

**INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

INDIANA GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE CENTER  
AUDITORIUM  
302 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2004**

Laurie Peters, R.N., President, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-23-1-5.

Members Present: Laurie Peters, R.N., President  
Mervin Helmuth, R.N., Vice President  
Darla Jones, L.P.N., Secretary  
Carolyn Slagle, R.N., C.N.S., Member  
Susan Dye, R.N., Member  
Laurel Valentino, R.N., Member  
Traci Little, JD, Consumer Member

Members Absent: Janis Shook, L.P.N., Member  
Ann Parker, R.N., Member

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

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

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

The Board voted to adopt the minutes of the August 19, 2004 meeting as amended.

Jones/Helmuth, 5/0/1, with Ms. Dye abstaining

**INDIANA STATE NURSES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Donna Goch, Program Director informed the Board that as of August 31, 2004, there were 476 nurses actively involved with ISNAP.

She gave the Board an update on the transition. She indicated that the licensees began drug testing with National Medical Services on September 1, 2004. With the new testing services she feels that the level of non-compliance could possibly go up from 2-3 percent to 13-18 percent, which could mean more referrals to the Board. She also informed us that they have begun to transfer charts to CVI Connections, an electronic records system. They will be mailing a packet of information, which includes revised forms and instructions to the licensees. Donna went over the charts included in her monthly report to the Board. The charts include the breakdown of the type of discharges and intakes. Ms. Peters informed Donna that the charts might be easier to read if they were more consolidated. Donna addressed the students.

## **DISCUSSION**

NCSBN Council Connector – FYI

Proposed Rule Draft – RE: Impaired nurses program – The Board requested that Ms. Kelley schedule the proposed rule for a hearing.

NCSBN Delegate Assembly Minutes – FYI

## **EDUCATION**

Commonwealth Business College – Application for accreditation and report of survey visit – Carol Marie Cohls, RN, MS, MBA, PN Program Director and Tony Rios, President appeared before the Board regarding this matter. Ms. Peters discussed the concerns she had after completing the survey visit. Ms. Cohls and Mr. Rios addressed her concerns satisfactorily. After further discussion the Board moved to APPROVE the program for INITIAL ACCREDITATION pending photographs of the lab facility. The next survey visit will be scheduled after the first class has graduated.

Helmuth/Slagle, 6/0/1, with Ms. Peters abstaining

Michiana College – Application for accreditation and report of survey visit – Hanna Asiem, MSN, RN, PN Program Director, appeared before the Board regarding this matter. Ms. Peters discussed the concerns she had after completing the survey visit. Ms. Asiem addressed her concerns satisfactorily. After further discussion the Board moved to APPROVE the program for INITIAL ACCREDITATION pending photographs of the lab facility. The next survey visit will be scheduled after the first class has graduated.

Helmuth/Slagle, 6/0/1, with Ms. Peters abstaining

Deaconess College of Nursing – clinical experience in Indiana for web based program – FYI and the Board indicated that a copy of the new rules should be sent to the college with the section pertaining to clinicals highlighted.

J Everett Light Career Center – Approval of curriculum changes – After reviewing the information the Board determined that this is a minor change and does not need Board approval.

Landmark Education Services – Request for clarification – After reviewing the information the Board indicated they may begin a nursing program, even though they are a privately owned organization.

Purdue University – Request to establish a second degree accelerated BSN program – Barbra Wall, RN represented Purdue University regarding this matter. She informed the Board that the students applying for this program will already have a bachelor's degree in another area, they will not be nurses. The length of the program will be fifteen (15) months, and prerequisites will take approximately one (1) year. The curriculum will be the same however the delivery will be different. They will start with eight (8) students. They have currently hired ten (10) new faculty members for this program. After discussion, the Board concluded this is not a new program as the curriculum is the same, however, the delivery is different. The Board moved to APPROVE the program.

Helmuth/Valentino, 7/0/0

Purdue North Central – Report of survey visit – The survey visit was performed by Ms. Laurie Peters, R.N., President. The survey visit was good and there were no unmet. There were only two concerns.

- Classes will be starting in the fall and the first full time faculty has yet to be hired.
- There was some concern voiced by students regarding the pace and progression of the program.

Both concerns have been addressed satisfactorily. After discussion the survey visit was APPROVED and the program was placed on INITIAL ACCREDITATION. The program will be revisited in one (1) year.

