

The Georgia Board of Nursing met January 12-14, 2005 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, in Conference Room 104, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Karen Wessinger, BSHE, Vice President  
Toni Barnett, Ph.D., FNP-C (Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Linda Easterly, RN, BSN, MSA, MS  
Linda Herren, RN, CRNA  
Delynn Keeton, RN, MN  
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Joan Darden, RN, Ph.D., President  
Toni Barnett, Ph.D., FNP-C (Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director  
Deborah Beard, BS, Compliance Manager  
Ylice Crews, Administrative Assistant (Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> only)  
Laura Sturick, Board Secretary (Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education  
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Practice  
Kathy Harvey, Area Supervisor, Enforcement  
Kyle Floyd, Staff Attorney, Enforcement  
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General

**VISITORS PRESENT (During Executive Session, visitors are excused unless scheduled for personal appearance)**

Asha Jackson	Attorney for PW (Personal Appearance) – January 12, 2005
Albert Bolet	Attorney for CB (Personal Appearance) – January 13, 2005
Woody Roberts	Advocate for JMB (Personal Appearance) – January 13, 2005
Loretta Hover	Southwest Georgia Technical College – January 14, 2005
Freida Hill	Southwest Georgia Technical College – January 14, 2005
Joy Conger	Southwest Georgia Technical College – January 14, 2005
Nancy Stark	Medical College of Georgia – January 14, 2005
Lucy Marion	Medical College of Georgia – January 14, 2005
Marguerite Murphy	Medical College of Georgia – January 14, 2005

Mrs. Wessinger called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

Mrs. Easterly moved, Mrs. Keeton 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), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Dr. Barnett, Mrs. Herren, Mrs. Keeton, Mr. Thigpen and Mrs. Wessinger.

At the conclusion of the **Executive Session** the Board returned to **Open Session** to vote on the matters discussed in Executive Session and to conduct other Board business pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq

## **CONSENT ORDERS- LEGAL SERVICES**

(RNI= Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

Mrs. Easterly moved to accept the following Private Consent Orders prepared by Legal Services. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050038**  
**RNI050152**

**RNI050040**  
**RNI050174**

## **INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI020314** - Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Consent Order tracking RN's Pennsylvania consent order. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030005** - Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030142** – Dr. Barnett moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an outpatient MPE to include a 10-Panel urine drug screen by a NIDA certified lab, utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040015**- Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Board office to schedule an expert peer review on the RN referenced in the complaint. In addition, the Board would like to forward this complaint to the licensing agency of the Home Health Agency mentioned in this complaint. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040104** – Mr. Thigpen moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an outpatient MPE to include a 10-Panel urine drug screen by a NIDA certified lab, utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040159** – Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include a mandatory automatic three month suspension to be followed by three years probation to include narcotic restrictions. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040298** – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040327** – Dr. Barnett moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an outpatient MPE to include a 10-Panel urine drug screen by a NIDA certified lab, utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040333** – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case with Letter of Concern. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040377** - Mrs. Herren moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040388** - Mrs. Herren moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an outpatient MPE to include a 10-Panel urine drug screen by a NIDA certified lab, utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing

Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040389** – Mrs. Keeton moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an outpatient MPE to include a 10-Panel urine drug screen by a NIDA certified lab, utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040391** – Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a public reprimand which includes requiring RN to complete an ethics course from NCSBN. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040393** – Mr. Thigpen moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an outpatient MPE to include a 10-Panel urine drug screen by a NIDA certified lab, utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040396** - Dr. Barnett moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an outpatient MPE to include a 10-Panel urine drug screen by a NIDA certified lab, utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040399** - Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an expedited Hearing or Private Consent Order to include substance abuse and impairment stipulations. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050007** – Mrs. Easterly moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an expedited outpatient MPE to include a 10-Panel urine drug screen by a NIDA certified lab, utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050009** - Mr. Thigpen moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an expedited outpatient MPE to include a 10-Panel urine drug screen by a NIDA certified lab, utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050021** – Mrs. Herren moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an expedited outpatient MPE to include a 10-Panel urine drug screen by a NIDA certified lab, utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050039** – Mr. Thigpen moved to hold the case pending receipt of treatment records. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050112** – Mrs. Herren moved to close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030353** – Mr. Thigpen moved to send the nurse a Letter of Concern for failure to provide a Georgia RN license to the health care facility where employed. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040383** – Mr. Thigpen reported that information pertaining to this case had been previously reviewed and a MPE has been ordered. Once MPE results received, the Board of Nursing will review and make a final decision.

