

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI060120 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office to look at legal implications and report back to the Board. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060120 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to send the case to the Cosmetology Board regarding Spa's practice of using unlicensed personnel. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060245 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050338 – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Indefinite Suspension for action taken in another jurisdiction. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060311 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060316 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060321 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060368 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to order licensee to have an Expedited Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060369 – Mr. Thigpen moved to track legal status of changes for final disposition. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060371 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060374 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include a suspension for a minimum of three months for felony drug conviction, with restoration of license will be contingent upon completion of an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Board. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060376 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include a nursing course in documentation. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060380 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060404 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060419 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Reprimand to include a nursing course in Anger Management. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060426 – Mrs. Keeton moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060428 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and carried with Mr. Thigpen abstaining.

RNI060446 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060481 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include a suspension for a minimum of three months for felony drug conviction, with restoration of license will be contingent upon completion of an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Board. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060485 – Mrs. Easterly moved to close the case and accept the Cease and Desist Order. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060489 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include a nursing course in Professionalism and Documentation. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060514 – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include a nursing course in Ethics. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060514 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer the investigative file to the Medical Board re: involved physician. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060516 – Mrs. Easterly moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060523 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060615 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060626 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060631 – Mrs. Easterly moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060642 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern: Ethics. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060503 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports to include employer, aftercare, personal and psychotherapy. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Easterly moved, Mrs. Wessinger 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, investigative reports, and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Keeton, Mr. Thigpen, Mrs. Ayers and Mrs. Lockwood.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 Mrs. Herren declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

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RNI060334 – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Agreement for licensure by Reinstatement to include four years probation, substance stipulations and quarterly reports. Applicant must first enroll in a Board approved re-entry program after temporary permit issued. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060342 – Mr. Thigpen moved proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Barnett present at 3:20 p.m.

RNI060446 – Mrs. Easterly moved to uphold previous Board decision. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060574 - Mr. Thigpen moved to uphold previous Board decision. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060643 –Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure by Examination to include restrictions in employment in home health and skilled nursing facilities. The nurse is to notify the Board of any changes in employment. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Easterly, Mr. Thigpen and Mrs. Wessinger opposing.

Mrs. Herren adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Herren, RN, CRNA, President
Karen Wessinger, BSHE, Vice President
Toni Barnett, RN, Ph.D., FNP-C
Delynn Keeton, RN, MN, CPHRM
Kellie R. Lockwood, RN, MSN
Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN
Linda Easterly, RN, BSN, MSA, MS

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Deborah Beard, Compliance Manager
Gwen Dodson, Administrative Assistant
Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant–Practice
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Jeff Clements – Staff Attorney-Legal Services

Mrs. Herren called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2006. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

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CONSENT ORDER-LEGAL SERVICES

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

RNI060580	RNI070189	RNI070192	RNI070194	RNI060574
RNI070188	RNI070054	RNI070180	RNI070178	RNI070058
RNI070196	RNI070167	RNI070186	RNI070077	RNI060446
RNI070184	RNI070072	RNI070182	RNI070176	RNI070181
RNI070037				

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Bond reported on the following:

- **FYI – Handout:**
 - ▶ Composite State Board of Medical Examiners Respiratory Care Professionals, Technicians and Therapists 360-13
- **FYI – Handouts:** News Article, The Disease of Addiction
 - ▶ News Article, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution- Nurses, hospital blamed in newborn's death
- **FYI:** – News Release: NCSBN (National Council of State Boards of Nursing) and ANA (American Nurses Association) Issue Joint Statement on Nursing Delegation
- **FYI-Handout:**
 - ▶ Composite State Board of Medical Examiners Nurse Protocol Agreements 360-32
- **FYI:** - Wall certificates for Advanced Practice Nurses (*Sample was shown*)
- **FYI-Handouts:**
 - ▶ GCD (Gardner Carton & Douglas) Client Memorandum-October 2006 Issue- NLRB Issues Long-Awaited Decisions Impacting Supervisory Status of Registered Nurses
 - ▶ Section II: Committee Reports Disciplinary Resources Advisory Panel – Attachment A: *Criminal Background Check (CDC) Resource Pack: Resources for Boards of Nursing & Report of the Disciplinary Resources Advisory Panel*

Mrs. Ayers 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, investigative reports, and pending cases.* The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Wessinger, Mr. Thigpen, Mrs. Easterly, Mrs. Lockwood and Dr. Barnett

