

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, January 26, 2017 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amy Hooper, LPN, Vice President
Linda Floyd, RN
Kelli Lockwood, RN, MSN, Immediate Past Vice President

MEMBERS ABSENT

Merry Fort, RN

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
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
Janet Wray, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Lockwood called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Hooper moved, Floyd seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, January 26, 2017, 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)

Hooper moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI170316 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Documentation).

RNI170206 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

LPNI170091 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

RNI170336 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, courses to include Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses; Ethics of Nursing Practice; and, HIPPA and Confidentiality.

RNI160011 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office 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.

RNI170304 – Close the case.

RNI161201 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct and courses to include Professional Accountability and Legal Liability; Ethics of Nursing Practice; and, HIPPA and Confidentiality.

RNI170181 – Send the applicant a letter requesting courses in Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care; Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses; and, Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing.

RNI160451 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Appropriate Labeling of Medication).

RNI160559 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited psychosexual mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator to be completed within ten (10) days. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI160232 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose Action in Another Jurisdiction and courses in Ethics of Nursing Practice and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses.

LPNI150364 – Table for full board meeting.

RNI170377 - Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose.

RNI170187 – Close the case acknowledging revocation and encouraging compliance.

RNI170436 – Close the case.

LPNI160084 – Close the case.

RNI161218 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office 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.

RNI140531 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office, deny the renewal.

LPNI140138 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office, deny the renewal.

RNI140545 – Approve the request pending receipt of documentation from aftercare provider.

RNI120234 – Approve the request for early termination.

RNI120712 – Close the case.

LPNI160382 – Deny the reinstatement. May reapply with 24 months of documented sobriety; documentation of substance abuse treatment in a partial hospitalization program; and a statement from the physician that she can practice with reasonable skill and safety.

RNI130097 – Refer to Investigations to obtain information regarding incarceration and arrest documents; treatment records.

RNI160112 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

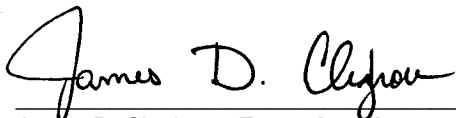
RNI160477 – Approve the request for an early termination.

LPNI150415 – Allow step meetings to count as aftercare.

RNI161134 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public order restricting practice so that no practice occurs in Georgia without written permission of the Board.

Floyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 5:22 p.m.



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