Helmuth/Slagle, 6/0/1, with Ms. Peters abstaining

Olympia College – Report of survey visit – Patricia Jones, RN, Program Director was present concerning this matter. The survey visit was performed by Ms. Laurie Peters, R.N., President and Mr. Mervin Helmuth, R.N., Vice President. There were many concerns that still needed to be addressed. The concerns are as follows:

- Pass rates need to be above the national average
- Establish clear lines of communication between admission, faculty and students

- Eliminate misinformation given to students. Current communication methods are inadequate at this time.
- Document faculty meeting minutes in more detail and clearly identify the topic, discussion and actions taken. Demonstrate faculty governance in minutes.
- Develop a full-time pay structure based on salaried positions that allow for faculty ownership of the program, which is based on a more professional model.
- Develop a systematic evaluation plan for the nursing program.

After discussion the Board moved to CONTINUE CONDITIONAL ACCREDITATION. The program will be revisited in one (1) year.

Helmuth/Jones, 5/0/2, with Ms. Peters and Mr. Helmuth abstaining

Ancilla College – Notice of intent to open an LPN program – After reviewing the information the Board moved to TABLE this matter for more detailed information.

#### CONSENSUS

Status of Education Rules – Ms. Kristen Kelley reported to the Board that the new education rules will go into effect on October 13, 2004.

#### **PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

##### *EXAMINATION APPLICANTS*

**Thomas Alan Stout** – Applicant did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on his examination application. Mr. Stout informed the Board that he was arrested for Public Intoxication. He said he was very intoxicated and doesn't remember much of what happened. He received two hundred (200) community service hours and had to take an anger management course. This was his first offense. After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Mr. Stout to take the NCLEX examination and upon successful completion he must make a personal appearance before licensure.

Peters/Slagle, 6/1/0, with Ms. Jones objecting

**Lacey Renee Morris** – Applicant did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on her examination application. Ms. Morris informed the Board that she was having financial problems and she embezzled \$10,000 from the Bank where she worked. In a plea bargain she pled guilty to theft of \$4,400 and was order to serve eighteen (18) months probation. She was also ordered to make full restitution and pay a fine. She has completed all terms successfully. After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Ms. Morris to take the

NCLEX examination and to become licensed upon successful completion of the examination.

Jones/Valentino, 7/0/0

*ENDORSEMENT APPLICANT*

**Emily Lois McKneely** – Applicant did not appear. The Board moved to TABLE this matter until the October 2004 meeting.

CONSENSUS

*RENEWAL APPLICANTS*

**Marilyn Sue Kaelin, RN, License No. 28132379A** – Applicant did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on her renewal application. The Respondent previously appeared before the Board regarding this matter. The Board ordered her to be evaluated by and sign a contract with ISNAP. They tabled her renewal request until this process was complete. Ms. Kaelin has since withdrawn from ISNAP. After discussion the Board moved to DENY the renewal application.

Peters/Helmuth, 7/0/0

**Peggy Hendricks, RN, License No. 28096235A** – Applicant appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on her renewal application. The Respondent's license is currently on probation. According to her file she is non-compliant with her probationary terms. She is missing supervisory reports and was working as a school nurse with an expired license.

After discussion the Board moved to GRANT the renewal of her license and ordered that this matter be referred to the Attorney General's Office for investigation.

Little/Valentino, 7/0/0

Let the record reflect that Laurie Peters, R.N., President left for the day.

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

The following hearings were continued.

**Katherine B. Richardson, RN, License No. 28119462A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0086**  
**Lisa Elizabeth Iliff, RN, License No. 28129286A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0179**  
**Barbara A. Archer, RN, License No. 28117408A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0188**  
**Kim Winona Atkins, RN, License No. 28155443A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0106**

**Vicki Kay Thoman, RN, NP, License Nos. 28086986A & 71000049A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0052**

**Sharon L. Schmidt, RN, License No. 28130964A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0053**

**Robin Hanlon, LPN, License No. 27042145A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0076**

**Barbara Larson, RN, License No. 28103467A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0194**

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

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by Jeffrey Summers regarding an Order to Show Cause 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 Charlotte Hedrick. Donna Goch, ISNAP Program Director was sworn in as a witness to testify for the Respondent. Ms. Goch testified that since the Respondent has re-enrolled into ISNAP she has been in full compliance and that ISNAP would support the reinstatement of Respondent's license. The Respondent informed the Board that she sees an individual therapist every two (2) weeks, goes to AA/NA meetings every day. Her sobriety date is November 29, 2003. After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of one (1) year and ordered the Respondent to remain in compliance with her ISNAP contract.

Slagle/Jones, 6/0/0

**Christy Ann Grose, RN, License No. 28132947A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0118**

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by Scott Wagenblast regarding a Renewal of Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Jenna Stewart, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Donna Goch, ISNAP Program Director was sworn in as a witness to testify for the State. Ms. Goch testified that the Respondent was referred to ISNAP June 1998 for writing fraudulent prescriptions. She has been sent several non-compliance letters. Ms. Goch stated that she feels the Respondent is an eminent risk to the public health and safety should she be allowed to continue to practice. The Respondent is no longer involved with ISNAP. After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to RENEW the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days or until the Respondent signs a new contract with ISNAP and follows their recommendations.

