

The Georgia Board of Nursing met January 17-19, 2007 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, in Conference Room 102 & 104, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Wessinger, BSHE, Vice President
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN
Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH
Delynn Keeton, RN, MN, CPHRM
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Deborah Beard, Compliance Manager
Gwen Dodson, Administrative Assistant
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Herren, RN, CRNA, President
Linda Easterly, RN, BSN, MSA, MS, COHN-S
Toni Barnett, RN, Ph.D., FNP-C

VISITORS PRESENT (During Executive Session, visitors are excused unless scheduled for personal appearance)

Marsha Sullivan	Jan Andrews	Christina Horne	Anthelyn Temple	Rebecca Corvey
Teresa VanHorne	Barbara Frizzell	Henry Carmack	Anita Hufft	Kaci Elmore
Maria Warda				

PERSONAL APPEARANCES PRESENT

DT-3801990037	Personal Appearance
DK-RNI060591	Personal Appearance
RS-RNI070050	Personal Appearance

Mrs. Wessinger called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2007. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

Mr. Thigpen moved, Mrs. Lockwood seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, *to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases.* The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Ayers, Mrs. Wessinger, and Mrs. Keeton.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 Mrs. Wessinger declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

38010269 - Mrs. Lockwood moved to close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050119 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050238 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050273 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050299 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060138 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order licensee to have an Expedited Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060140 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060141 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060310 – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney's General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060313 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060377 – Mrs. Thigpen moved to close the case and flag the system. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060395 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include a substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions, and quarterly reports. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060464 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the investigative file and monitor the terms of the Consent Order. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060470 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Substandard Care. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060472 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060475 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060500 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060501 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports, a fine of \$500 for violation of previous Consent Order and extend terms for (1) year. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060515 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060522 – Mrs. Ayers moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060530 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060531 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060628 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060629 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060639 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070001 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070091 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070093 – Mrs. Ayers moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070199 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CRNA IN RURAL SETTINGS – DELYNN KEETON

- A discussion took place and the issue will be revisited at the March 14-16, 2007 Board Meeting for further discussion when the entire Board is present.

Mrs. Ayers moved, Mrs. Keeton seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, *to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mr. Thigpen, Mrs. Wessinger and Mrs. Lockwood.

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CONSENT ORDER-LEGAL SERVICES

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Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following Private Consent Agreements prepared by Legal Services. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070203	RNI070211	RNI070208	RNI060089	RNI070187
RNI070195	RNI070213	RNI070206	RNI070201	RNI070220
RNI070218	RNI070065	RNI070068	RNI070215	RNI070214
RNI070190	RNI070205	RNI060339	RNI070202	RNI070232

LEGAL SERVICES

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RNI070207 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to close the case and proceed with licensure by Reinstatement. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070179 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Legal Services for an Amended with a six months payment plan and proceed with licensure by Reinstatement. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070191 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to Legal Services for a change in the amount of the fine to \$150 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070078 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Investigations for a Cease and Desist Order and accept withdrawal of Endorsement application. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1034259 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to uphold previous Board decision, extend a temporary license permit for (3) months and grant a personal appearance at the May 2007 Board Meeting. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW

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Applicant #1018166 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case and proceed with licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #996209 – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Applicant #1015417 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern re: Action in Another Jurisdiction. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #104793 – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include a fine of \$500 for falsification of application and proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1039976 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to request licensee to have the New York Board of Nursing send a verification of compliance with Consent Order to the Georgia Board of Nursing. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1043353 – Mrs. Ayers moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE as a condition of the Board's consideration of the application. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member. If warranted, refer to the

Attorney General's Office for a consent agreement utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1037792 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to proceed with licensure – by Endorsement. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1038405 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an Outpatient MPE as a condition of the Board's consideration of the application. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a consent agreement utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATIONS

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RNI030357 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order for Reinstatement to include terms of previous Consent Order with (1) one additional year of probation. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801950120 – Mr. Thigpen moved to request the RN to reapply for reinstatement after 18 months documented sobriety. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801970035/3801990023/3801000133/RNI070271 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Investigations to obtain a statement from the last two employers and obtain a statement from the applicant verifying employment for 2006 with copies of income tax returns. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010267 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved, Mrs. Lockwood seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, *to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Keeton, Mrs. Ayers and Mrs. Wessinger.