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

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

The Status and Activity Report was reviewed.

Dr. Barnett moved to accept Ms. Jackson's report and her recommendation to adopt the following Consent Agreements/Orders as prepared by the Attorney General's office. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040197**  
**RNI040488**  
**RNI040163**  
**RNI050126**  
**Christina Warden, RN154230**  
**Susan Lewis, RN142271**  
**RNI040323**

**RNI040418**  
**RNI050190**  
**Laurie McCall, RN093653**  
**Lisa Starnes, RN090858**  
**RNI050124**  
**RNI050101**

**RNI040407** – Mr. Thigpen moved to hold this case until receipt of additional information. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040365** – The Board decided not to accept this Private Consent Order since narcotic restrictions were not included.

**RNI040004** – Mrs. Keeton moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an expedited outpatient MPE to include a 10-Panel urine drug screen by a NIDA certified lab, utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050003** – Mr. Thigpen moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an expedited outpatient MPE to include a 10-Panel urine drug screen by a NIDA certified lab, utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050125** – Mr. Thigpen moved to amend the consent order to include three years probation, but no changes will be made regarding narcotic restrictions. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

##### **Possible Violation of Consent Order**

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**RNI040406** - Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an expedited Hearing or Amended Consent Agreement to include revocation, voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030185** - Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or an Amended Consent Order to include extending probation by one year and a fine of \$250.00. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801000296** – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Amended Consent Order to include automatic three months suspension for felony conviction and the tracking of criminal probation. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **Possible Violation of Mental/Physical Evaluation**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**3801020005** – Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension until completion of MPE and until such time that the Board has reviewed its findings. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801020208** – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an expedited Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI03006** - Mrs. Herren moved to close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **NCLEX Application Review**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**RNI050216** - Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **Reinstatement**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**Tina Sinclair, RN120865** – Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Consent Agreement for Reinstatement of licensure to include narcotic restrictions. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801970032** – Dr. Barnett moved to deny RN's application for reinstatement. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **Restoration of License**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

**RNI040285** – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include lifting suspension and placing RN on three years probation under substance abuse stipulations. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **Endorsement**

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**RNI050232** – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Agreement to mirror the Kansas State Board of Nursing's order. Upon completion of Kansas' order, RN is to notify Georgia Board of Nursing. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050233** – Dr. Barnett moved to deny licensure. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050219** - Mrs. Herren moved to proceed with licensure. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050218** – Mrs. Keeton moved to proceed with licensure with letter of concern. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **Mental/Physical Evaluation Review**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**3801010130** - Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include four years probation along with narcotic restrictions. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **Action in Another Jurisdiction**

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**RNI050234** - Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050235** - Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include revocation or voluntary surrender based on actions in Alabama. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **Resolution of Prior Presented Cases**

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**3801020105** – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include three years probation and substance abuse stipulations. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801000096/3801960126/RNI050131** - Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order for reinstatement to include completion of a re-entry program, three years probation, and substance abuse stipulations. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050019** – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to legal services for a Consent Agreement for unlicensed practice and fine of \$150.00. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050220** – Mrs. Easterly moved to send RN a Letter of Concern and to flag the system. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**3801020215** – Mr. Thigpen moved to lift narcotic restrictions. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040443** – Mrs. Herren moved to refer to enforcements to obtain current address and arrest history. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030125** – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include revocation of license. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050155** – Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure with Letter of Concern. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040368** – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include four years probation with quarterly reports and reports from the psychiatrist along with narcotic and substance abuse stipulations. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **Direct Referral**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI050222** - Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050223** – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050221** - Mrs. Herren moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include four years probation and narcotic restrictions. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050009** – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for summary suspension pending MPE results. The Board feels that RN is an imminent threat to the public as evidenced by:

