

MINUTES

BOARD OF NURSING MEETING

June 10, 2021
Heber M. Wells Bldg.
ELECTRONIC MEETING – 8:30 a.m.
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

CONVENED: 8:32 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 1:04 P.M.

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

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

CONDUCTING:

Debra Mills, MSN, RN – Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Debra Mills, MSN, RN
Linda Hofmann, RN, Ph.D.
Megan Christensen, BS, Public Member
Vern Olsen, Public Member
Luisa Echeverria, RN
Ellen Brown, BSN, RN
Julie Gee, RN, Ph.D.
James Stimpson, CRNA
Julianne Brady, BSN, RN

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Ralph Pittman, LPN
David Skalka, JD, APRN, FNP-C

GUESTS:

Diane Forster-Burke – UNA
Tracy Naff – DOPL

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Ms. Mills called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MAY 13, 2021 MINUTES:

Dr. Hofmann motioned to approve the minutes.

Ms. Brown seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN:

Mr. Busjahn updated the Board on the RNconnect to Well-Being program.

225 nurses from Utah have subscribed to this program.

5% have opted out of this service.

Utah is ranked third amongst 17 participating states in its subscription rate.

James Stimpson, Megan Christensen, and Vern Olsen have met their term limits with the Board of Nursing. Mr. Busjahn recognized their contribution and service as board members.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Ms. Bennett provided the Board a brief overview on probationer files.

REQUESTS & APPROVALS:

Autumn Mercado – File reviewed by Ms. Echeverria.

Ms. Echeverria motioned to terminate Ms. Mercado's probation early.

Ms. Christensen seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

John Newland – File reviewed by Mr. Stimpson.

Mr. Stimpson motioned to approve Mr. Newland's essay.

Dr. Gee seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Lorin Ward – File reviewed by Ms. Brady.

Ms. Brady motioned to lift Mr. Ward's controlled substance and pharmacy restrictions.

Ms. Brown seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Brady motioned to allow Mr. Ward to go from indirect to general supervision.

Dr. Gee seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Brian Anderson – File reviewed by Ms. Echeverria.

Ms. Echeverria motioned to terminate Mr. Anderson's probation early.

Mr. Stimpson seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

PROBATIONER INTERVIEWS:

Lawrence Jameson – Interview conducted by Ms. Mills.

Mr. Jameson was not in attendance.

Ms. Mills reviewed his file.

Mr. Jameson has a long history of being non-compliant.

Mr. Jameson has 105 missed check-ins and six no-shows to UA appointments since January 2021.

Mr. Jameson has not submitted any reports for the months of April, May, or June.

Mr. Jameson is not working as a nurse.

Ms. Mills motioned to fine \$500.00 for non-compliance.

Ms. Brady seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Mills recommended to return his file back to the Division for further review.

Joanna Arbogast – Interview conducted by Ms. Mills.

Ms. Arbogast has no missed check-ins since December 2020.

Ms. Arbogast communicates with her sponsor on a daily basis.

Ms. Arbogast attends her therapy sessions regularly and they're going well.

Ms. Arbogast is working as a nurse.

- Ms. Christensen 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. Stimpson.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting was closed at 9:11 and reopened at 9:15.

Julia Love – Interview conducted by Dr. Hofmann.

Ms. Love is working as a nurse. She enjoys her job, because she can relate to the patients and the job is satisfying.

- Ms. Christensen 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. Stimpson.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting was closed at 9:25 and reopened at 9:35.

Nelson Kinyanjui – Interview conducted by Dr. Hofmann.

Mr. Kinyanjui is not in attendance.
Dr. Hofmann reviewed his file.
Mr. Kinyanjui's employer report is good.
Mr. Kinyanjui has a no-show in February.
Mr. Kinyanjui has no positive UAs.
No motions were made.

Mr. Kinyanjui joined the meeting later in the afternoon.
Mr. Kinyanjui asked about an early release from his probation, because he would like to go back to school to further his education and degree. Ms. Mills encouraged him to write and submit a letter for consideration to terminate his probation early.

Clayton Harnar – Interview conducted by Dr. Gee.

Mr. Harnar is doing well.
Mr. Harnar has a missed check-in in February. He was volunteering for Habitat for Humanity and forgot to check-in.
Mr. Harnar is working as a nurse.
Mr. Harnar has a great support system within his church, family, and friends.
Mr. Harnar requested for his probation to be terminated early.
Mr. Harnar has learned so much throughout his sobriety, made major changes to be successful, and he feels ready to move on.

Dr. Gee motioned to terminate Mr. Harnar's probation early.
Mr. Stimpson seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimous.

Belinda Miller – Interview conducted by Ms. Christensen.

Ms. Miller no-showed to her interview appointment.
Ms. Christensen reviewed her file.
Ms. Miller has five missed check-ins.

Ms. Christensen motioned to fine \$250.00 due to missed check-ins.
Mr. Olsen seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimous.

Meagan McCullough – Interview conducted by Ms. Echeverria.

Ms. McCullough is doing well.
Ms. McCullough attends therapy on an as-needed basis.
Ms. McCullough has a good support system within her parents and siblings.
Ms. McCullough has learned to be more of a patient person and to be herself.
Ms. McCullough is not working as a nurse.
No motions were made.

Ellie Villaruz – Interview conducted by Ms. Mills.

Mr. Villaruz is doing well. He attends his therapy sessions regularly and has learned positive thought patterns to help with self-regulating, positive behaviors, and having a conversation with himself for his emotional well-being.

