

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

INDIANA GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE CENTER
ROOM C
302 WEST WASHINGTON STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2002

Laurie Peters, R.N., Vice President, called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-23-1-5.

Members Present: Marsha M. King, R.N., President
Laurie Peters, R.N., Vice President
Janis Shook, L.P.N., Member
Mervin Helmuth, R.N., Member
Carolyn Slagle, R.N., C.N.S., Member
Traci Little, Consumer Member
Darla Jones, L.P.N., Secretary

Member Absent: Maurene Thomas, R.N., Member

Staff Present: Kristen Kelley, Board Director
Health Professions Bureau
Jody Edens, Assistant Director
Health Professions Bureau
Gordon White, Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
Becky Walker, Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

Let the record reflect that Marsha King, R.N., President arrived at 10:50 a.m.

The Board voted to adopt the agenda and addendum as amended.

Helmuth/Slagle, 6/0/0

The Board voted to accept the minutes of the October 17, 2002 meeting as corrected.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

INDIANA STATE NURSES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Tom Bissonette, Program Director of the Indiana State Nurses Assistance Program (ISNAP) was present. There are a total of 241 nurses being actively monitored and 46 in the intake process.

He notified the Board that Paul Musson, M.D. was hired as the new Medical Director for ISNAP, replacing Dr. Bobbe Kelley. Dr. Musson is board certified in Internal Medicine and has practiced addiction medicine for 18 years. He is also certified by the American Society on Addiction Medicine.

Tom informed the Board that Health Professions Bureau staff and Board of Nursing member at the office of PRMC in Brighton Michigan did a chart audit in October 2002. Tom asked Kristen Kelley and Mervin Helmuth to address the Board concerning their participation in the audit. Ms. Kelley indicated to the Board that they reviewed 10% of the files, which amount to approximately 25 files. She found most to be in good shape, contracts were signed within two months of initial contact. Progress notes were in the files or available via computer. She also indicated that she felt their drug screen procedures were well constructed. Her concerns to the Board were that maybe there were too many second chances for practitioners that had relapsed. Mr. Helmuth agreed with Ms. Kelley's opinion of the audit. He stated that he would like to see the implementation of a grid tracking report for all cases, and that a progress report should be submitted to the Board every three months. Tom indicated that this was possible and he would work on the implementation procedures.

Tom reported to the Board that the Educational outreach remains a high priority. Tom addressed the students in the audience and handed out literature on ISNAP.

EDUCATION

Olympia College – Report of Survey Visit and Other Issues of Concern – Charles Mitchell, Director of Education, Mary Klinefelter, President and Brandy Blouin, Program Chair, were present to represent Olympia College. Ms. Klinefelter submitted to the Board a summary of their response to the Boards concerns from the November 21, 2002 meeting. The Board reviewed their response and discussed it with those in attendance. The Board agreed that what they now have in place is acceptable and placed the school back on Full Accreditation.

Peters/Helmuth, 6/0/0

Indiana State University – Report of Survey Visit – Dr. Bonnie Saucier was present as a representative from Indiana State University. The survey visit was good and there were no unmet. Ms. Peters discussed her concern with Dr. Saucier about the shortage of faculty. Ms. Saucier addressed the concerns to the Boards satisfaction. The survey visit was approved and they are on full accreditation.

Peters/Helmuth, 6/0/0

Ivy Tech State College – Request to approve faculty – Gail Sprigler, ASN Program Chair at Ivy Tech State College Sellersburg sent a letter to the Board requesting for an exception to the faculty credentialing, specifically the faculty qualification form for Melinda Graf. Ms. Graf does not have a Masters degree nor is she enrolled in a Masters program. After reviewing the Statutes and Rules, the Board denied the request for an exception. Ms. Graff must be enrolled in a Masters program to teach in an ASN Program.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

Let the Record reflect that Traci Little left the meeting to conduct Personal Appearances.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

The following hearings were continued.