- Drug diversion @ Emory Eastside (August 2004)
- Drug diversion @ Rockdale Medical Center (May 2004); she has been referred by GDNA to the office of the District Attorney of the Rockdale Judicial Circuit.
- Drug diversion @ North Fulton Regional Medical Center (May 2004)
- Arrest for DUI (June 2004)
- RN told Enforcement Agent, Kathy Harvey, that she is in grief counseling due to the deaths of 12 patients and numerous relatives while at Piedmont. During interview with GBON investigative agent, RN fell asleep three times.

Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **Complaint Review**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI050224** – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an expedited Mental Physical Evaluation. In addition, refer to Investigations to obtain certified copies of court documents and disposition of case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Barnett abstaining.

#### **Request to Release Confidential Application/Investigative Information**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI040407** - Mrs. Herren moved to release application file to the Ohio Board of Nursing. The Board is also to notify the Ohio Board of Nursing that there is no investigative file on record for this RN. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050242** – Mrs. Herren moved to release the Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to the North Carolina Board of Nursing. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040104** – Dr. Barnett moved to send attorney a letter denying his request for records per O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) and O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(h)(2). Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **Voluntary Surrender**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**Dayton, Lisa** – Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the Voluntary Cease and Desist Order. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **Miscellaneous/ Disciplinary Matters**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI030093** - Mrs. Herren moved to send letter to RN, with a copy to her employer, informing her that she must supply quarterly reports to comply with Consent Order. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI020257** - Mrs. Easterly moved to approve RN's request to have a psychiatrist complete her MPE since no licensed physician specializing in addictionology practices in her area. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI020257** – Dr. Barnett moved to deny RN's request for investigative records per O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) and O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(h)(2). Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI030117** – Mrs. Easterly moved to deny RN's request to amend her Consent Order. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI040104** – Mrs. Easterly moved to send RN a letter stating that until a MPE can be completed and evaluated by the Board, a personal appearance will not be granted. Once this has been reviewed by the Board, the RN will be notified of disposition of this case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion with Mrs. Herren abstaining.

**REQUEST TO LIFT LIMITATIONS/END CONSENT ORDER EARLY**  
(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

Mrs. Herren moved to accept the recommendations as they pertain to the cases listed below. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Case No.	Recommended Action
RNI040087	Deny request to Lift Limitations.
3801990113	Lift Limitations
3801000296	Deny request to Lift Limitations
3801010184	Deny request to Lift Limitations
3801010033	Lift Limitations
3801010168	Deny request to Lift Limitations
3801000143	Deny request to Lift Limitations
3801990004	Deny request to Lift Limitations
3801000075	Deny request to Lift Limitations

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**RNI050175** – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for unlicensed practice to include a fine of \$200.00 from September 1, 2004 through January 12, 2005. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050058** – Dr. Barnett moved to proceed with licensure. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050156** – Mrs. Herren moved to proceed with licensure with a letter being sent to RN highly recommending she attend anger and stress management courses. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050074** – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for unauthorized practice to include a fine of \$1,000.00 from February 2003 through June 2004. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion with Dr. Barnett and Mrs. Herren opposing.

**3801970005/3801010084** – Dr. Barnett moved to deny RN's request to lift narcotic restrictions. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI050092/3801990135** – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Attorney General's office for a Public Reprimand or a Public Consent Agreement to include a fine of \$500.00 for falsifying her reinstatement application. The Board has agreed to set-up a six-month payment plan. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**RNI020290** – RN did not appear before the Board. Mrs. Herren moved to send letter to Illinois and Indiana alerting them of disciplinary actions taken against him by the Georgia Board of Nursing. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.



