was present. E. Watson moved to **CONTINUE CONDITIONS AS WRITTEN** on the license of Registered Nurse **Ernest Luikart**. **Pass**

6. Standards for Delegation of Discipline Matters to the Administrative Law Officer

Colin Benjamin and Gabe Gilman came before the board to seek authorization from the board to delegate to an Administrative Law Officer (ALO) contested cases that will require multiple days for evidentiary hearings. V. Hudson moved to allow pending matters so described to be delegated the ALO. Any future requests for such delegation would come before board. **Pass**

7. OPR Bill H.506

The OPR bill as introduced to the Legislature was discussed and questions were answered by Colin Benjamin, Gabe Gilman and Lauren Hibbert.

8. APRN Compact

Nicole Livanos of NCSBN presented on the APRN Compact.

9. Enhanced Licensure Compact

Jim Puente of NCSBN presented on the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact. NCSBN compact law attorney Rick Masters was present by phone to field questions.

10. STIPULATIONS

- 2016-40; 2017-153 Natasha Cady was not present. V. Hudson moved to **ACCEPT the VOLUNTARY INDEFINITE SUSPENSION stipulation** on the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Natasha Cady.** **Pass**
- 2016-434 Lesley Bessery was not present. V. Hudson moved **INDEFINITELY SUSPEND** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Lesley Bessery.** **Pass**
- 2016-433 Melissa Kempton was not present. W. White moved to **WARN and CONDITION** the license of Registered Nurse **Melissa Kempton.** **Pass**
- 2015-421 Lisa Burns was not present. E. Watson moved to **WARN and STIPULATE** the license of Licensed Practical Nurse **Lisa Burns.** **Pass**
- 2015-487 Vanessa Aprilliano was not present. E. Watson moved to **REJECT** the Stipulation on the license of Registered Nurse **Vanessa Aprilliano.** **Pass**
- M2016-83 (2014-429) Paul Heisner was not present. V. Hudson moved to **ACCEPT the PROPOSED AMENDED ORDER** on the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Paul Heisner.** **Pass**
- 2016-380 Alice Olango was not present. J. Laurent moved to **INDEFINITELY SUSPEND** the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant **Alice Olango.** **Pass**
- M2015-82 (2014-404) Ann Barton-Sullivan was not present. W. White moved to **ACCEPT the ORDER to REMOVE CONDITIONS** on the license of Registered Nurse **Ann Barton-Sullivan.** **Pass**
- 2016-393 Berenice Igwacho was not present. J. Duell moved to **INDEFINITELY SUSPEND** the license of Registered Nurse **Berenice Igwacho**, with modifications to the orders to correct the Board name in Appeal Rights section (should be Vermont Board of Nursing rather than of Barbers and Cosmetology) and the spelling of the respondent's name. **Pass**

11. OTHER DISCIPLINARY ITEMS

Ellen Leff reviewed with the Board the details of the current discipline cases and quarterly board statistics. The number of total discipline cases has gone up but cases open has not trended up. There are a number of closing reports pending completion.

12. Administration

Executive Director's Report

Phyllis Mitchell thanked the senior nursing student from Southern Vermont College for coming with Mary Botter, and Norwich University nursing students for coming with Christie Allen.

Phyllis gave updates from her attendance at the SANE meeting March 8, 2017 and the NCSBN mid-year meeting in Salt Lake City, UT March 13-16, 2017.

Phyllis read a letter from a retiring Registered Nurse.

Phyllis reported on the number of active nursing licenses as of April 7, 2017.

Public Comments: None

13. Education

Nursing Education Committee

Met on March 31, 2017. J. Carr reported that the following topics were put forth by the Education Committee for the Board's consideration:

National accreditation in lieu of continuing Board approval for Schools of Nursing.

Criminal background checks (CBC) for all nurses. In particular, consider CBC for all nursing students as well.

Increase the number of BSN prepared nurses in Vermont.

Nurse licensure compact and its implications for nursing education.

Continuing education.

Nursing Education Program Manager Report

Kristin Husher reviewed her monthly report with the Board. Textbook review for the MNA endorsement education programs was completed and shared with the Education Committee on March 31, 2017. The textbook by Gauwitz, D. (2015) – *Administering Medications: pharmacology for health care professionals* 8th Ed. Published by McGraw Hill addressed the majority of Vermont's MNA rules. E. Watson moved to **approve the textbook** for use in the MNA classes. **Pass**

Nursing Assistant Education Programs

- North Country Career Center – Day Program – Biennial Approval – V. Hudson moved to **APPROVE** the biennial approval of **North Country Career Center – Day.** **Pass**

- Vermont Veteran's Home – One year post new program approval – V. Hudson moved to **APPROVE** the one year post new program approval of **Vermont Veteran's Home.** **Pass**

Nursing Assistant Education and Practice Committee

Has not met since the last Board meeting.

14. Practice

APRN Sub-Committee

Has not met since the last Board meeting.

Practice Committee

V. Hudson stated that the Practice Committee is working on position statements to retire which will be presented to the Board at the May Board meeting

Alternative Program:

Nothing to report.

- 15. Adjournment:** E. Watson moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 PM.

Minutes recorded by: Colette Page, Licensing Board Specialist
Draft minutes reviewed by: Phyllis Mitchell, Executive Director
Draft minutes approved by Vermont Board of Nursing: 5/8/2017