

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, May 28, 2015 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kellie Lockwood, RN, MSN, Vice President
Nancy Barton, RN, MSN
Amy Hooper, LPN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tammy Burdeaux, RN, BSN, CRNI

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Amelia Baker, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Patricia McAfee, RN, MSN, Nursing Consultant - Legal/Discipline

Lockwood called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Hooper moved, Lockwood seconded and the Committee 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.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, May 28, 2015, 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.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Hooper moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI140084 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary suspension.

RNI151040 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Professionalism/Documentation).

RNI151022 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Professionalism).

LPNI150150 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include two (2) years monitoring, quarterly reports (employee, personal, medication management), random quarterly drug screens and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct.

RNI140026 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct and requiring courses in Professional Conduct, Accountability, Handling Narcotics, Ethics and Nurse Practice Act.

RNI150351 – Send mitigating letter requesting courses in Professionalism and Patient Rights.

LPNI150443 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviews by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPNI150215 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Failure to Disclose).

RNI150964 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (employer, personal, aftercare, psychotherapy) and substance abuse stipulations.

RNI150853 - Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotics restriction, quarterly reports (employer, personal, aftercare, psychotherapy) and a fine of \$500 for diversion.

RNI150575 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include three (3) years probation, two (2) years narcotics restriction, quarterly reports (employer, personal) and courses in Handling Narcotics. Licensee must provide documentation of disposition of criminal case within ten (10) days of resolution. Licensee may not prescribe controlled substances for duration of narcotic restrictions.

LPNI150460 – Request a letter from the treating physician regarding licensee's methadone maintenance therapy and fitness to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety.

LPNI150192 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary suspension based on action in another jurisdiction.

RNI150815 – Send mitigating letter requesting courses in Medication Administration, Documentation and Professional Accountability.

RNI130103 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct and requiring courses in Ethics, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability, Documentation and Medication Administration.

LPNI150263 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPNI150168 - TD – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for unlicensed practice and courses in Practicing Outside Scope, Ethics, Professional Accountability and Patient Rights.

LPNI150168 - SG – Close with a Letter of Concern (Documentation).

RNI150880 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring and quarterly reports (employer, personal, aftercare).

RNI150039 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include a fine for \$500 for unprofessional conduct and courses in Practicing Outside scope, Ethics, Professional Accountability, and Patient Rights.

RNI151149 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI150996 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring and quarterly reports (employer, personal, aftercare, psychotherapy) and substance abuse stipulations.

LPNI130071 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotics restriction, quarterly reports (employer, personal, aftercare, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations and a fine for \$500 for unprofessional conduct.

RNI151119 – Schedule for an Investigative Interview. Licensee must bring documentation of completion of Hall County Drug Court program.

RNI130472 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include three (3) years monitoring and quarterly reports (employer, personal, aftercare). Licensee must provide documentation of five (5) years of continuous sobriety and one (1) year off of suboxone therapy to petition to lift probation.

RNI150750 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPNI150292 – Close the case.

RNI150947 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose.

RNI150952 – Close with a Letter of Concern (Drug Administration).

RNI150678 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for for failure to disclose.

RNI030053 – Terminate probation and close the case.

RNI140079 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary suspension.

RNI150276 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI140577 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary suspension.

RNI150458 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI110535 – Deny the request.

LPNI140121 – Amend the disposition to include a three (3) month suspension related to Title 16 felony drug conviction. At the conclusion of the suspension the original disposition would begin.

Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 5:15 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**

Approved on