

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, September 24, 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 24, 2015**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Amy Hooper, LPN  
Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC, CNL

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director  
Amelia Baker, JD, Assistant Attorney General  
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant - Legal/Discipline  
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline

Hooper called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2015.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Hooper moved, Floyd 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 24, 2015, Hooper 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.

**RNI140113** – Close the case.

**RNI140611** – Close the case.

**RNI150688** – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy, medication management).

**RNI140031** – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. May petition to lift after 12 months of documented sobriety and completion of an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI140253** – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for a public consent order to include ten (10) years probation, quarterly reports (employer, personal), courses in Professional Boundaries in Nursing; Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing and a fine of \$500 for unprofessional conduct. Must submit documentation of successful completion of criminal probation, may petition to terminate probation upon successful completion of criminal probation.

**RNI160244** – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for a public consent agreement with a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose.

**LPNI150296** – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender.

**RNI150166** – 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.

**RNI120261** – Allow extension for payment of fine until September 30, 2015. If reports and fine are not received by September 30, 2015, refer to the Attorney General's office for a voluntary suspension/involuntary surrender.

**RNI150081** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender.

**RNI140355** – Allow additional 30 days for mental physical examination results to be submitted.

**LPNI150507** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for unprofessional conduct, courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, Ethics of Nursing Practice, and Nurses Negligence and Malpractice.

**RNI151233** – 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.

**LPNI150053** – Allow extension until October 10, 2015 for submission of mental physical exam results.

**RNI150029** – Send mitigating letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability; Narcotic Drugs; Handling and Documentation; Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care.

**RNI160148** – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (positive drug screen for medication without prescription).

**LPNI110013** – Refer to Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare) and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct.

**RNI150556** – Refer to Attorney General's office for Indefinite Suspension/Voluntary Surrender. Must be signed within ten (10) days. May petition to lift once cleared on cognitive impairment and with 24 months documented sobriety.

**RNI150884/RNI160064** – Deny the license. May reapply when disciplinary actions are cleared in other jurisdictions.

**RNI150414** – Refer to the Attorney General's office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender.

**RNI140025** – Lift narcotic restrictions.

**LPNI150263** – Refer to Attorney General's office for Indefinite Suspension/Voluntary Surrender.

**RNI151078** – Refer to Attorney General's office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, substance abuse stipulations, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare) and a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct.

**RNI130180** – Approve if letter from aftercare provider is received by October 15, 2015.

**RNI130103** – Close the case.

**RNI150273** – Send a mitigating letter requiring courses in Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation.

**RNI151176** – Obtain documentation of compliance with Alabama Board of Nursing order. Review at October 15, 2015 Board Teleconference.

**LPNI150295** – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

**LPNI150309** – Close the case.

**LPNI140116** – Close the case.

**RNI150796** – Refer to Attorney General’s office for a public consent order to include one (1) year probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer), courses a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, and courses in Ethics of Nursing Practice, Professional Accountability/Legal Liability for Nurses.

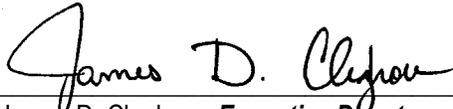
**LPNI150552** – Reject the mental physical examination.

**RNI150068** – Grant a 30 day extension to pay the fine.

**LPNI140128** – Approve aftercare group.

Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 5:05 p.m.



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

Approved on