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

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

**E.B. (Applicant No. 946210)** - Mrs. Herren moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order to include a \$1,000 fine for unlicensed practice from February 2003 until present. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**J.S. (Applicant No. 941360)** - Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**D.T. (Applicant No. 946679)** - Mrs. Herren moved to proceed with licensure. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**S.L. (Applicant No. 940121)** - Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with licensure. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**K.J. (Applicant No. 939371)** - Dr. Barnett moved to send applicant letter that she does not satisfy practice requirements of Board Rule 410-8 and must participate in re-entry as described in Board Rule 410-8-.01(3). Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**J.S. (Applicant No. 944381)** - Mrs. Easterly moved to proceed with licensure upon completion of a Board approved reentry program. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**B.B. (Applicant No. 947751)** - Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order to include a \$1,000 fine for unlicensed practice for over a year. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**J. H. (Applicant No. 948177)** - Mrs. Easterly moved to proceed with authorization. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**J.K.H. (Applicant No. 947052)** - Dr. Barnett moved to send applicant a letter informing her that she must complete a re-entry program as outlined in 410-7-.01(4). Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**K.P. (Applicant No. 947397/947398)** - Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to legal services for a Private Consent Order to include a fine of \$1,000.00 for unlicensed and unauthorized practice over one year. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**R.R. (Applicant No. 949104)** - Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to legal services for a Private Consent Order to include a fine of \$250.00 for unauthorized practice in August 2002, May 2003 – June 2003, and June – July 2004. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**M.B. (Applicant No. 931188)** - Mrs. Herren moved to issue a temporary permit for three months to allow applicant to complete 160 precepted clinical hours. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**S.M. (Applicant No. 950425)** - Dr. Barnett moved to proceed with licensure. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **REVIEW OF LETTER FROM ORTHOPAEDIC NURSES CERTIFICATION BOARD**

The Board reviewed ONCB's request to allow their members to be authorized as APRN's in Georgia. Mrs. Martin presented a draft of her response to ONCB. Mrs. Easterly moved to accept the letter drafted by Mrs. Martin. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **REVIEW OF LETTER FROM AMANDA HUDSON, RN(BC), MSN, CCRN ref: CNS BEING AUTHORIZED AS APRN's**

The Board reviewed Ms. Hudson request to allow RN's with CNS designations to be authorized as APRN's in Georgia. Mrs. Easterly moved to send Ms. Hudson a letter notifying her of the Board's position concerning this. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Bond reported on the following:

- California proposes easing nurse staff rule to reduce financial burden on hospitals.
- Letter from Janis Hootman, PhD, NCSN, on behalf of the National Association of School Nurses ref: proposed legislation concerning lay persons managing children with diabetes in school settings.
- **Journal of Medical Licensure and Discipline – Legislative Strategies for Medical Boards**
- E-Mail from Alicia Byrd, NCSBN, ref: Federation of State Medical Boards draft statement on "Increasing Scope of Practice".
- Letter from Eleanor Surrency, Executive Director, Georgia State Board of Cosmetology requesting a meeting with the GBON to discuss scope of esthetic practices emerging in the cosmetology and medical professions.
- Request from Betty Fitzpatrick, RN, NCSN, requesting a representative from the GBON to speak at the GASN Conference in July.
- Article from the November 2004 **Pulse** – "Mercer, Macon hospital start nurse anesthetist program".

## **INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS**

**PE (Applicant No. 800873)** – The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Mr. Thigpen moved in order for the applicant to be considered as a duly qualified applicant, he must enroll in and pass a complete course (classroom and clinical components) in nursing care for children, maternal/infant nursing, and mental health/psychiatric nursing. It would be satisfactory if the nursing care of children and the maternal/infant nursing courses were combined as maternal/child nursing. These courses must occur at an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a registered nurse which has criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. The Registrar of the educational institution must submit an official transcript documenting the passing of this course directly to the Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02 (1),(2)(c)] Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LL (Applicant No. 918103)** - The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Mrs. Herren moved in order for the applicant to be considered as a duly qualified applicant, she must enroll in and graduate from, an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a first-level registered nurse which meets criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02(1),(2)] Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**BH (Applicant No. 865401)** - The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Mrs. Keeton moved in order for the applicant to be considered as a duly qualified applicant, she must enroll in and graduate from, an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a first-level registered nurse which meets criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing. [410-6-.02(1),(2)] Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**SI (Applicant No. 879506)** - The Board reviewed the application for licensure by examination. Mrs. Keeton moved in order for the applicant to be considered as a duly qualified applicant, she must enroll in and graduate from, an approved nursing education program leading to initial licensure as a first-level registered nurse which meets criteria similar to, and no less stringent than, those established by the