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LEGAL SERVICES

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RNI070070 – Dr. Barnett moved to close the case and proceed with Authorization. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070185 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to uphold previous Board decision. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060355 – Mrs. Easterly moved to uphold previous Board decision. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060583 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to rescind the previous Board decision for a Consent Agreement and to close the case and proceed with licensure for Reinstatement. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070050 – Mrs. Easterly moved to uphold previous Board decision. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070177 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to uphold the previous Board decision. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070078 – Mrs. Easterly moved to uphold the previous Board decision and refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for licensure by Endorsement to include a fine of \$6250 for unlicensed practice. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060587 – Mr. Thigpen moved to rescind the previous Board decision for a Cease and Desist Order. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060067 - Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to Investigations to verify employment and address. If working, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Cease and Desist Order. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070193 – Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the Consent Agreement. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Keeton moved to charge a \$50 fee for Wall certificates for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and to include this on the Georgia Board of Nursing website. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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NOTICE OF BORROWER DEFAULT ON REPAYMENT OF STUDENT LOANS

Mr. Thigpen moved to suspend the following license(s) to practice as a registered professional nurse for defaulting on Licensee's student loan, and further move that this suspension will cease upon the receipt of notice by the Division Director or a notice of release from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Roseanne E. Bowen, RN119335
Jennifer N. Cauley, RN129522
Daphne L. King, RN174124

Christopher Hudgins, RN156326
Carolyn J. Lovett, RN171149

Tabitha A. Johnson, RN139970
Donna W. Ward, RN149661

APPLICATION REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

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Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the Cognizant Report regarding unlicensed/unauthorized practice and refer cases identified to Legal Services for issuance of a Private Consent Agreement and the fine indicated by the Cognizant. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion with Mr. Thigpen abstaining and it carried unanimously. See attached reports.

L.A. (Applicant #1031269) – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement to include a fine of \$6100 for unauthorized practice. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

D.W. (Applicant #1035832) – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$1500. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

D.B. (Applicant #1036766) – Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$1000 for unlicensed practice. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

M.S. (Applicant #1013404) – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Reinstatement to include a fine of \$1000 for unlicensed practice and to not re-issue temporary permit until fine is paid in full. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Dr. Barnett moved to appoint Pamela Richard-Torke and Leslie Ann Jeter to the Advanced Practice Committee. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

UNIFORM EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER HEALTH PRACTITIONERS ACT

Mrs. Easterly moved, after review of current law HB166, to maintain the current status regarding professional nurse requirements for licensure. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS AND APPROVAL OF LICENSURE

Mrs. Easterly moved, Mr. Thigpen seconded and the Board voted to approve applications for licensure and advanced practice authorization for the months of September 2006 through October 2006 that were determined, pursuant to Board approval guidelines, to have met licensure/authorization requirements. See attached reports.

SITE VISIT REPORTS

Southwest Georgia Technical College

The Board reviewed Southwest Georgia Technical College's August 9-10, 2006 Site Visit Report. Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following commendations:

1. The Program Effectiveness and Evaluation (PEET) is detailed and supported by documentation. [410-3-.03 (7)]
2. Guided by published, nationally recognized standards, faculty members have consistently reviewed and revised the curriculum so that it is clearly articulated and internally consistent. [410-3-.04 (1)(b)]
3. Practice-based learning activities occur in diverse settings representative of the continuum of health care. [410-3-.04 (1)(f)]
4. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions incorporate praxis, reflection, critical thinking and decision-making. [410-3-.04 (2)]
5. Teaching/learning strategies, activities and interactions facilitate the transition into professional practice. [410-3-.04 (43)]
6. Faculty members have the graduate nursing education and professional development to enable the learning goals of the curriculum. [410-3-.05 (9)]
7. A detailed Preceptor Manual has been developed. [410-3-.05 (9)]

Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following recommendations:

1. Based upon a passing percentage of the 2006 NCLEX-RN first-time writers of less than 80% (27/40, 67.5%), submit a written assessment, a plan of action and a progress report. [410-3-.08; 410-3-.02 (2)(a)(1.)]
2. Submit the written process which describes the collaboration between admission personnel and nursing faculty members in the selection of qualified students consistent with the policy in the Student Handbook. [410-3-.03 (3); 410-3-.07 (2)]
3. The workload of the program director must be reviewed and revised to provide more time for administrative activities to facilitate the achievement of program goals. [410-3-.03 (3)]