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PERSONAL APPEARANCES

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380199037 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Amended Public Consent Order to include extension of current probation for two years, random drug screens twice a month, maintain current employment throughout probationary period and must petition the Board before change of employment, continue drug restrictions and a fine of \$1000 to be paid over 12 months for violation of previous Consent Order. Mr. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060546 – The applicant did not show for her requested Board appearance.

RNI060591 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to proceed with licensure by Reinstatement. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070050 - Mr. Thigpen moved to uphold previous Board decision for a Private Consent Agreement to include a fine of \$150 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060550 – The personal appearance did not appear for the meeting.

Mrs. Keeton moved, Mr. Thigpen seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, *to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Ayers, Mrs. Lockwood and Mrs. Wessinger.

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MENTAL PHYSICAL EVALUATION REVIEW

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RNI050097 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to write the nurse a letter stating that the MPE is incomplete and request her to resubmit a completed MPE with a completed psychosocial history and a diagnostic review to include axis 1 through 5. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070157 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to proceed with licensure by Examination. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OPEN RECORDS REQUEST

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McLeod, Shirley – Mrs. Ayers moved to release the Consent Order to the South Carolina Board of Nursing. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Tessier, Jaime – Mr. Thigpen moved to write the nurse a letter asking her to grant permission to send the Private Consent Order to the Pennsylvania Board of Nursing. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF PRIOR PRESENTED CASE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070020 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070261 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include probation for four years, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070262 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include probation for four years, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070263 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include probation for four years, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070264 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include probation for four years, substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070023 – Mrs. Keeton moved to proceed with licensure by Examination upon completion of criminal probation. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATIONS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

3801020005 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to deny licensure based on non-completion of prior MPE Order in 2003. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI050023 – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Voluntary Surrender or Indefinite Suspension for violation of Consent Order. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Thigpen moved; be it resolve that the Georgia Board of Nursing requests Governor Sonny Perdue and appropriate individuals to assist the Georgia Board of Nursing in amending the Statute to require National Criminal Background checks for applicants seeking initial licensure, endorsement and by reinstatement at the applicant's expense. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ayers moved; be it resolve that the Georgia Board of Nursing requests Governor Sonny Perdue and appropriate individuals to assist the Georgia Board of Nursing in amending the Nurse Practice Act to facilitate the rapid licensure and authorization of registered nurses during public emergencies and disasters. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wessinger adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Wessinger, BSHE, Vice President
Toni Barnett, RN, Ph.D., FNP-C
Delynn Keeton, RN, MN, CPHRM
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN
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Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant–Practice
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Jeff Clements – Staff Attorney-Legal Services
Karen Handel, Secretary of State
Rob Simms, Assistant Deputy Secretary of State
Don Munday, Interim Division Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Herren, RN, CRNA, President
Linda Easterly, RN, BSN, MSA, MS, COHN-S

Mrs. Wessinger called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2007. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Bond reported on the following:

- Change of Board Meeting date for July 2007
- **FYI:** – Letter from Kathy Apple of NCSBN (National Council of State Boards of Nursing) re: NCSBN New Strategic Initiatives
- **FYI:** Letter from AFLAC (American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus) re: Request for Opinion Regarding Supervision of Licensed Practical Nurses
- **FYI-Handout:**
 - ▶ Advisory Correspondence- Substance Abuse Treatment News for the Treatment Field
- **FYI:** - Discussion on hiring Nurse Consultant
- **FYI-Handout:**
 - ▶ Nursing Moratorium Work Group Revised Nursing Education Strategies
 - ▶ Clinical Placement Survey
 - ▶ News Article by Dr. Marla E. Salmon, on "A New Year's Resolution for the Nursing Shortage" – Atlanta Hospital News
- GHA Workforceline Bulletin Articles:
 - ▶ Georgia Medical Board Approves APRN Prescribing, Nurse Protocol
 - ▶ Study Examines Serial Murder by Health Care Professionals
- Pulse Newspaper Article: "MCG Dean to Lead Education Task Force"
- **Handout:** Georgia Nursing News Bulletin
- Newspaper Article- Wisconsin Nurse Given Probation in Death
- **Handout:** Comparison of Language in SB 480 to the Board of Medical Examiners (BOME) Rules and Regulations on "Nurse Protocol Agreements (NPA) passed December 8, 2006

Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Memorandum of advice on the letter from AFLAC regarding a Request for Opinion Regarding Supervision of Licensed Practical Nurses. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved to direct Linda Herren, Board President, to review the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) statement on granting Privileges for Administration of Moderate Sedation to Practitioners who are not Anesthesia Professionals. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The Board reviewed and approved the December 21, 2006 Teleconference Board Meeting minutes with corrections noted.

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ENDORSEMENT APPLICATIONS

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Applicant #1053904 – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

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RNI060482 – Mr. Thigpen moved close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal History. The nurse must report all convictions at renewal. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS – ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the Attorney General's Status and Activity Report and to accept the following Consent Agreements/Orders as prepared by the Attorney General's office. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Baker, Jillian (Woods)
Bivins, Deborah
RNI070090
Williams, Leon

Neary, Sheila
Neiman, Jeffrey
Parton, Pamela

Stone, Sheila
Bridgefarmer, Kathy
Busby, Miranda

Sideman, Casey
Pettiford, Doris
Toole, Pamela

RNI050250 – Mrs. Keeton moved to allow the RN to work as a certified nursing assistant during license suspension. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

King, Vanessa – Dr. Barnett moved to accept the Voluntary Surrender. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060393 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Substance Abuse. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060409 – Dr. Barnett moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050262 – Dr. Barnett moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050337 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050006 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or

recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040394 – Mrs. Ayers moved to revise the former disposition for a Consent Order to include compliance with the Florida Board of Nursing IPN Program (Impaired Professional Nurses) with quarterly reports (personal & aftercare) and provide documentation of successful completion of IPN Program before termination of probation with the Georgia Board of Nursing. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050117 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050332 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Substandard Care. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060630 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Medication. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801960018/3801000009 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060370 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the Cognizant Report regarding unlicensed/unauthorized practice and refer cases identified to Legal Services for issuance of a Private Consent Agreement and the fines indicated by the Cognizant. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. See attached reports.

W.M. (Applicant #1040059) – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Authorization to include a fine of \$1200 for unlicensed practice. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

D.C. (Applicant #1040848) – Dr. Barnett moved to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$1500 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

D.B. (Applicant #1041054) – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$1600 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

M.M. (Applicant #1044696) – Mrs. Ayers moved to proceed with Licensure by Reinstatement with a Letter of Concern. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

K.L. (Applicant #1045455) – Mrs. Lockwood moved to proceed with Authorization. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

P.R. (Applicant #1045148) – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$1700 for unlicensed practice. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

C.F. (Applicant #1022832) – Mr. Thigpen moved to write the applicant a letter requesting official documentation from each employer on their letterhead of applicant work history. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

R.H. (Applicant #1036818) – Mr. Thigpen moved to require re-entry and issue temporary permit for an approved re-entry course. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

T.C. (Applicant #1032856) – Mr. Thigpen moved to require licensee to submit a written re-entry plan for another facility. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

S.F.R. (Applicant #1042889) – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$3250 for unlicensed practice and issue temporary permit. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

R.T. – Mrs. Ayers moved to pursue no action for not disclosing a 1988 DUI on 1992 application due to ambiguous wording of question. When wording of question was clarified on new application, DUI was properly disclosed. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

Mrs. Keeton moved, Mr. Thigpen seconded and the Board voted to approve applications for licensure and advanced practice authorization for the months of November 2006 through December 2006 that were determined, pursuant to Board approval guidelines, to have met licensure/authorization requirements. See attached reports.

INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS

GA – Dr. Barnett moved to notify GA that, in order to be considered as a duly qualified applicant for licensure by examination, she must enroll in and graduate from an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a first-level registered nurse. The program must meet criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (1)(2)] Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DN – Mrs. Lockwood moved to approve DN as an applicant for licensure by examination. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SITE VISIT REPORTS

Macon State College

The Board reviewed Macon State College's October 16-18, 2006 Site Visit Report. Mrs. Ayers moved to accept the following commendations:

1. Several curricular tracks, two campuses, advisement, and campus resources enable the learning needs of students. [410-3-.03 (4);410-3-.07-(2)]
2. The plan for total program evaluation is comprehensive with evidence of its implementation documented in faculty meeting minutes, the annual reports, and course books. [410-3-.03 (7);410-3-.05 (12);410-3-.10 (1)]
3. The philosophy, outcomes, organizing framework, teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions and evaluation of learning are internally consistent. [410-3-.04 (2)(b)]
4. Practice-based learning activities occur in diverse settings representative of the continuum of health care. [410-3-.04 (1)(f)]
5. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions incorporate praxis, reflection, critical thinking, and decision-making. [410-3-.04 (2)]
6. Teaching/learning, strategies, activities and interactions facilitate the transition to professional practice. [410-3-.04 (3)]
7. Faculty members have the graduate nursing education, expertise, and professional development to enable the learning goals of the curriculum. [410-3-.05 (9)]
8. Educational facilities and resources on both campuses enhance the teaching/learning process for students and faculty members. [410-3-.09 (1)]

Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ayers moved to accept the following recommendations:

1. Provide the written plan for financial resources for the ICAPP initiatives when funding concludes. [410-3-.03 (5)]
2. Review and clarify admission policies re the timeframe and number of times that anatomy and physiology and microbiology courses can be taken and/or attempted. [410-3-.07 (2)]
3. Review and clarify progression policies related to successful completion of core courses and completion of the Regents test prior to enrollment in the last semester. [410-3-.07 (2)]

Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Kennesaw State University

The Board reviewed Kennesaw State University's November 6-7, 2006 Site Visit Report. Dr. Barnett moved to accept the following commendations:

1. Over the last four (4) years (2002-2005), 90.3% (391/433) of first-time writers have passed the NCLEX-RN. [410-3-.08]
2. Multiple flexible tracts and cohorts are available to enable student access to the program and to meet learning needs. [410-3-.03 (4); 410-3-.07 (2)]
3. A comprehensive plan for total program evaluation has been developed and implemented with detailed analyses of findings. [410-3-.03 (7)]
4. Faculty members carefully and methodically participate in and document the development, implementation, and evaluation of the program. [410-3-.05 (12)]
5. The philosophy, outcomes, written plan for the organization and development of the curriculum, teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions, policies and evaluation of learning are internally consistent. [410-3-.04 (1)(a),(1)(b)]
6. Consistent with the mission and purpose of the University, College, and School, practice-based learning activities occur in diverse settings representative of the continuum of health care and the needs of the community. [410-3-.04 (1)(a), (1)(f)]
7. Learning activities have been developed to focus on legal/ethical, social, economic, technological, environmental, and global issues. [410-3-.04 (1)(g)]
8. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions incorporate praxis, reflection, critical thinking, and decision-making. [410-3-.04 (3)]
9. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions facilitate the transition to professional practice by incorporating concepts related to the provision, coordination, and management of care, advocacy, collaboration, and change. [410-3-.04 (3)]
10. Faculty members have the graduate nursing education, expertise, and professional development to enable the learning goals of the curriculum. [410-3-.05 (9)]
11. The School has established exemplars of collaborative models with its practice partners. [410-3-.04 (1)(a); 410-3-.09 (2)(d)]
12. Commend nursing administrators, faculty members, and staff for their expertise and support for graduates of international nursing programs who must satisfy a curricular deficiency (ies) in order to be approved as applicants for licensure by examination. [410-3-.09 (a)(a)]
13. A creative learning environment has been established through the use of state-of-the-art teaching tools and technology. [410-3-.09 (1)(a)]

Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Barnett moved to accept the following recommendations:

1. Review test items for conformity with prevailing standards of test construction and the inclusion of additional items incorporating nursing decision-making. [410-3-.04 (4)]
2. Provide the assignment of part-time faculty members (clinical instructors) which documents that, for any given academic term, the majority of faculty members are full-time. [410-3-.05 (6)]

Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SITE VISIT RESPONSES

Georgia Southwestern State University

Mr. Thigpen moved based upon review and documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report and responses to recommendations, and an overall passing percentage of at least eighty (80) percent (55/65, 84.6%) of all first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the last four years (2003-2006), Full Approval is extended to Georgia Southwestern State University through December 31, 2010. [410-3-.02 (3)(a)] Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled for the 2009-2010 academic year. [410-3-.01 (d)] Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Valdosta State University

Mr. Thigpen moved based upon compliance with 410-3-.08 in 2005 and 2006, Full Approval is granted to the baccalaureate nursing program at Valdosta State University through January 31, 2008. [410-3-.02 (3)(c)] Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried the unanimously.

DEVELOPING PROGRAMS

The Georgia Board of Nursing received for information materials related to proposed programs at:
Chattahoochee Technical College
Gwinnett Technical College
Atlanta Technical College

SUMMARY OF THE GHA NURSING STUDENT CLINICAL PLACEMENT REGIONAL MEETING – JULIA GOULD

- Julia Gould presented the Board a brief summary of the GHA Nursing Student Clinical Placement Regional Meeting.

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING COMMITTEE/RULES COMMITTEE UPDATE – DR. BARNETT

- Dr. Barnett presented the Board the concerns of the Advanced Practice Nursing Committee on Prescriptive Authority.
- Discussion on Prescriptive Authority
- Nurse Protocol Agreement with the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners

Mrs. Lockwood moved to send a letter to the President of the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners from the President of the Georgia Board of Nursing to request a meeting regarding the Advanced Practice Registered Nurses issues and any issues that affect health care in the state of Georgia. Also copy the letter to LaSharn Hughes, Jim McNatt and all important board staff. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VISITOR – KAREN HANDEL, SECRETARY OF STATE

- Karen Handel, Robb Simms and Don Munday visited the Board Meeting and introduced themselves.
- A discussion between Board members and guests was held.

Mrs. Ayers moved, Mrs. Lockwood seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, *to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Keeton, Mr. Thigpen and Dr. Barnett

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, January 18, 2007 Mrs. Wessinger declared the meeting to be “Open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE LANGUAGE CHANGES IN RN CONSENT ORDERS

Mrs. Lockwood moved to give credit for full months of documented continuous treatment , sobriety and aftercare towards total probation period for impaired licensees. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070050 – Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the signed Private Consent Agreement. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

3801990135 – Mrs. Keeton moved to grant licensee another license number. The original license number RN118188 will be voided on website. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070219 – Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the Private Consent Agreement and proceed with licensure by Reinstatement. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070216 – Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the Private Consent Agreement and proceed with licensure by Reinstatement. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INVESTIGATIONS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI060526 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for Revocation based on O.C.G.A. §§ 50-13-18 (c)(1) regulations. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Keeton moved to change the process for unlicensed practice and unauthorized practice to require a letter of explanation from applicant, current employer verification and job description before the Board reviews application.

Legal Services submits its request for the documents listed below. Legal Services believes that these additional documents will provide assistance to the Board during its evaluations of applications specifically in the area of unlicensed practice.

- A. Letters of Explanation from the Applicant
- B. Letter from Current Employer
- C. Job Description

Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

3801970035/3801990023/3801000133 – Mr. Thigpen moved to request Enforcement to interview the last two known employers of applicant and to interview applicant to obtain tax return & verify employment for the year 2006. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Lockwood moved to send a letter from the Georgia Board of Nursing President to an Administrator of a Nursing Program requesting she meet with the Georgia Board of Nursing regarding hiring of unlicensed nursing personnel as faculty. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ayers moved to request Sylvia Bond to send a letter to Marcia Sullivan regarding GNA Nurse Advocate Program. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OPEN RECORDS REQUEST

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Rose, Martin L – Mr. Thigpen moved to disclose to the Attorney any public information and the application file. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 12:30 p.m.

Karen Wessinger, *Vice President*

Sylvia Bond, *Executive Director*

The minutes were recorded by Gwen Dodson, *Administrative Assistant*, and approved March 17, 2007.