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## **MICHIGAN BOARD OF NURSING DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2020 MEETING**

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Nursing Disciplinary Subcommittee met on February 6, 2020, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Jason Puscas, Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Jason Puscas, Public Member, Acting Chairperson  
Debbie Edokpolo, Public Member  
Jessica Lannon, BA, RN, C-EFM

**Members Absent:** Jill DeVries, LPN  
Tiffany McDonald, RN

**Staff Present:** Carla Chapman, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section  
Michael Draminski, Manager, Compliance Section  
LeAnn Payne, Board Support, Board and Committees Section  
Michele Wagner-Gutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to approve the agenda.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to approve the minutes from January 9, 2020, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

### **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **Laura Ann Berger-Allen, RN – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

#### **Alaina Michelle Biddle, RN – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

#### **Hannah Chastaine Bleck, RN – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Edokpolo, seconded by Lannon, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

#### **Michelle Catherine Comstock, RN – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

#### **Patricia Ann Dystant, LPN – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Tamara Encarnacion, RN – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Heather Paige Esch, RN – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Edokpolo, seconded by Puscas, to table until the next meeting due to Lannon having to recuse herself.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

**Peter Donald Ferenczi, RN – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Edokpolo, seconded by Lannon, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Tracie Flory, LPN – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Demetria Martett Gregory, LPN – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas

Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Catherine Hall, RN – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Lisa Diane Halley, RN – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Kerri Jean Heerspink, RN, CNP – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Edokpolo, seconded by Lannon, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Melissa Henne-Halberg, RN – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Lannon seconded by Edokpolo, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED



MOTION by Edokpolo, seconded by Lannon, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Tonya Lynn Perman, RN – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Edokpolo, seconded by Lannon, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Elizabeth Ann Prophitt, RN, CRNA – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Edokpolo, seconded by Lannon, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Jennifer Ariel Rauner, RN – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Edokpolo, seconded by Lannon, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Tammi Michele Ross, RN – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Melinda Rochelle Russell, RN, NP – Consent Order and Stipulation**



MOTION PREVAILED

**Traci Shannon Whitney, LPN – Consent Order and Stipulation**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Sarah Elizabeth Cauley, RN – Proposal for Decision**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to accept the Proposal for Decision.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to discuss.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to suspend Respondent's license for a minimum of one day, until deficient quarterly reports are submitted, and a \$500.00 fine is paid. Upon reinstatement, Respondent will be placed on probation for two years, not to exceed four years, with quarterly employer reports. Respondent may complete a skills assessment, if unable to find two years of employment within four years. Respondent's license will be suspended if non-compliant.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Kay Marie Morris, RN – Proposal for Decision**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to accept the Proposal for Decision.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED





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**Meredith Graham Ketzner, RN – Administrative Complaint**

MOTION by Edokpolo, seconded by Lannon, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to place Respondent on probation for one year, not to exceed three years, with HPRP compliance, quarterly employer reports, continuing education in disciplinary actions, ethics of nursing practice, professional accountability and legal liability, righting a wrong, understanding substance use disorder. Respondent may complete a skills assessment if unable to find one-year employment within three years. Respondent is fined \$250.00 to be paid within 90 days. Respondent's license will be suspended if non-compliant.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Donna Polito-Clarkson, RN – Administrative Complaint**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to dissolve the Order of Summary Suspension and suspend Respondent's license for one day, until compliant with HPRP, and submission of continuing education in disciplinary actions, ethics of nursing, professional accountability and legal liability, righting a wrong, understanding substance use disorder, and payment of a \$1,000.00 fine. Upon reinstatement, Respondent will be placed on probation for two years, not to exceed four years, with quarterly employer reports, and compliance with HPRP. Respondent may complete a skills assessment, if unable to find two years of employment within four years. Respondent's license will be suspended if non-compliant.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas

Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Cheryl A. Santos, LPN – Administrative Complaint**

MOTION by Edokpolo, seconded by Lannon, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to place Respondent on probation for one year, not to exceed three years. Within six months, Respondent must submit deficient continuing education, sharpening critical thinking skills, and incorporate terms of the previous probation. Respondent is fined \$500.00 to be paid within 90 days. Respondent's license will be suspended if non-compliant with continuing education or the fine requirements.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Nicole Kay Anne Stephenson, RN – Administrative Complaint**

MOTION by Edokpolo, seconded by Lannon, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to dissolve the Order of Summary Suspension and suspend Respondent's license for six months and one day and pay a \$500.00 fine prior to applying for reinstatement.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Cheryl Varndell, RN – Administrative Complaint**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Edokpolo, seconded by Lannon, to suspend Respondent's license for a minimum of one day, until compliant with the previous order. Upon reinstatement, Respondent must comply with previous order.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Aaron Vercelli, RN – Administrative Complaint**

MOTION by Edokpolo, seconded by Lannon, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to suspend Respondent's license for a minimum of one day, until compliant with HPRP and completion of continuing education in disciplinary actions, ethics of nursing, professional accountability and legal liability, righting a wrong, and understanding substance use disorder, and payment of a \$500.00 fine.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Lannon, Edokpolo, Puscas  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Shannon Behling and Garrett Hartinge graduate students from University of Detroit Mercy CNS program thanked the Board for allowing them to observe the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 5, 2020 immediately following the full Board of Nursing meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. at 611 West

Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Lannon, seconded by Edokpolo, to adjourn the meeting at 2:54 .m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on: March 5, 2020

Prepared by:  
LeAnn Payne, Board Support  
Bureau of Professional Licensing

February 6, 2020