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MICHIGAN BOARD OF NURSING NOVEMBER 7, 2019 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Nursing met on November 7, 2019, at the Ottawa Building, Conference Room 3, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Meringa, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Joshua Meringa, MPA, MHA, MBA, BSN, RN- BC, Chairperson
Kristin Ahrens, DNP, RN, CPNP
Donna Carnahan, CRNA, DNAP, MS
Tatyana Chatman, LPN (9:12 a.m. arrival)
Sarah Coker, MSN, RN, NE-BC
Jill DeVries, LPN
Debbie Edokpolo, MSW, Public Member
Balomero "Bo" Garcia, Public Member
Lori Glenn, DNP, CNM, RN
Elizabeth Horton, RN, MBA
Jackeline Iseler, DNP, RN, ACNS-BC
Jessica Lannon, BA, RN, C-EFM
Nora Maloy, DrPH, Public Member
Tiffany McDonald, RN
Jason, Puscas, Public Member (9:49 a.m. arrival)
Omar Saleh, RN (10:18 a.m. arrival)
Maureen Saxton, Public Member (9:12 a.m. arrival)
Cerise Tounsel, Public Member
Mary VanderKolk, RN, MSN
Deborah Vendittelli, DNP, RN, ANP-BC

Members Absent: Glenn O'Connor, CRNA, MS
Victoria Sachs, Public Member

Staff Present: Carla Chapman, Analyst, Compliance Section
Andria Ditschman, Analyst, Board and Committees Section
LeAnn Payne, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section
Kerry Przybylo, Manager, Boards and Committees Section
Michele Wagner-Gutkowski, AAG, Assistant Attorney General

Meringa welcomed new members and requested that everyone go around the table to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by DeVries, seconded by Ahrens, to approve the agenda, as presented.

A voice vote followed

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Edokpolo, seconded by Coker, to approve the minutes from September 5, 2019, with the correction to the attached RN Education Committee minutes on page 7: under Facility Exception Requests change to St. Clair *County*(instead of Shores) Community College.

A voice vote followed

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY MATTERS

Laura Ann Benedict, RN – Petition for Reinstatement

MOTION by DeVries, seconded by Vendittelli, to accept the Proposal for Decision and grant the Petition for Reinstatement. Petitioner will be placed on probation for one year, not to exceed three years, with quarterly employer reports, and compliance with HPRP.

A roll call followed: Yeas: Ahrens, Carnahan, Coker, DeVries, Edokpolo, Garcia
Glenn, Horton, Iseler, Lannon, Maloy, McDonald,
Tounsle, VanderKolk, Vendittelli, Meringa
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Lisa Kay Hinton, RN – Petition for Reinstatement

MOTION by Iseler, seconded by Glenn, to grant the Petition for Reinstatement. Petitioner will be placed on probation for one year, not to exceed three years, with quarterly employer reports, and compliance with the HPRP. Petitioner may take a skills assessment if unable to find one year of employment within three years.

A roll call followed: Yeas: Ahrens, Carnahan, Chatman, Coker, DeVries, Edokpolo, Garcia, Glenn, Horton, Iseler, Lannon, Maloy, McDonald, Saxton, Tounsel, VanderKolk, Meringa

Nays: None

Recuse: Vendittelli

MOTION PREVAILED

Nicole Lynn Potter, RN – Petition for Reinstatement

MOTION by Glenn, seconded by Vendittelli, to grant the Petition for Reinstatement. Petitioner will be placed on probation for two years, not to exceed four years, with quarterly employer reports and compliance with the HPRP. Petitioner may complete a skills assessment if unable to obtain employment for two years within four years.

A roll call followed: Yeas: Ahrens, Carnahan, Chatman, Coker, DeVries, Edokpolo, Garcia, Glenn, Horton, Iseler, Lannon, Maloy, McDonald, Saxton, Tounsel, VanderKolk, Vendittelli, Meringa

Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Janelle Denise Reifschneider, RN, CRNA – Petition for Reinstatement

MOTION by Iseler, seconded by Glenn, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Glenn, seconded by Ahrens, to grant the Petition for Reinstatement and place Petitioner on probation for one year. Petitioner must comply with the Public Health Code.

A roll call followed: Yeas: Ahrens, Carahan, Chatman, Coker, DeVries, Edokpolo,

Garcia, Glenn, Horton, Iseler, Lannon, Maloy, McDonald,
Saxton, Tounsel, VanderKolk, Vendittelli, Meringa
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Jennifer Marie Respecki, RN – Petition for Reinstatement

MOTION by Iseler, seconded by Glenn, to discuss.

A voice vote was taken.

Vendittelli recused herself.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Isler, seconded by Lannon, to accept the Proposal for Decision and grant the Petition for Reinstatement, if within six months the Petitioner is evaluated by the HPRP and deemed safe to practice. Upon reinstatement, Petitioner will be placed on probation for two years, not to exceed four years, with quarterly employer reports. Petitioner may complete a skills assessment if unable to obtain two years of employment within four years.