Erma J. Lester, RN, License No. 27040963, Cause No. 2001 NB 089

Yvonne Mercedes Fernandez, RN, License No. 28132637, Cause No. 2002 NB 079

Eula Mae Moore, LPN, License No. 27024679, Cause No. 2002 NB 062

Malinda M. Smith, RN, License No. 28111529, Cause No. 2002 NB 0097

Melinda L. Sparks, RN, License No. 28036920, Cause No. 2002 NB 071

George M. Riess, RN, License No. 28133771, Cause No. 2002 NB 066

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Verified Petition for Surrender of License scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Jim Holden, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Mr. Holden reported to the Board that the Respondent does admit to having an addiction problem and has changed the direction of his career toward computers. The Respondent agreed and signed a permanent verified petition for surrender of his nursing license. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter, the Board moved to ACCEPT the permanent verified petition for surrender.

Peters/Helmuth, 5/1/0, with Ms. Jones objecting

Amy Christine Hughes, RN, License No. 28133771, Cause No. 2002 NB 066

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Request to Reinstate scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Georgeanna Orlich, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Ms. Hughes informed the Board that she signed a contract with ISNAP on September 23, 2002 and would request that her license be reinstated on a probation status. Ms. Orlich informed the Board that the Respondent was also to submit an Addictionology Report from a Board Certified Addictionologists. As of this hearing date, the only document received was a release report from Hamilton Center. Ms. Hughes indicated to the Board that she had an appointment with a Board Certified Addictionologist on December 2, 2002. After discussion, the Board moved to CONTINUE this hearing until the December 12, 2002 meeting.

Peters/Jones, 5/0/0

Cindy Sue Collins, LPN, License No. 27020687, Cause No. 2002 NB 0087

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by Joan Isaacs Wolfe regarding a Settlement Conference scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Respondent signed a contract with ISNAP on November 25, 2002. A settlement agreement between the Respondent, her counsel, and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Ms. Wolfe. The settlement included INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of five (5) years with terms and conditions. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the settlement presented.

Peters/Jones, 4/0/1, with Ms. Shook abstaining

Janice Sue Ford Smith, RN, License No. 28077574, Cause No. 94 NB 037

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Request to Reinstate scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Marianne DeAngelo was sworn in as a witness to testify for the Respondent. Respondent joined ISNAP July 2001 with a three (3) year contract. In May 2001 the Respondent relapsed for a period of three (3) months after having four (4) foot surgeries. After her surgeries she was given Oxycontin for pain at which time she relapsed with Hydrocodone. Ms. DeAngelo testified that Respondent is back on track and is solid in her recovery. She also indicated to the Board that the Respondent self reported her relapse to the Board and to ISNAP and that she supports the Respondent in her efforts to reinstate her license on a probation status. Respondent indicated to the Board that she is in full compliance with her criminal probation, which is due to end November 20, 2004. She is also going to AA meetings and to nurse support group meetings. After having considered the evidence presented, the testimony of the witness and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondents license on INDEFINITE PROBATION and may not lift until her criminal probation and her ISNAP contract are completed successfully.

King/Peters, 6/0/0

Mary Bernadette O'Leary, RN, License No. 28079906, Cause No. 2001 NB 046

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Settlement Conference scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. A settlement agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General. The settlement conference was held by Kay Leach, Administrative law Judge. The settlement included INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of five (5) years and the Respondent must be evaluated by ISNAP and if deemed eligible she must sign a contract with ISNAP. If ISNAP deems the Respondent is not eligible, the Respondent must appear before the Board for further sanctions. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the settlement agreement.

King/Jones, 6/0/0

Let the record reflect that Traci Little has returned to the meeting room.

Minnie Lee Williams, LPN, License No. 27019960, Cause No. 2002 NB 074

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Disciplinary Hearing and Renewal Application scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent informed the Board that she wished to have an attorney present for her hearing. After discussion, the Board moved to CONTINUE this matter until the January 2003 meeting. The Board also informed the Respondent that there would be no further continuances of this matter.

