

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, May 4, 2017 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Nancy Barton, RN, MSN  
Julia Worthy, RN, MSN  
Dellarie Shilling, RN, DNP, FNP-BC  
Tina Fletcher, LPN

#### STAFF PRESENT

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

Barton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2017.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Worthy moved, Shilling 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, May 4, 2017 Barton **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)

Shilling moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

LPNI160330 – Close the case.

RNI170131 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Arrest).

RNI150937 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Failure to Disclose).

LPNI170128 – Close the case.

RNI170254 – Refer to Investigations.

LPNI170373 – License by examination with a Letter of Concern (Criminal).

RNI170204 – Refer for an investigative interview.

RNI170836 – License by endorsement.

RNI170851 – License with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

LPNI160098 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for revocation.

RNI1170783 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), substance abuse stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI170609 – 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.

RNI170481 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Disciplinary Actions, What Every Nurse Should Know and Ethics of Nursing Practice.

RNI160759 – Continue current consent order with new sobriety date of 11/21/2016.

RNI160524 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an indefinite suspension or voluntary surrender. May petition to lift with an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Board would also accept a public reprimand to include three (3) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer), a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct and courses in Narcotic Drugs; Handling and Documentation, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Ethics of Nursing Practice and Nurse Practice Act.

RNI160043 – Refer to Investigations.

RNI170842 – Grant authorization. Must submit final disposition within ten (10) days of adjudication.

LPNI170371 – Obtain documentation from treating physician regarding safety to practice.

RNI160037 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office, amend to Public. All time periods start over, and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

LPNI170297 – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses; Ethics of Nursing Practice; Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients; Elder Abuse.

Worthy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 5:10 p.m.

  
James D. Cleghorn, Executive Director