A roll call followed: Yeas: Ahrens, Carnahan, Chatman, Coker, DeVries, Edokpolo,
Garcia, Glenn, Horton, Iseler, Lannon, Maloy, McDonald,
Saxton, Tounsel, VanderKolk, Meringa
Nays: None
Recuse: Vendittelli

MOTION PREVAILED

Puscas arrived at 9:49 a.m.

Raymond Alfred Selman, LPN – Petition for Reinstatement

MOTION by Glenn, seconded by Ahrens, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Glenn, seconded by Vendittelli, to grant the Petition for Reinstatement if within six months the Petitioner has completed a skills assessment and completed continuing education in the following areas: disciplinary actions, professional accountability and legal liability, and ethics. Upon reinstatement, Petitioner will be placed on probation for one year and must comply with the Public Health Code.

A roll call followed: Yeas: Ahrens, Carnahan, Chatman, Coker, DeVries, Edokpolo, Garcia, Glenn, Horton, Iseler, Lannon, Maloy, McDonald, Saxton, Tounsel, VanderKolk, Vendittelli, Meringa

Nays: None

Abstain: Puscas

MOTION PREVAILED

Cheri Marie VanLake, LPN – Petition for Reinstatement

MOTION by Vendittelli, seconded by Iseler, to grant the Petition for Reinstatement if, within six months the Petitioner has completed a skills assessment. Upon reinstatement, Petitioner's license will be limited to no access to controlled substances for one year, with automatic reclassification. Upon reinstatement, Petitioner will be placed on probation for two years, not to exceed four years, with quarterly employer reports. Petitioner may complete a skills assessment if unable to obtain employment for two years within four years.

Discussion was held.

A roll call followed: Yeas: Ahrens, Carnahan, Chatman, Coker, DeVries, Edokpolo, Garcia, Glenn, Horton, Iseler, Lannon, Maloy, McDonald, Saxton, Tounsel, VanderKolk, Vendittelli, Meringa

Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Disciplinary Subcommittee (DSC)

Meringa gave an overview of the Disciplinary Subcommittee for new members.

Education Committee

Vendittelli gave an overview of the Education Subcommittee for new members.

Vendittelli directed the Board to the Nurse Education Committee PN Minutes from November 6, 2019 and provided an overview. (Addendum #1).

MOTION by Vendittelli, seconded by DeVries, to accept the PN Minutes as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Vendittelli directed the Board to the Nurse Education Committee RN Minutes from September 4, 2019 and provided an overview. (Addendum #2).

MOTION by Vendittelli, seconded by Maloy, to accept the RN Minutes as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Nursing Policy Report

Deborah Bach-Stante, gave a highlight of the “MDHHS – Office of Nursing Policy (ONP) Report,” dated November 7, 2019. (Addendum #3).

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Nurse Scholarship Update

Przybylo gave an overview of the Nurse Scholarship Program and asked the Board to determine the area of need area in Michigan as well as the level of nursing education that should receive the funds. Discussion took place on whether to allocate the funds for schools to use for lab improvements or to use for scholarships to individual students.

MOTION by Ahrens, seconded by Horton, to designate that all levels of nursing education and the entire state of Michigan qualify as an area of need for the nurse scholarship funds for 2020-2021.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Ahrens, Carnahan, Chatman, Coker, DeVries, Edokpolo, Garcia, Glenn, Horton, Iseler, Lannon, Maloy, McDonald, Puscas, Saleh, Saxton, Tounsel, VanderKolk, Vendittelli, Meringa
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by McDonald, seconded by Glenn, to give schools a grant to improve their simulation labs.

Discussion was held. The Board asked that a needs basis be added to the criteria for application of the funds in a future set of the administrative rules.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Ahrens, Carnahan, Chatman, DeVries, Glenn, Horton.

McDonald, Saxton

Nays: Coker, Edokpolo, Garcia, Iseler, Lannon, Maloy, Puscas,
Saleh, Tounsel, VanderKolk, Vendittelli, Meringa

MOTION FAILED

The Nurse Scholarship fund will be allocated to the schools for student scholarships.

Chair Report

Meringa presented the report as follows:

September 2019

- Allegation review: 58 cases (29 authorized for investigation)
- Summary Suspensions 4
- CE Review/Approvals 4
- Case Reviews/Conferee 8
- Compliance conferences 0

October 2019

- Allegation review: 63 cases (31 authorized for investigation)
- Summary Suspensions 11
- CE Review/Approval: 4
- Case Reviews/Conferee: 8
- Compliance Conferences: 0

Conferee Schedule	September: Sachs
	November: VanderKolk
	December: Vendittelli
	January: TBD

Department Update

Przybylo reminded the Board to check the new state email address regularly as it is now the source of communication with the Department. The email address cannot be synced with a cell phone but still may be accessed on a cell phone using the web link. The email address that is used for Egress will continue to be the Board members' personal/work email addresses.

Ditschman announced that Debra Gagliardi has been named the Director of the Bureau of Professional Licensing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held January 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Iseler, seconded by Horton, to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

A voice vote was taken.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on January 9, 2020

Prepared by:

LeAnn Payne, Board Support
Bureau of Professional Licensing

November 14, 2019