4. Clarify nursing courses exempted by successful completion of Nursing 196, Transition to Associate Degree Nursing, and the outcome of failing. [410-3-.03 (4); 410-3-.07 (2)]
5. Review and update required and recommended articles for currency and relevance. [410-3-.03 (8)]
6. For any academic term, the majority of faculty members must hold full-time appointments. The ration of full-time to part-time faculty members must be clarified for the Fall 2005, Winter 2006, Spring 2006 and Summer 2006 quarters with names of each faculty member assigned during these times. [410-3-.04 (4)]
7. For any given academic term, two-thirds of individual full-time and part-time faculty members must hold one or more earned graduate degrees in nursing. [410-3-.04 (4)]
8. Revise test items to provide for conformity with prevailing standards of test construction and incorporation of nursing decision-making. [410-3-.04 (4)]

Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

West Central Technical College

The Board reviewed West Central Technical College's August 14-15, 2006 Site Visit Report. Mrs. Ayers moved to accept the following commendations:

1. A comprehensive plan for total program evaluation has been developed and implemented. [410-3-.03 (7)]
2. Minutes clearly document business conducted and actions taken. [410-3-.05 (12)]
3. Faculty members have worked diligently with the consultant and with administrative support to assess the program, make changes, and achieve ownership of the curriculum. {410-3-.058 (12)]
4. Practiced based learning activities occur in diverse practice settings representative of the health care continuum. [410-3-.0 (1)(f)]
5. Teaching/learning strategies, activities, and interactions incorporate praxis, reflection, critical thinking, and decision-making. [410-3-.04 (2)]
6. Educational facilities and resources the effective implementation of the program. [410-3-.09]
7. Faculty members have graduate nursing education, expertise, and professional development to enable the learning goals of the curriculum. [410-3-.05 (9)]
8. The Preceptor Manual is organized and well written. [410-3-.06 (1)(b)]

Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ayers moved to accept the following recommendations:

1. Full Approval may be considered based upon written responses to the site visit recommendation and at least an 80% passing rate of all first-time writers on the NCLEX-RN. [410-3-.02 (3)(d)]
2. Submit the revised organization chart for the college. [410-3-.03 (2)]
3. Review test items for conformity with prevailing standards of test construction and the incorporation of nursing decision-making items. [410-3-.04 (4)]
4. Completely revamp the program Student Handbook so that it is organized, current and accurate consistent with 410-3-.07 (2). [410-3-.03 (8); 410-3-.07 (2)]

Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Bainbridge College

The Board reviewed Bainbridge College's August 9-10, 2006 Site Visit Report. Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following commendations:

1. The philosophy, learning outcomes, organizing framework and teaching/learning strategies, activities and interactions are internally consistent. [410-3-.04 (1)(b)]
2. Teaching/learning strategies, activities and interactions incorporate praxis, reflection, critical thinking and decision-making. [410-3-.04 (2)]
3. Teaching/learning strategies, activities and interactions facilitate the transition to professional practice. [410-3-.04 (3)]
4. Faculty members have the graduate nursing education, expertise, and professional development to enable the learning goals of the curriculum. [410-3-.05 (9)]

5. The guidelines for Levels I, II, and III Procedures and the clinical skills record provide direction for students and faculty members and provide for patient safety. [410-3-.04 (4)]
6. The Associate Degree Nursing Student Handbook provides clear and consistent information. [410-3-.03 (8);410-3-.07 (2)]

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following recommendations:

1. Clarify the academic rank of the director of the associate degree nursing program. [410-3-.03 (3); 410-3-.05 (4) and (13)]
2. Minutes must clearly and consistently document business conducted and actions taken. [410-3-.03 (7);410-3-.05 (12)]
3. Review and revise test items so that they are consistent with prevailing standards of test construction and incorporate additional nursing decision-making items. [410-3-.04 (4)]

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SITE VISIT RESPONSES

Georgia Baptist College of Nursing Mercer University

Mrs. Keeton moved based upon review and documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report and responses to recommendations, and an overall passing percentage of at least eighty (80) percent (269/303, 88.7%) of all first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the last four years (2002-2005), Full Approval is extended through December 31, 2010. [410-3-.02 (3)(a)] Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled for the 2009-2010 academic year. [410-3-.01 (d)] Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Georgia Southwestern State University

Mr. Thigpen moved based upon review and documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report and responses to recommendations, and an overall passing percentage of at least eighty (80) percent (256/265, 96.6%) of all first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the last four years (2002-2005), Full Approval is extended through December 31, 2010. [410-3-.02 (3)(a)] The next site visit will be conducted on January 23-25, 2007. [410-3-.01 (d)] Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried the unanimously.