CONSENSUS

Virginia Lee Coyle, LPN, License No. 27026134, Cause No. 2002 NB 030

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by Laura Engleking regarding a disciplinary hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Pauletta Harris Connell was sworn in as a witness to testify for the State. Ms. Harris Connell testified that after she received an anonymous letter indicating that the Respondent was not giving medication to the residents she put into place a sting operation to prove that Ms. Coyle was indeed giving the medications. Ms. Harris Connell indicated to the Board that she was shocked by the outcome of the sting operation, because to her it proved that Ms. Coyle was not giving the medications as the letter indicated. They placed tape over g-tubes and marked the feeding bags of Ms. Coyle's patients. After Ms. Coyle made her rounds, Lois Orr, a Clinical Manager was sent around to check the tape and feeding bags and found that nothing had been disturbed; therefore they felt the medication had not been given. Ms. Coyle testified to

the Board that she felt she was doing a good job and that all of her performance appraisals were excellent. She informed the Board that at the time all of this happened there was a rumor that Ms. Harris Connell was “cleaning house” and that everyone was nervous about losing their job. Ms. Coyle informed the Board that she has been so upset about this matter that she has not worked as a nurse in the past ten (10) months. She now works at Community North as an OB Clinical Tech, but she would like to keep her license. After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witnesses and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to DISMISS the complaint in this matter.

Jones/Slagle, 6/0/1, with Ms. Little abstaining

Kristen Ann Ridderheim, RN, License No. 28093635, Cause No. 99 NB 001

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Request to Reinstate. The State of Indiana was represented by Georgeanna Orlich, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Ms. Orlich informed the Board that on March 20, 2002, the Respondent’s license was placed on suspension for a period of five (5) years. Ms. Orlich brought to the Board’s attention that it has only been a little over two (2) years since the suspension of the Respondent’s license. After discussion the Board moved to DENY the Respondent’s request for reinstatement.

Jones/Shook, 7/0/0

Susan White Smith, RN, License No. 28149221, Cause No. 2002 NB 022

Respondent did not appear in person and was represented by Steven Johnsonbaugh regarding a Disciplinary Hearing/Renewal of Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. An agreement between the Respondent, her Counsel and the Attorney General’s office was presented to the Board by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General. The agreement included a ninety (90) day extension of the SUMMARY SUSPENSION currently in effect. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the agreement.

King/Jones, 7/0/0

Vivian Schmitt-Wilson, RN, License No. 28094148, Cause No. 93 NB 005

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Request to Reinstate. The State of Indiana was represented by Sara Matticks, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Marianne D’Angelo was sworn in as a witness to testify for the Respondent. Ms. D’Angelo testified that the Respondent signed a contract with ISNAP on August 19, 2002 for a period of two (2) years. She has had three (3) negative drug screens and attends AA meetings. Ms. Schmitt-Wilson informed the Board that her sobriety date is April 18, 1993. After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and

taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to REINSTATE the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE PROBATION until the successful completion of her ISNAP contact.

King/Shook, 6/0/1, with Mr. Helmuth abstaining

Let the record reflect that Traci Little left for a settlement conference.

Brandy Kay Thacker, RN, License No. 28132802, Cause No. 2001 NB 093

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Review of the Board's Denial of Petitioner's Application for Renewal as a Registered Nurse scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was not represented and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Ms. Thacker informed the Board that she was not able to attend the original hearing concerning her license renewal due to incarceration for aiding an escape. Her license in Kentucky was suspended until she has submitted eight (8) clean drug screens. She also goes to AA/NA meetings once a week and meets with an addiction counselor once a week. Her sobriety date is July 1, 2000. After discussion, the Respondent and the Board AGREED to INDEFINITE PROBATION and the Respondent must sign a contract with ISNAP. The length of her probation will be the duration of her contract with ISNAP.

King/Helmuth, 6/0/1, with Ms. Little abstaining

Let the record reflect that Traci Little returned to the meeting during the previous hearing.

