

MINUTES

BOARD OF NURSING MEETING

October 12, 2023
Heber M. Wells Bldg.
ELECTRONIC MEETING – 8:30 a.m.
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

CONVENED: 8:38 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 12:34 P.M.

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Bureau Manager: Jeff Busjahn
Board Secretary: Thomas Togisala
Compliance Specialist: Sharon Bennett

CONDUCTING:

Luisa Echeverria, RN – Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Debra Mills, MSN, RN
Luisa Echeverria, RN
Ralph Pittman, LPN
Ellen Brown, MSN, APRN
Linda Hofmann, RN, Ph.D.
David Skalka, JD, APRN, FNP-C
Julie Gee, RN, Ph.D.
K. Kumar Shah, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Drew Foncesbeck, RN
Justin A. Andersen, Public Member
Kristi Vick, APRN-CRNA

GUESTS:

Andrew McAfee
Camille Farley – DOPL, Investigations Manager
Robert Simpson – DOPL, UPHP

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Ms. Echeverria called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE AUGUST 10, 2023 MINUTES:

Mr. Shah motioned to approve the minutes.

Dr. Gee seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

LEGISLATIVE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN:

(Refer to audio for specifics. Audio_Part1_05:40 – 08:05 and 15:55 – 19:25)

Ms. Echeverria shared her concerns that on a federal level, the WIC program may be discontinued.

Ms. Echeverria encouraged everyone to read up on this issue and to stay updated on this matter.

Ms. Farley provided the Board with an update on disciplinary cases in the nursing profession.

Ms. Farley presented data for FY24-Q1. There have been 19 cases received and 36 cases closed.

Mr. Pittman attended the annual NCSBN conference in September.

Mr. Pittman provided the Board with a brief update. There was a motion at the conference to abandon the APRN compact system. The motion was denied and the APRN compact system remains active. In addition, AI testing was approved to aid testers in passing the NCLEX.

UPHP UPDATE:

(Refer to audio for specifics. Audio_Part1_08:15 – 14:40)

Dr. Simpson provided the Board with a brief update on Utah Professional's Health Program. More than 50% of participants in UPHP are registered nurses. Dr. Simpson asked the Board how he can reach out to the nursing population in Utah to educate them on the resources UPHP has to offer.

Dr. Hofmann suggested for Dr. Simpson to contact the colleges of nursing, the Utah Nurses Association, and the human resources department of nursing employees to engage and inform nurses of UPHP. The ACL group is another great resource to contact.

REQUIRED ANNUAL OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT TRAINING:

The Board will complete their annual training within the week.

CO-CHAIR DISCUSSION:

Board members who are interested in submitting a nomination for co-chair will notify Mr. Togisala and it will be up for discussion at our next meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS:

PROBATIONER WRITTEN REQUESTS AND REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS:

Ms. Bennett provided the Board with a brief update on their probationer reports.

PROBATIONER INTERVIEWS:

Kendall Kirkham – No Show. File reviewed by Ms. Mills.

Ms. Mills motioned to turn Mr. Kirkham's file back to the Division.

Mr. Pittman seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Kristina Withers – Interview conducted by Ms. Echeverria.

Ms. Withers is working as a nurse and it's great.

Ms. Withers attends therapy regularly.

Ms. Withers had one missed check-in due to technical difficulties.

Ms. Withers has good support system within her family and friends.

No motions were made.

Sherri Oliver – Interview conducted by Ms. Echeverria.

Ms. Oliver has one missed check-in, three no-shows, and one dilute UA.

Ms. Oliver's meeting, therapy, and employers are past due.

Ms. Echeverria motioned to fine Ms. Oliver \$1000.00 for non-compliance.

Mr. Shah seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Piper Dereus – Interview conducted by Mr. Pittman.

Ms. Dereus is working as a nurse.

Ms. Dereus is trying to pay her bills on time.

Ms. Dereus is meeting with her sponsor regularly. She'll continue to see her sponsor until the end of the year.

Ms. Dereus had a no-show for a UA in September.

Ms. Dereus' supervisor reports are past due.

Mr. Pittman motioned to accept Ms. Dereus' physical evaluation.

Ms. Mills seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Janine Pawlikowski – Interview conducted by Ms. Brown.

- Mr. Pittman motioned to close the meeting in accordance with 52-4-205(1)(a) to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Shah.

The vote in favor was unanimous.
The meeting was closed at 9:51 and reopened at 9:59.

Ms. Pawlikowski had five missed check-ins and one no-show.

Ms. Brown motioned to fine Ms. Pawlikowski \$1500.00 for non-compliance.
Ms. Mills seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Donald Hastie – Interview conducted by Ms. Mills.
Mr. Hastie submitted a request for early termination.
Ms. Mills found Mr. Hastie compliant within his probation.

Ms. Mills motioned to terminate Mr. Hastie's probation early.
Mr. Pittman seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Karen Burton – Interview conducted by Ms. Echeverria.
Ms. Burton is doing well and has submitted all her required reports.
Ms. Burton is compliant within her probation.
Ms. Burton is working as a nurse and her recovery is going well.
Ms. Burton has great employer reports.
No motions were made.

Misty Greer – Interview conducted by Ms. Echeverria.
Ms. Greer admitted to drinking alcohol and has two positive PEth tests. '
Ms. Greer is continuing her education through CE courses.
Ms. Greer has set plans for herself to avoid drinking.