Piedmont College

Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the response to the March 29-30, 2006 site visit report submitted by Piedmont College with recommendations to the Dean and faculty members for the thorough, well written report. [410-3-.10 (2)(b)] Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

South Georgia College

Mrs. Lockwood moved based upon review and documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report and responses to recommendations, and an overall passing percentage of at least eighty (80) percent (204/237, 86%) of all first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the last (4) years (2003-2006), Full Approval for Associate Degree Nursing Program at South Georgia College is extended through December 31, 2010 [410-3-.02 (3)(a)] Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled during the 2009-2010 academic year. [410-3-.01 (d)] Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion it carried with Mr. Thigpen abstaining.

University of West Georgia

Mrs. Lockwood moved based upon review and documentation of compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report and responses to recommendations, and an overall passing percentage of at least eighty (80) percent (98/109, 89/9%) of all first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the last (4) years (2002-2005), Full Approval is extended through December 31, 2010 November 15-17, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes

[410-3-.02 (3)(a)] Unless another reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled during the 2009-2010 academic year.
[410-3-.01 (d)] Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion it carried unanimously.

Valdosta State University

At its July 19-21, 2006 meeting, the Board reviewed the Valdosta State University March 1-2, 2006 site visit report. Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following:

1. Accept Valdosta State University's responses to the Board's March 1-2, 2006 site visit recommendations. [410-3-.10 (2)(b)]
2. The approval status of the program will be reviewed at the Board's January 17-19, 2007 meeting. [410-3-.02 (3)(c)]

Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OFF-CAMPUS OFFERINGS

Columbus Technical College

Mrs. Wessinger moved to approve Flint River Technical College and West Georgia Technical College as off-campus sites for the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Columbus Technical College beginning in the Summer 2007 quarter. [410-3-.10 (2)(c)] Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Thomas University

Mrs. Easterly moved to approve Capital Regional Medical Center, Tallahassee, Florida, as an off-campus site for the RN-BSN Program at Thomas University beginning in the Spring 2007 semester. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SITE VISIT RESPONSES

LaGrange College

At its September 20-22, 2006 meeting, the Board reviewed the May 2-3, 2006 LaGrange College site visit report. Dr. Barnett moved to accept the following responses:

1. Based upon the 4-year (2003-2006) average passing percentage of first-time NCLEX-RN writers of less than 80% (44/56, 78.5%), Conditional Approval is extended for the nursing program at LaGrange College through May 31, 2008. [410-3-.02 (4)]
2. If at least 80% of the first-time NCLEX-RN writers from the 2007 class do not pass, with a 4-year (2004-2007) average passing percentage of at least 80%, approval will be withdrawn effective June 1, 2008. [410-3-.02 (5)]
3. A site visit has been scheduled for February 21-22, 2007. [410-3-.01 (d)]

Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS

CE – Mrs. Keeton moved to notify Chandra Evans, applicant for licensure by examination for international graduates that in order to be considered as a duly qualified applicant, she must:

1. Request the General Education Development (GED) to send the Board of Nursing documentation of a GED Diploma.
2. Enroll in and pass a complete course (classroom and clinical components) in mental/health/psychiatric nursing. This course 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)]

Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Wessinger 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, investigative reports, and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Ayers, Mr. Thigpen, Mrs. Keeton, Dr. Barnett and Mrs. Easterly.

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ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

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Applicant #1097679 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Private Consent Order to include narcotic restrictions for two years, quarterly reports and track Legal probation in Alabama. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1035796 – Mrs. Ayers moved to deny licensure based on falsification of application. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #992147 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Agreement for Endorsement to include a fine of \$500 for falsification of application. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1035633 – Mrs. Easterly moved to deny licensure based on the Criminal History. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Applicant #1077895 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Agreement and proceed with licensure by Endorsement to include tracking Action in another jurisdiction. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INITIAL ADVANCED PRACTICE RN APPLICATION REVIEW

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RNI030189 - Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for an Amended Private Consent Order to grant Authorization on probation to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports and continue terms of probation. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VIOLATION OF PRIVATE CONSENT ORDER

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI030027/RNI060004 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include extension of current probation for one year and a fine of \$500 for violation of initial Consent Order. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MENTAL PHYSICAL EVALUATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI050209 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030196 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to write the registered nurse a letter stating the MPE is incomplete and it does not contain a mental health exam or recommendations. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060214 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include probation for four years and quarterly reports. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050464 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include Voluntary Surrender or Indefinite Suspension based on MPE evaluation. The RN may reapply after completion of Outpatient substance abuse program or Intensive Outpatient program, psychotherapy, one year documented sobriety and followed up by an aftercare plan including AA. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050449/RNI070140 – Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include following MPE recommendations. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Easterly opposing.