Susan Kay Romine, RN, License No. 27039995, Cause No. 2002 NB 083

Respondent did not appear in person but was represented by Steven Johnsonbaugh regarding a Settlement Conference scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Jim Holden, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. A settlement agreement between the Respondent, her Counsel and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Jim Holden, Deputy Attorney General. The settlement included INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of three (3) years and respondent must sign a contract with ISNAP. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the settlement agreement.

King/Helmuth, 6/0/1, with Ms. Little abstaining

Jolinda Garrison, LPN, License No. 27034782, Cause No. 95 NB 048

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Request to Reinstate scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Georgeanna Orlich, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent's license was suspended in November 2001 due to non-compliance. Respondent indicated to the Board that she did not realize she had to sign a contract with ISNAP and she did not due to her financial constraints. After having

considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter, the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of three (3) years and the Respondent is ordered to sign a contract with ISNAP within thirty (30) days.

King/Helmuth, 7/0/0

Shannon Sue Brown, LPN, License No. 27033736, Cause No. 2002 NB 063

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Disciplinary Hearing and Renewal Application scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent took four (4) Darvocets from her place of employment to help ease the pain of three abscess teeth. The Dentist had only given her antibiotics and nothing for the pain. Respondent admitted to this and that it was wrong. This was a one-time incident. A settlement agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General. The settlement included INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of one (1) year with terms and conditions. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the settlement agreement.

King/Helmuth, 6/0/1, with Ms. Little abstaining

Let the record reflect that Ms. Little left for a settlement conference.

Linda Elaine Ballenger, LPN, RN, License No. 27039059 & 28137370, Cause No. 2002 NB 066

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Disciplinary Hearing/Renewal of Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Georgeanna Orlich, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to EXTEND the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

King/Shook, 5/0/1, with Ms. Slagle abstaining

After discussion, the Board voted to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

King/Peters, 5/0/1, with Ms. Slagle abstaining

Let the record reflect that Ms. Little returned to the meeting.

Karen Pipes, LPN, License No. 27049379, Cause No. 2001 NB 020

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Request to Withdraw the Order of Probation. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was

Lori Keen. Respondent was evaluated by ISNAP in April 2002 and was deemed not to be a candidate. Respondent was on probation in the State of Kentucky and it was successfully completed in May 2002. The Respondent had a positive drug screen for THC in May 2001. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to WITHDRAW the ORDER OF PROBATION.

King/Jones, 6/0/1, with Ms. Slagle abstaining

Mary Catherine Serrano, RN, License No. 28084334, Cause No. 2002 NB 083

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by Ron Oates regarding a Settlement Conference scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Jim Holden, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. A settlement agreement between the Respondent, her Counsel and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Jim Holden, Deputy Attorney General. The settlement included INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of five (5) years and the Respondent must receive a new examination from a Board certified addictionologists within sixty (60) days and send a copy of the report to the Board. Respondent must also sign a contract with ISNAP within thirty (30) days. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the settlement agreement.

King/Jones, 7/0/0

Hamani K. Moore, RN, License No. 28138812, Cause No. 2002 NB 0098

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Disciplinary Hearing/Renewal Application scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent indicated to the Board that he knows what he did was very wrong and assured them that it will not happen again. While Mr. Moore was at work, one of his patients became very belligerent toward him. The patient was yelling, cursing and calling Mr. Moore names. Mr. Moore removed himself from the situation. The patient then came out of his room and got in Mr. Moore's face and continued cursing with very foul language and calling Mr. Moore names. Mr. Moore indicated to the Board that he did not think he just slapped the patient from an automatic reaction. North Carolina disciplined his license and has now been reinstated. He has completed a class in ethics. Michigan suspended his license for one (1) day and reinstated it in good standing. He has had no other such incidents. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to DISMISS the complaint.

Peters/Jones, 7/0/0

The Board further voted to RENEW the Respondent's license.