Georgia Board of Nursing. [410-6.02(1),(2)] Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Board reviewed the following:

- Minutes from the November 12, 2004 Education Committee Meeting.
- Proposed rule changes to Chapters 410-3 and 410-4. Mr. Thigpen moved to send letter to the Education Committee thanking them for their hard work as it pertains to the rules. In addition, he would like for this letter to be copied to their employer. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **DEVELOPING PROGRAMS**

#### **Medical College of Georgia – Proposed Clinical Nurse Leader Master’s Program**

The Board of Nursing reviewed information presented by Dr. Marion on behalf of the Medical College of Georgia. Mr. Thigpen moved that the Medical College of Georgia must follow established guidelines for the development and implementation of a new nursing education program. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **Darton College – Paramedic to RN Track**

The Board reviewed the information presented in regards to the Paramedic to RN Track. Mrs. Easterly moved to approve Darton College’s request to implement a Paramedic to RN Track in the Fall of 2005. [410-3-.10(2)(d)] Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **SITE VISIT REPORTS**

#### **Georgia Southern University**

The Board reviewed Georgia Southern University's September 15-16, 2004 Site Visit Report. Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the fourteen (14) commendations and one (1) recommendation. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Site Visit Report is on file in the Board office.

#### **Dalton State College**

The Board reviewed Dalton State College's October 28-29, 2004 Site Visit Report. Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the eleven (11) commendations and three (3) recommendations. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Site Visit Report is on file in the Board office.

#### **Southwest Georgia Technical College**

The Board reviewed Southwest Georgia Technical College's November 15-16, 2004 Site Visit Report. Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the eight (8) commendations and five (5) recommendations. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Site Visit Report is on file in the Board office.

### **SITE VISIT RESPONSES**

#### **Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College**

At the September 28, 2004 meeting, the Board reviewed ABAC’s responses to the April 19-20, 2004 Site Visit Report. The response to the recommendations made was received on November 8, 2004 and reviewed by the Board during this Board Meeting. Mrs. Herren moved the following recommendations:

1. Accept the October 29, 2004 response (received in the office on November 8, 2004) submitted by Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. [410-3-.10(2)(b)]
2. The Board of Nursing directs the Chairman of the Division of Nursing and Health Services and a representative of College administration to be present at its March 9-11, 2005 meeting at which time the February 7-8, 2005 Site Visit Report will be reviewed. [410-3-.01(d) and (e)]
3. The restoration of Full Approval will be considered after the Board reviews the February 7-8, 2005 Site Visit Report and acceptable responses to it. [410-3-.02(3)(c)]

Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 9-10, 2004 BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND NOVEMBER 22, 2004 TELECONFERENCE MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 9-10, 2004 Board Meeting. Mrs. Herren moved to rescind the following motion made during the November Board meeting as it pertains to changes in consent order language as prepared by the Attorney General's office as it relates to Employer Quarterly Reports:

***"if employed in a clinical setting or a setting involving access to drugs ...."***

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept this motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Easterly then made the following motion as it pertains to changes in the consent order language as prepared by the Attorney General's office as it relates to Employer Quarterly Reports:

***"if employed in a setting that requires nursing licensure or a setting including access to drugs ..."***

Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Easterly moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 22, 2004 Teleconference. Mrs. Keeton moved to approve the minutes. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Karen Wessinger, Vice-President

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Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director

The minutes were recorded by Laura Sturick, Board Secretary and Ylice Crews, Administrative Assistant, and approved on March \_\_\_\_, 2005.