RNI070163 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Alcohol and proceed with licensure by Endorsement. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030349 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to close the case. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040107 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include quarterly reports and monthly drug screens for one year. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010181 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports, urine drug screens, AA meetings and psychiatric care. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Lockwood opposing

REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC RESTRICTIONS/END CONSENT ORDERS EARLY

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the following recommendations for the cases listed below:

CASE NO#.	RECOMMENDED ACTION
RNI040418	Lift narcotic restrictions.
Croft, Linda	Lift narcotic restrictions.
Johnson, Christie	Lift narcotic restrictions.
RNI050126	Lift narcotic restrictions.
Sinclair, Tina	Deny request to lift narcotic restrictions.

Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MORATORIUM

Mrs. Keeton moved to lift the Moratorium on applications for new Generic Nursing Education Programs as in the memo distributed to the Board. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Moratorium on Applications for New Generic Nursing Education Programs

The Georgia Board of Nursing has received the June 2006 report of the Georgia Task Force on Health Care Professionals. The Board has carefully reviewed the recommendations stated in the Task Force Report, especially the commitment of the Board of Regents and other Task Force members to increase the salaries of current nursing education faculty and to increase funding to prepare future nursing educators. Based upon the commitment of Task Force members to implement the June 2006 recommendations, the Board hereby lifts, effective January 1, 2007, the moratorium it imposed in November 2005 upon the acceptance and processing of applications for new generic nursing education programs proposed by colleges and universities in which other generic programs leading to initial registered nurse licensure do not exist.

Applications may be submitted to the Board for approval of new nursing education programs in Georgia beginning January 1, 2007. New program applications will be reviewed, evaluated, and considered for approval by the Board in accordance with guidelines including, but not limited to, the following:

- The availability of qualified faculty;
- The availability and quality of clinical sites available to nursing students for “hands-on” clinical experience with patients;
- Coordination with existing programs, including the extent any newly proposed programs may affect the quality and effectiveness of existing nursing education programs; and
- Compliance with Georgia law and Board Rules.

The Board may impose a moratorium in the future upon new programs leading to initial licensure if the Board determines that such action is necessary to protect, promote, and preserve the public health, safety, and welfare pursuant to the Board’s statutory authority to regulate registered professional nursing education and practice in Georgia.

This _____ day of _____, 2006.

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Mrs. Herren adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Herren, RN, CRNA, President
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STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Deborah Beard, Compliance Manager
Gwen Dodson, Administrative Assistant
Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant–Practice
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Mrs. Herren called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. on Friday, November 17, 2006. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

Mrs. Lockwood moved, Mrs. Easterly 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, investigative reports, and pending cases.* The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Mrs. Ayers, Mrs. Wessinger, Dr. Barnett, Mr. Thigpen and Mrs. Keeton.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, November 17, 2006, Mrs. Herren declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

MENTAL PHYSICAL EVALUATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI040379 – Mrs. Easterly moved to deny licensure based on previous history of using Methamphetamine and not being honest with the physician regarding reasons for the MPE. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040090 – Mrs. Easterly moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050120 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070158 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or a Public Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations and quarterly reports. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VIOLATION OF MENTAL PHYSICAL EVALUATION ORDER

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI050147 – Mrs. Keeton moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Voluntary Surrender or Indefinite Suspension until MPE is complete and reviewed by the Board. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF PRIOR PRESENTED CASE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI060400 – Dr. Barnett moved to proceed with licensure by Endorsement based on successful completion of the Recovery Nurse Program in Louisiana. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO LIFT SUSPENSION

Mrs. Keeton moved to accept the following recommendations for the case listed below:

CASE NO#.	RECOMMENDED ACTION
3801970033	Deny request to lift suspension.

Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO LIFT SUSPENSION AND COMMENCE PROBATION

Mrs. Ayers moved to accept the following recommendations for the case listed below:

CASE NO#.	RECOMMENDED ACTION
RNI030127	Approve request to lift suspension and commence probation.

Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COMPLAINT REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070229 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070228 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern re: Professional Conduct. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OPENS RECORDS REQUEST

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Gardner, Samuel – Mrs. Keeton moved to release a copy of the reinstatement application and investigative file to the Virginia Board of Nursing. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Rhodes, Anderia - Mr. Thigpen moved to release the application for renewal of license, Public Consent Order, status of license and investigative file. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Lewis-Kilpatrick, Marilyn – Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the Voluntary surrender of license. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SELF REPORT

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070221 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070222 - Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070223 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions and quarterly reports. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VIOLATION OF MENTAL/PHYSICAL EVALUATION ORDER

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI036022 – Mrs. Ayers moved to refer to the Attorney General's for a Voluntary Surrender or Indefinite Suspension until MPE completed and reviewed by the Board. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030356 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Voluntary Surrender or Indefinite Suspension for violation of MPE Order. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050450/3801980195 – Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Voluntary Surrender or Indefinite Suspension for violation of MPE Order. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030231 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports and individual counseling for 3-6 months. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040361 - Dr. Barnett moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Voluntary Surrender or Indefinite Suspension for violation of MPE Order. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050273 – Mrs. Easterly moved to refer to the Cognizant for review. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MENTAL PHYSICAL EVALUATION REVIEW

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RNI04103 – Mrs. Easterly moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OPEN RECORDS REQUEST

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Hegwood, Bradley Lamar – Mr. Thigpen moved to release the Investigative file. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI030060 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Public Consent Order to include substance abuse stipulations, narcotic restrictions, quarterly reports and a fine of \$500 for a second Consent Order. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried with Mrs. Keeton and Mrs. Herren abstaining.

MENTAL PHYSICAL EVALUATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

RNI070154 – Mrs. Easterly moved to close the case and proceed with licensure by Examination. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS – ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Mr. Thigpen moved to accept Mrs. Jackson's Status and Activity Report and to accept the following Consent Agreements/Orders as prepared by the Attorney General's office. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Babalola, Joseph	RNI060112	Williams, Amy
Baker, Renae	Mathis, Barbara	Duncan, Livia
Brockington, Deborah	RNI060110	RNI060634
Brown, Deborah	Patton, Carole	Washington, Mae
RNI070017	RNI070013	Broome, Rebecca
Egbe, Judith	RNI060637	Miller, Alisa
RNI070014	RNI070010	RNI060635

RNI060634 – Mrs. Ayers moved to accept the Private Consent Order as written and direct the RN to send a letter requesting the Board to lift probation after completion of her employer's agreement. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

McGhee, Vickie – Mr. Thigpen moved to accept the Voluntary Surrender. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Gray, Troy – Mrs. Lockwood moved to accept the Initial Decision as the Final Decision by the Administrative Law Judge. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050424/RNI050427 - Mr. Thigpen moved to favorably view a Voluntary Surrender without conditions regarding Reinstatement. Mrs. Lockwood seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060006 – Mr. Thigpen moved to order licensee to have an Outpatient MPE. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing or consent order utilizing evaluation results and/or

recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050099 – Mr. Thigpen moved to send the case to Investigations to obtain certified copies of documentation of Final Suspension (not summary suspension) of the Respondent's privileges at Coliseum Medical Center in Macon and proof of the Respondent's receipt of that documentation, certified copies of the nurse's application for original appointment and application for reappointment at Southern Regional Medical Center and a status update on the Respondent's appeal for "secretarial review" at NPDB. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI050129/RNI050135 – Mrs. Ayers moved to close the case with a Letter of Concern: Standard of Care. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060275/RNI060276 – Mrs. Easterly moved to close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070155 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to close the case in the Attorney General's Office, send the licensee a letter requesting proof that legal probation has ended and proceed with licensure administratively when legal probation ends. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070016 – Mrs. Lockwood moved to close the case in the Attorney General's Office, send the licensee a letter requesting proof that legal probation has ended and proceed with licensure administratively when legal probation ends. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI07003 – Dr. Barnett moved to send the case to Investigations to obtain documentation of falsification of time and attendance. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060115 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060130 – Mr. Thigpen moved to close the case. Dr. Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI070159 – Mrs. Keeton moved to order applicant to have an Outpatient MPE as a condition of the Board's consideration of the application. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a consent agreement utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, proceed with licensure and close the case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060537 – Mrs. Ayers moved to affirm original disposition. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060136 – Mrs. Keeton moved to close the case. Mrs. Easterly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI060128 – Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order as per original disposition. Mrs. Keeton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Friday, November 17, 2006 at 12:30 p.m.

Linda Herren, *President*

Sylvia Bond, *Executive Director*