

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, September 3, 2015 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nancy Barton, RN, MSN
Tina Fletcher, LPN
Rhonda Scott, PhD, RN, NE-BC, NEA-BC

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Amelia Baker, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant - Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Lila Aspinall, Complaint/Compliance Analyst

Barton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Barton moved, Scott 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, September 3, 2015 Barton 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)

Scott moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI151149 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for a private consent order to include three (3) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), and substance abuse stipulations.

LPNI150455 – Refer to legal services 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.

RNI151147 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for a private consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations, work restrictions, and naltrexone language.

LPNI150523 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for a private consent order to include a \$500 fine for unprofessional conduct, courses in Professional Accountability, Ethics, Abandonment, and Dealing with Difficult Patients.

RNI140472 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. May reapply after twelve (12) months of documented sobriety and must submit an outpatient mental physical examination by a Board approved evaluator within thirty (30) days of petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPNI150125 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for a public consent order to include three (3) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, medication management), random quarterly urinary drug screens by medication management, and a \$500 fine for unprofessional conduct.

RNI120236 – Refer to legal services 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.

RNI150852 – Close case.

RNI151087 – Refer to legal services 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. Serve at address of record by certified mail. If no response, serve Division Director and refer to the Attorney General's office for voluntary surrender/indefinite suspension.

RNI150978 – Refer to legal services 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.

RNI140109 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for voluntary surrender/indefinite suspension/inactive status.

RNI140598 – Approve request to change aftercare group.

RNI140591 – Approve request to change aftercare group.

LPNI150540 – Close case with Letter of Concern (Alcohol). Must provide documentation within ten (10) days of adjudication.

RNI160041 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public reprimand requiring courses in Ethics, Professional Accountability and Nurse Practice Act.

LPNI150463, LPNI150509 – Refer to legal services 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. Deny 2017 renewal.

RNI160160 – Refer to legal services 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.

LPNI150472 – Refer to legal services 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.

RNI151065 – Obtain information regarding suboxone therapy and refer to September 9-11, 2015 meeting.

RNI160110 – Request Investigative Interview.

LPNI150456 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include a \$500 fine for unprofessional conduct. Further discipline may occur upon conclusion of criminal case. Must provide disposition of criminal case within ten (10) days of resolution.

RNI140397 – Reject mental physical examination.

RNI151120 – Deny request. Has not satisfied requirements of consent order.

RNI140254 – Reject mental physical examination.

LPNI150443 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for indefinite suspension/voluntary surrender. May reapply after completion of therapy and must submit an outpatient mental physical examination by a Board approved evaluator within thirty (30) days of petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI150769 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), a \$500 fine for unprofessional conduct, substance abuse stipulations, and investigative costs of \$120.90.

RNI160180 – Deny. May reapply after completion of suboxone therapy.

LPNI150562 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include a \$500 fine for Failure to Disclose.

RNI160066 – Close case.

Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 5:09 p.m.

James D. Cleghorn, ***Executive Director***

Approved on