Peters/Helmuth, 7/0/0

James H. Saylor, LPN, License No. 27038051, Cause No. 2002 NB 052

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding an Order to Show Cause scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Gerogeanna Orlich, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent's file with ISNAP has been closed due to non-compliance. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to ISSUE a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

King/Jones, 7/0/0

The Board further voted to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days and ordered the Respondent to receive an addictionology examination by a Board Certified Addictionologists and submit a copy of the report to the Board.

King/Peters, 7/0/0

Angelene A. Summers, RN, License No. 28118500, Cause No. 2002 NB 0108

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by Jeffery Summers regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Sara Matticks, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Respondent stole a prescription pad and forged the doctor's signature in an attempt to obtain drugs illegally. A settlement agreement between the Respondent, her Counsel and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Ms. Matticks. The settlement included SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of thirty (30) days in order to work on a probationary settlement. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the settlement agreement.

King/Jones, 7/0/0

Julia M. Versetto, LPN, License No. 27050637, Cause No. 2002 NB 0106

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. A settlement agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General. The settlement included SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the settlement agreement.

King/Jones, 7/0/0

Darlene Joy Free, RN, License No. 28079154, Cause No. 2002 NB 0110

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Renee Gallagher, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Dr. Michael Free was sworn in to testify as a witness for the State. Respondent voluntarily entered a treatment program at Hazleton Foundation that lasted a period of twenty-eight (28) days. Respondent had been getting prescriptions for Hydrocodone from her husband, Dr. Michael Free. Dr. Free told the Board that all the pills were not for his wife, that he also was taking the Hydrocodone. Dr. Free indicated to the Board that he had been arrested for writing these prescriptions and has since surrendered his DEA. The Respondent told the Board that she is also licensed in Illinois, and has entered the Illinois State Nurses Assistance Program. She also told the Board that she has entered into rehabilitation three (3) previous times. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

King/Helmuth, 7/0/0

Debra Lynn Clark, LPN, License No. 27016875, Cause No. 2002 NB 0109

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. A settlement agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General. The settlement included SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the settlement agreement.

King/Jones, 7/0/0

Kristin L. Branham, LPN, License No. 27042065, Cause No. 2002 NB 0068

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Jim Holden, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Tom Bissonette was sworn in as a witness to testify for the State. Mr. Bissonette testified that the Respondent is non-compliant with her ISNAP contract. After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT

King/Shook, 7/0/0

After further discussion, the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of three (3) years.

King/Jones, 7/0/0

Terri Rae Sommerville, RN, License No. 28103712, Cause No. 2002 NB 008

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding an Order to Show Cause scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was not represented and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Respondent did not sign a contract with ISNAP; therefore she is non-compliant with her probationary order. She indicated to the Board that she went to an out patient treatment program, but she could not afford ISNAP. She indicated that she has been diagnosed with Bi-Polar disorder and her psychiatrists told her she did not need to join ISNAP. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of thirty (30) days and ordered the Respondent to receive an evaluation by ISNAP and to sign a contract with ISNAP if she is deemed eligible. Respondent is also to receive an evaluation from a psychiatrist with addictionology experience.

King/Peters, 7/0/0

Let the record reflect that Darla Jones left the meeting.

Donovan Max Mathis, RN, License No. 28141120, Cause No. 2002 NB 0100

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Settlement Conference scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The settlement agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General. The settlement included INDEFINITE PROBATION for one (1) year and Respondent must stay in compliance with her ISNAP contract. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the settlement agreement.

King/Shook, 6/0/0

Patricia Helena Allen, RN, License No. 28141120, Cause No. 2002 NB 0107

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Georgeanna Orlich, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent has a positive drug screen on October 18, 2002 and is non-compliant with her ISNAP contract. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days and ordered the Respondent to receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologist and send a copy of the report to the Board.

