

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, January 28, 2016 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kellie Lockwood, RN, MSN, Vice President
Merry Fort, RN
Amy Hooper, LPN
Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC, CNL

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Kristin Daughdril, 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

Lockwood called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2016.

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, January 28, 2016, 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)

Floyd moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI160127 – Table and request the case file from the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

LPNI150566 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Documentation).

LPNI160045 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for unprofessional conduct and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability and Patient Assessment.

LPNI160073 – 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.

RNI160257 – Close the case with Letter of Concern (Failure to Diagnosis).

RNI151068 – Amend the private consent order to a public consent order. Terms, conditions and timelines will start over upon docketing of the new order.

RNI150468 – Close the case with no action.

RNI150153 – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Diabetic Management, Administration of Insulin, and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses. Floyd abstained from the discussion.

RNI140350 – Resend mitigating letter requesting courses in Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills, Medication Errors: Detection & Prevention, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, and Review for Nurse Practice Act; if no response bring back before the board at February 18, 2016 teleconference.

RNI150155 – Resend original mitigating letter requesting courses in Professional Boundaries in Nursing, and Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients; if no response bring back before the board at February 18, 2016 teleconference.

RNI150895 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May reapply with submitted mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of reinstatement.

RNI151087 – Suspend the license. May reapply with submission of mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of petition. Report to other licensing agencies where licensee holds a license.

RNI160396 – Request a letter of explanation from respondent regarding action taken in Arkansas then bring back before the Board.

RNI160410 – Close the case with no action.

RNI160439 – Refer complaint to Department of Human Services and close the case with no action.

RNI160016 – 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.

RNI160239 – 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. Fort abstained from the discussion.

RNI150068 – Refer to Attorney General's office for Hearing or an Indefinite Suspension/Voluntary Surrender. May petition for lifting with 24 months of documented sobriety and a mental physical examination completed within 30 days from a Board approved. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI151082 – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Medication Errors.

RNI151089 – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Ethics of Nursing Practice and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses.

RNI160050 – Refer to Investigations.

RNI150871 – 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.

RNI160358 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order with four (4) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports (employer, personal, psychotherapy and aftercare) and substance abuse stipulations.

RNI160209 – 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.

LPNI40132 – Close the case with no action.

LPNI50277 – Refer to Investigations to locate licensee and attempt to serve Cease and Desist order.

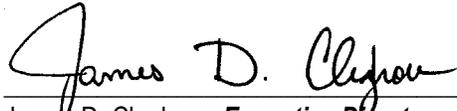
LPNI160015 – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care.

LPNI160206 – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in HIPAA and Confidentiality, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability.

RNI160529 – 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.

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 5:29 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, *Executive Director*