Mr. Villaruz requested to be allowed to work without a chaperone for vulnerable patients on nightshifts.

Mr. Villaruz's employee reports are good.

Mr. Villaruz's request to work nightshift was denied.

Ms. Mills motioned to remove Mr. Villaruz's restriction to work on incapacitated and unconscious underage patients.

Ms. Christensen seconded the motion.

The vote in favor passed with a majority vote.

Mr. Stimpson and Ms. Brown abstained from voting.

Ms. Mills amended the previous motion.

Ms. Mills made a motion to allow Mr. Villaruz to provide care and treatment to underage patients that are incapacitated or unconscious as long as he's under supervision while working with these patients at all times.

Ms. Brady seconded the motion.

The vote in favor passed with a majority vote.

Mr. Stimpson abstained from the vote.

Aryal Christmas – Interview conducted by Mr. Olsen.

Ms. Christmas is doing well.

Ms. Christmas has two out-of-range and one dilute UA tests. She believes it's due to overdrinking water during the heat.

Ms. Christmas is working as a nurse.

Ms. Christmas needs to submit an MOU report from her employer.

Ms. Christmas has a good support system within her mother and her boyfriend. Her DUI was enough motivation to stay sober and improve upon her life.

No motions were made.

Kim Burt – Interview conducted by Ms. Brown.

Ms. Burt submitted her essay and it was well written.

Ms. Burt has no missed check-ins. She's doing really well.

Ms. Burt needs to submit her mental health evaluation.

Ms. Burt wants to be a contributing person in society. Her past is motivation enough for her to remain at her best and compliant.

Ms. Brown motioned to approve Ms. Burt's essay.

Ms. Christensen seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Brown motioned to accept Ms. Burt's physical evaluation.

Mr. Olsen seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Heidi Palfreyman – Interview conducted by Mr. Stimpson.

Ms. Palfreyman admitted to drinking. She has a dilute and two missed check-ins.

Mr. Stimpson motioned to fine Ms. Palfreyman \$500.00 for drinking alcohol.

Ms. Christensen seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

James Howell – Interview conducted by Mr. Stimpson.

Mr. Howell admitted to drinking and taking non-prescribed drugs while in Mexico, because he thought he was going to lose his license.

Mr. Stimpson encouraged Mr. Howell to not put himself in situations where he may fail.

Mr. Howell has two dilute UA tests.

Mr. Stimpson motioned to fine Mr. Howell \$250.00 for positive UA tests.

Dr. Gee seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Megan Brownlee – Interview conducted by Ms. Brady.

Ms. Brownlee is frustrated because she hasn't received her mental health evaluation from her provider yet.

Ms. Brownlee is not working as a nurse, but is actively applying for nursing opportunities.

Ms. Brady motioned to extend the mental health evaluation to July 1, 2021.

Mr. Stimpson seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Brady motioned to approve Ms. Brownlee's essay.

Mr. Stimpson seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Brady motioned to approve Ms. Brownlee's physical evaluation.

Mr. Stimpson seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Daniel Barney – Interview conducted by Dr. Gee.

Mr. Barney is doing well.

Mr. Barney is working as a nurse.

Mr. Barney has no missed check-ins. He has no thoughts of relapse. He has a 12 STEP program to rely on if he needs it.

Mr. Barney requested to have his controlled substance restriction lifted and to modify his working hours.

Dr. Gee motioned to allow Mr. Barney to work 96 hours in a two week work period.

Ms. Ellen seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Barney's request to lift his controlled substance restriction was denied. The Board would like him to work a longer period of time with 100% compliance to consider his request.

Allison Covington – Interview conducted by Ms. Brady.

Ms. Covington is doing well and working as a nurse.
Ms. Covington has one missed check-in. She had a full day of appointments and forgot to check-in.
Ms. Covington is no longer doing individual therapy. Her sessions ended in March 2021.
No motions were made.

Joseph Christman – Interview conducted by Mr. Stimpson.

Mr. Christman has one positive PETH test for alcohol.
Mr. Christman admitted to drinking alcohol due to breaking up with his girlfriend.
Mr. Christman attends AA meetings regularly and he feels it is helping.
Mr. Christman plans on being compliant going forward.

Mr. Stimpson motioned to fine Mr. Christman \$750.00 for drinking alcohol.
Ms. Brady seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimous.

Christina Wilmot – Interview conducted by Ms. Echeverria.

Ms. Wilmot is not working as a nurse, but is actively seeking a job. She recently got fired.
Ms. Wilmot learned the consequences of what she has done and to reach out for help.
Ms. Wilmot checked herself into a treatment center and she found it helpful.
Ms. Wilmot is attending therapy regularly.
No motions were made.

Michele McArdle – Interview conducted by Ms. Brady.

Ms. McArdle has no missed check-ins.
Ms. McArdle has submitted all reports on time. The therapy reports show that she's successful and active in recovery groups.
Ms. McArdle is working as a nurse.
No motions were made.

Mary Wendel – Interview conducted by Ms. Brown.

Ms. Wendel has no missed check-ins.
Ms. Wendel has no thoughts of relapse on alcohol.
Ms. Wendel feels that her probation is going well.
Ms. Wendel requested to have her control substance restrictions lifted. The Board suggested for Ms. Wendel to submit her request in writing to be reviewed.
Ms. Wendel is working as a nurse.

