

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses met June 11, 2014 in Building B of the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN, Chair  
Fredetena "Tina" Fletcher, LPN, Vice Chair  
Lisa Hedenstrom, RN  
Amy Hooper, LPN  
Krista Andrea Phipps, LPN

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Patricia Z. Marshall, LPN, NAAC

### **STAFF PRESENT**

James Cleghorn, Executive Director  
Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General

Ms. Lockwood called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2014. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

### **LIAISON REPORT—HATTIE O'BRYANT**

Ms. O'Bryant provided information regarding the LPN Forum at Central Georgia Technical College and the upcoming Convention on November 3-5, 2014 at the Macon Marriott.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Cleghorn reported on the following administrative items:

- Status report on applications, complaints/compliance and final dispositions for April 2014 and May 2014
- NURSYS Update
- NCSBN 2014 Annual Delegate Assembly
- Staff Update
- Rule Updates

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Phipps moved, Ms. Hooper 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); and 43-26-40, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative cases and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, Ms. Lockwood declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Fletcher moved to approve the April 9, 2014 Board meeting minutes as amended. Ms. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Fletcher moved to approve the April 9, 2014 Executive Session Board meeting minutes as amended. Ms. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Hooper moved to approve the May 7, 2014 Executive Session Board meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Hooper moved to approve the May 7, 2014 Board meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Fletcher moved to approve the May 20, 2014 Executive session board meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Hooper moved to approve the May 20, 2014 Board meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Fletcher moved to approve the June 3, 2014 Executive session board meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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## **APPLICATION REVIEW**

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**Applicant H.R., #2459051** – Ms. Hedenstrom moved to proceed with licensure by examination with a Letter of Concern re: Criminal. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Applicant B.L., #1838028** – Ms. Fletcher moved to deny licensure based on criminal history. The respondent may reapply after twelve (12) months of documented sobriety starting with the dated of the denial and must submit an MPE with the new application within thirty (30) days by a Board approved provider. Ms. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Applicant W.S., #2438072** – Ms. Hedenstrom moved to require the applicant to complete a refresher course of eighty (80) hours of theory and one hundred sixty (160) hours of clinical practice. Ms. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION REVIEW**

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**LPNI140043** – Ms. Hedenstrom moved to refer to Legal Services 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 Legal Services or Attorney General's office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close the case. Ms. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI140108** – Ms. Fletcher moved to request the licensee to appear for an investigative interview. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI140112** – Ms. Hooper moved to close the case. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEW**

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**LPNI140101** – Ms. Hooper moved to close the case. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI120034** – Ms. Phipps moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or to Legal Services for a public consent order to include a three (3) month suspension, probation for three (3) years, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, and quarterly reports (employer, aftercare and personal. Ms. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS –ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

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**LPNI110439** – Ms. Phipps moved to accept the consent order as presented. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI100367** – Ms. Hooper moved to accept the consent order as presented. Ms. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI130148** – Ms. Hedenstrom moved to accept the consent order as presented. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI110137** – Ms. Hooper moved to accept the consent order as presented. Ms. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI080211**– Ms. Phipps moved to close the case. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI110551** – Ms. Fletcher moved to close the case. Ms. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI050249** – Ms. Phipps moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Noncompliance. Ms. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI110021** – Ms. Hooper moved to close the case in the Attorney General's office, reject MPE, and order respondent to complete MPE by a Board approved provider. The respondent must provide a letter of explanation regarding current employment status. Ms. Phipps seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI110020** – Ms. Phipps moved to close the case. Ms. Hedenstrom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI110332** – Ms. Fletcher moved to close the case. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LPNI120095**– Ms. Phipps moved to close the case and send a letter explaining that additional sanctions may occur pending the resolution of the criminal case in Chatham County. The respondent must submit the final disposition of the case within ten (10) days of resolution. Hold renewal. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **LEGAL SERVICES**

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**LPNI140132** – Ms. Phipps moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for review of evidence to be reported at the June 27, 2014 teleconference. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **EDUCATION REPORT**

### **NCLEX Reports**

The following programs have a pass rate of less than 80% for the period of January 1, 2014 through June 10, 2014. The results reflect first time test takers only.

Altamaha Technical College – 68.75%  
Augusta Technical College – 14.29%  
Bauder College – 66.67%  
Central Georgia Technical College – 66.67%  
Southwest Georgia Technical College – 66.67%

### **Bainbridge State College**

Bainbridge State College notified the Board that Angeal Rozar had been named the Director of the practical nursing program.

### **Coastal Pines Technical College**

The Board received notification that Okefenokee Technical College and Altamaha Technical College would be merging to form Coastal Pines Technical College effective July 1, 2014. Brenda Kirkland will serve as the Practical Nursing Program Director.

### **Augusta Technical College**

Augusta Technical College notified the Board that Dr. Gwen Taylor would be serving as interim program director until a qualified candidate can be located.

### **CLOCK HOUR DISCUSSION**

The Board discussed the possibility of removing the clock hour requirements from the Board rules. Cleghorn provided information regarding the difficulty that applicants have when attempting to seek licensure in Georgia by endorsement.

### **POLICY 1.14 – EVALUATION OF EDUCATION FOR APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE AS LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES**

Ms. Phipps moved to approve the following policy:

Policy Number 1.14  
Policy Name Evaluation of Education for Applicants for Licensure as Licensed Practical Nurses  
Date of Origin June 2014

O.C.G.A. §43-26-32(1.1) provides that an "approved nursing education program" located outside this state means a nursing education program that the board has determined to meet criteria similar to and not less stringent than criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs located in this state.

For the purpose of applicants for licensure by examination or endorsement, the Board has determined that any nursing education program located outside the State of Georgia that are approved by another lawful board of nursing in the United States will be considered by the Board to have met criteria similar to and not less stringent than criteria established by the Board for nursing education programs located in this state and the applicants from those programs may be considered for licensure.

Ms. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE**

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Ms. Phipps moved to accept the Cognizant Report regarding unlicensed/unauthorized practice and to refer identified cases to Legal Services for issuance of a Private Consent Order.

**APP#2464552 APP#2467568**

Ms. Hooper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LEGAL/DISCIPLINE COGNIZANT CASES REPORT**

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Ms. Hooper moved to ratify the Cognizant's recommendations from the following complaints:

LPNI140121    LPNI140128    LPNI140068    LPNI130018    LPNI130174    LPNI140157    LPNI140090  
LPNI140093

Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

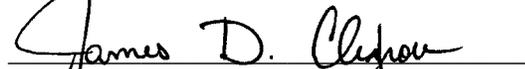
**APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE**

Ms. Phipps moved, Ms. Hooper seconded and the Board voted to approve applications for licensure for the months of April 2014 through May 2014 that were determined, pursuant to Board approved guidelines, to have met licensure requirements.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN, **Chair**



James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**

Approved on July 14-16, 2014.