Ms. Echeverria motioned to fine Ms. Greer \$1500.00 for non-compliance.
Mr. Shah seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Kassi Trujillo – Interview conducted by Dr. Hofmann.
Ms. Trujillo had three missed check-ins and three no-shows.

Dr. Hofmann motioned to fine Ms. Trujillo \$1500.00 for non-compliance.
Mr. Pittman seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Dr. Hofmann motioned to extend Ms. Trujillo's deadline to search for a nursing job for an additional three months.
Mr. Pittman seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Darryl Pearson – Interview conducted by Ms. Brown.

Mr. Pearson had a no-show and two missed check-ins.
Mr. Pearson is working as a nurse.
Mr. Pearson's family and work are his biggest support systems.

Ms. Brown motioned to accept Mr. Pearson's essay.
Mr. Shah seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

David Quist – Interview conducted by Dr. Hofmann.

Mr. Quist is meeting with the Board of Nursing as a public reprimand.
Mr. Quist completed and submitted his CE certificates to Ms. Bennett.
Mr. Quist spoke about his scope of practice and how it's important not to make the same mistake again. He's aware of the severity of his mistake.

Megan Brownlee – Interview conducted by Mr. Pittman.

Ms. Brownlee is doing well and is working as a nurse.
Ms. Brownlee is three years sober.
Ms. Brownlee had one dilute UA due to drinking too much water, because of the heat and pregnancy.

Mr. Pittman motioned to allow Ms. Brownlee to call in non-narcotic prescriptions to the pharmacy while employed at Revere Health in Fillmore, Utah.
Ms. Mills seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Mr. Pittman motioned to allow Ms. Brownlee to go from indirect to general supervision.
Mr. Shah seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Stephanie Spencer – No Show. File reviewed by Ms. Brown.

Ms. Spencer had three missed check-ins.

Ms. Brown motioned to fine Ms. Spencer \$500.00 for non-compliance.
Mr. Pittman seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Kim Burt – Interview conducted by Ms. Echeverria.

Ms. Burt is doing well and is working as a nurse.
Ms. Burt has submitted all her reports.
Ms. Burt has great employer reports.
Ms. Burt is compliant within her probation.

Ms. Echeverria motioned to terminate Ms. Burt's probation early.
Ms. Mills seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Shauna Eden – Interview conducted by Ms. Echeverria.

Ms. Eden has one no-show, two positive UAs, and one out-of-range.

Ms. Eden is not working as a nurse.

Ms. Echeverria motioned to fine Ms. Eden \$1000.00 for non-compliance.

Mr. Pittman seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Nadine De Chavez – Interview conducted by Mr. Pittman.

Ms. De Chavez is doing well.

Ms. De Chavez admitted to drinking.

Ms. De Chavez submitted her employer report late.

Ms. De Chavez has one out-of-range and one positive PEth test for alcohol.

Mr. Pittman motioned to fine Ms. De Chavez \$1500.00 for non-compliance.

Mr. Shah seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

BOARD INTERVIEW:

Vanessa Gunn – Interview conducted by the Board.

- Mr. Pittman motioned to close the meeting in accordance with 52-4-205(1)(a) to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Shah.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting was closed at 11:44 and reopened at 12:27.

The Board found that Ms. Gunn has satisfied all matters with the Division. No further actions were taken.

REQUEST AND APPROVALS:

Sarah Navanick – File reviewed by Ms. Mills.

Ms. Navanick requested to increase her work hours per week.

Due to non-compliance, Ms. Mills denied her request.

Laurie Tashman – File reviewed by Mr. Pittman.

Ms. Tashman requested for her controlled substance and pharmacy restriction to be lifted.

Due to Ms. Tashman not currently working as a nurse, Mr. Pittman denied her request.

Mr. Pittman motioned to extend Ms. Tashman's deadline to obtain employment to February 29, 2024.

Ms. Mills seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Esi Mendenhall – File reviewed by Ms. Echeverria.
Ms. Echeverria motioned to lift Ms. Mendenhall's controlled substance and pharmacy restrictions.
Mr. Shah seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Chantel Duffey – File reviewed by Ms. Brown.
Ms. Brown motioned to terminate Ms. Duffey's probation early.
Ms. Mills seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Mandy Jarvis – File reviewed by Dr. Hofmann.
Dr. Hofmann reviewed Ms. Jarvis' employer report.
Dr. Hofmann found the report adequate and acceptable.
No motions were made.

Douglas Beckstrand – File reviewed by Ms. Brown.
Mr. Beckstrand has one dilute out-of-range UA.
Mr. Beckstrand has no missed check-ins or positives.
No motions were made.

Shannon Borowski – File reviewed by Ms. Mills.
Ms. Mills denied Ms. Borowski's essay due to lack of depth and explanation on how her actions affected her profession, her patients, and personal life.

Ms. Mills motioned for Ms. Borowski to re-submit her essay with more insight.
Mr. Pittman seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Jamie Waters – File reviewed by Ms. Echeverria.
Mr. Pittman motioned to allow Ms. Waters to work 12 hours a week in the nursing field.
Ms. Mills seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: NOVEMBER 9, 2023

ADJOURN: 12:34 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 12:34 P.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred. For specific details, refer to the audio recording.

11/14/23

Date Approved

11/16/2023

Date Approved

Luisa Echeverria

Luisa Echeverria - Board of Nursing Member



Jeff Busjahn - Bureau Manager, DOPL