

## **GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES**

A Meeting of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses was held on September 27, 2007 at 9a.m. in Room 102 of the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon GA

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mary Lynn Owensby, President  
Jacqueline Dumas, Vice President  
Barbara Mitchell, RN, NHA, Cognizant  
Judy Hilliard, LPN  
Jane Harte, LPN  
Vicky M Penn, Education Member

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

LeAnn Tuggle, Consumer Member

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director  
Terralyn Gordon, Board Secretary  
Serena Gadson, Application Specialist II  
Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General

**President Owensby established that a quorum was present and called the Board e meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.**

**Agenda:** Ms. Harte moved, Ms. Mitchell seconded, and the Board approved the Agenda as amended to include the late agenda items.

**Ms. Harte moved and Ms. Mitchell seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k)(1), (2) and (4); §43-1-19(h)(2), (3) and (4) and O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h); 50-14-2(1) to deliberate on the Applications and to receive information from scheduled Investigative Interviews. Voting in favor of the motion were Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Harte, Ms. Owensby, Ms. Hilliard, Ms. Penn and Ms Dumas. The Board concluded executive session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.**

### **Executive Director Report:**

- ❖ Discussion on scheduled interviews with the Board this date
- ❖ Review of Investigative Interviews versus Applicant Interviews, Contested versus Uncontested cases and general appearances before the Board (provided with input from the AAG representative)
- ❖ Discussion regarding questions licensees must answer on the renewal application: several LPN's answered "yes" to the background question regarding arrests/convictions but never provided the Board with a written explanation as required by board rules. Following discussion, the Board decided that the Cognizant member reviews the licensees with Mr. Zimmerman and to present any recommendations for possible disciplinary actions at the next scheduled meeting.

**Ms. Hilliard moved, Ms. Harte seconded and the Board voted to accept the above recommendation and to further discuss next meeting.**



D.P. Issue under consent agreement with fine  
C.K.S. Refer to AG

**Ms. Penn moved and Ms. Dumas seconded and the Board voted to take the following actions on applications for licensure by Reinstatement:**

R.R.F. Denied – various arrests/convictions; incomplete application

**Ms. Penn moved and Ms. Dumas seconded and the Board voted to take the following actions on applications for licensure by Reinstatement:**

G.D.P. Denied – has not practice in 10 years; must return to school.

### **Interview with Atlanta Technical College**

#### **Atlanta Technical College Attendees:**

Alvetta Thomas: **Acting President**

Constance Rowan: **Director of Health Services**

Janet Hardaway: **Director of Practical Nursing Program**

Ms. Owensby welcomed the representatives from the Atlanta Technical College Campus to the meeting to discuss the opening of their Evening Classes, passing rates, and the schools nursing program improvements.

The Acting President Alvetta Thomas opened by stating that Atlanta Tech was not fully aware of the Board laws and rules concerning opening of another site to offer their nursing program. She stated Atlanta Tech didn't have any idea they might be in violation of the Boards laws and rules and this was never the schools intention. Requested the Board consider the eight (8) students currently enrolled in the program due to graduate soon. Currently the evening program is not and will not accept any new students until the matter of approval is resolved.

The representatives provided the Board with their proposed corrective action plan. The Board thanked the schools representatives for meeting today and explained their response would be put in writing and submitted to the school following todays meeting and discussion.

### **Investigative Interview:**

**J.P.C.** – Interview with licensee conducted by sub-committee consisting of Cognizant member B. Mitchell and ED Zimmerman regarding non-reporting of a sanction against their active license in another state or jurisdiction and the licensees request to meet with the Board to explain their side of the “story”.

Recommendation to full Board: Allow to practice with a letter of concern to licensee of the expectation they abide by the rules and laws governing licensure as an LPN in Georgia.

**Ms. Penn moved, Ms. Hilliard seconded and the Board voted to accept the sub-committees recommendation as presented.**

**Outstanding Confidential Orders for MPE – Cognizant Review:**

**LPN040026** Recommendation: Board accepts the mental evaluation submitted to the Board late afternoon on 09-13-2007 but unable to present to Board during that days meeting. Cognizant member reviewed and made the recommendation to the Board they accept the evaluation/close the complaint case.

**Ms. Harte moved, Ms. Penn seconded and the Board voted to accept the evaluation and close the complaint.**

**President Owenby inquiring as to any unfinished business, determining none; the meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.**

Minutes Recorded/Reviewed By:

Terralyn Gordon, Board Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mary Lyn Owensby, President**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director**

These minutes were signed and approved on \_\_\_\_\_.