King/Shook, 6/0/0

Kathleen Christina Allen, RN, License No. 28095891, Cause No. 2002 NB 0085

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Disciplinary Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Georgeanna Orlich, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Respondent recently completed an intense IOP program and signed a new contract with ISNAP for an additional two (2) years. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of two (2) years with terms and conditions.

Helmuth/Shook, 6/0/0

Reta Louise Stephens, RN, License No. 28061189, Cause No. 2002 NB 056

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Jim Holden, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

King/Peters, 6/0/0

After further discussion, the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of three (3) years.

King/Peters, 6/0/0

Debra Jane Uthoff, RN, License No. 28052650, Cause No. 2001 NB 048

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

King/Peters, 6/0/0

After further discussion, the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of five (5) years and ordered the Respondent to receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologist and send a copy of the report to the Board.

King/Shook, 6/0/0

Let the record reflect that Marsha King did not participate in the following hearing.

Laura Elizabeth Stewart, RN, License No. 28124323, Cause No. 2002 NB 065

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

Peters/Shook, 5/0/0

After further discussion, the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of three (3) years and ordered the Respondent to receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologists and send a copy of the report to the Board.

Peters/Shook, 5/0/0

Anita F. Mahoney Dearing, LPN, License No. 27011839, Cause No. 2002 NB 018

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Georgeanna Orlich, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

King/Helmuth, 6/0/0

After further discussion, the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of two (2) years and ordered the Respondent to receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologists and send a copy of the report to the Board.

King/Peters, 6/0/0

Donna Craig, RN, License No. 28113760, Cause No. 2002 NB 0089

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by Steven Johnsonbaugh regarding a Disciplinary Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. A settlement agreement between the Respondent, her Counsel and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Steven Johnsonbaugh, Respondent's Counsel. The settlement included INDEFINITE PROBATION with terms and conditions. The length of the Respondent's probation will be the duration of her contract with the St. Vincent's EAP program, which expires July 1, 2004. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the settlement agreement.

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PERSONAL APPEARANCES

The following personal appearances were conducted by board member, Traci Little, Consumer Member and were approved by the full Board by consensus.

- Nikki Pauline Pavlides, RN, License No. 28069781 – Approved for renewal
Loretta Lynn Bex, LPN, License No. 27045250 – Approved for renewal
Elma Bautista, LPN, License No. 27038566 – Approved for renewal
Theresa Dewey, LPN, License No. 27026410 – Approved for renewal
Mildred Yarbough, LPN, License No. 27034551 – Approved for renewal
Pollyanna B. Hardesty, RN, License No. 28134867 – Agreed to renew on Probation
Patricia Kay Richardson, LPN, License No. 27030521 – Neither renew nor deny but refer to AG’s office for investigation
Hans Roger Huffman, LPN, License No. 27035640 – Neither renew nor deny but refer to AG’s office for investigation
Cynthia Marvene Davis, LPN, License No. 27038292 – Continued until January 2003
Kimberly Ann Johnson, LPN, License No. 27043435 – Neither renew nor deny but refer to AG’s office for investigation
Stephanie Lynn Pemberton, LPN, License No. 27036693 – Neither renew nor deny but refer to AG’s office for investigation
Leslie A. Benjamin, LPN, License No. 27041743 – Agreed to renew on Probation

The following failed to appear before the Board and will be rescheduled for the January 2003 meeting.

Veronica Carol Bent, LPN, License No. 27045611

APPLICATIONS

RENEWAL APPLICATION

Elizabeth A. Reynolds, RN, License No. 2868148 – After reviewing Ms. Reynolds renewal information the Board approved her for renewal.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION

Glen Williams, LPN – After reviewing Mr. Williams’ file the Board approved his request for a temporary permit.

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE APPLICATION

Carol Lynne Pompetti, RN, CNS – The Pharmacology information submitted by Ms. Pompetti does not meet the Pharmacology requirements for the Advance Practice Nurse application. The Board DENIED her request for approval.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Marsha M. King, R.N., President

Darla Jones, L.P.N., Secretary