Jones/Valentino, 5/1/0, with Ms. Slagle objecting

**Constance J. Betz, RN, License No. 28051532A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0124**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding an Agreed Order scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Laura Wilford, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. The Respondent took an Amoxicillin tablet from the

med cart indicating that she would pay for it. She had a prescription for Amoxicillin but had not had time to get it filled. The Respondent was terminated from the facility for this incident. An agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Laura Wilford, Deputy Attorney General. The agreement included a CENSURE. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the agreement.

Jones/Valentino, 6/0/0

**Ronda Beth Gardner, RN, License No. 28106469A, Cause No. 2002 NB 0093**

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 Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Donna Goch, ISNAP Program Director was sworn in as a witness to testify for the State. Donna testified that the Respondent is non-compliant with her ISNAP contract. The Respondent's license was placed on probation on January 23, 2003. She was then placed on Indefinite Suspension, which would automatically revert back to probation once she was back in compliance with her ISNAP contract. She did get back into compliance therefore her license was put back on probation. Her case has been closed with ISNAP for non-compliance with obtaining urine drug screens. After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

Jones/Valentino, 6/0/0

**Tamara Sue Stockdale, LPN, License No. 27039419A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0105**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Renewal of 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 Charlotte Hedrick. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to RENEW the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

Jones/Dye, 6/0/0

**Dezirae R. Riggs, LPN, License No. 27034963A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0018**

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 Steven Douglas, Deputy Attorney General

and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Mr. Douglas informed the Board that the Respondent is incarcerated and will be for the next thirty (30) months. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Helmuth/Slagle, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to RENEW the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

Helmuth/Valentino, 6/0/0

**Heather Dawn King, LPN, License No. 27049162A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0107**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Renewal of 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 Charlotte Hedrick. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board move to RENEW the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

Jones/Helmuth, 6/0/0

**Cynthia Ritter Smith, LPN, License No. 27029402A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0169**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding an Agreed Order scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Steven Douglas, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. The agreement included INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of two (2) years and a LETTER OF REPRIMAND for diversion and a fine of \$250.00. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the agreement.

Jones/Dye, 6/0/0

**Ronald Scott Sexton, RN, License No. 28146072A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0169**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Disciplinary Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Laura Wilford, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

**Mildred Marie Savage, RN, License No. 28074505A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0068**

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 Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to RENEW the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

**Cheri S. Jewell, RN, License No. 28072892A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0141**

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 Laura Wilford, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Donna Goch, ISNAP Director was sworn in as a witness for the State. The State indicated that the Respondent tested positive on a pre-employment drug screen for Cocaine. She signed a contract with ISNAP and since has had a positive drug screen for Darvon and one for Alcohol. Ms. Goch testified that the Respondent's ISNAP contract has been closed. She indicated that they couldn't determine her safety to practice due to not being able to monitor her. The Respondent testified that she has never taken a Darvon in her life and that she hasn't had a drink since she was 18 years old. She is on a prescription medicine, which did not show up in the Drug screens. After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to DENY the SUMMARY SUSPENSION.

Jones/Dye, 6/0/0

**Laura Jane Nussmeier, RN, License No. 28129893A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0067**

Respondent did 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 Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Donna Goch, ISNAP Program Director was sworn in as a witness for the Respondent. Ms. Goch testified that the Respondent was approaching the end of her original five (5) year contract with ISNAP when she relapsed with Alcohol. She has resigned a new three (3) year contract with ISNAP and is in full compliance. The Respondent indicated that she admitted herself for three (3) months into a program in Mississippi. She has a good support system and goes to AA/NA meetings everyday. She resigned with ISNAP August 2004. After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the

witness and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of one (1) year.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

**Kristi Sue McKenzie, LPN, License No. 28129893A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0067**

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 represented by Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Donna Goch, ISNAP Program Director was sworn in as a witness for the State. Ms. Goch testified that the Respondent had been ordered to obtain an evaluation with in a time frame, which she was not able to do due to financial reasons. Therefore her ISNAP case was closed. The Respondent did obtain the evaluation after her case was closed. The evaluation indicated that the Respondent was not a candidate for the ISNAP program. Ms. Goch indicated that the evaluation stated the Respondent needed paid management. After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to WITHDRAW the ORDER OF PROBATION from the Respondent's license.

Valentino/Helmuth, 4/2/0, with Ms. Jones and Ms. Little objecting

**Debra J. Chiaro, LPN, License No. 27026478A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0177**

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 Charlotte Hedrick. The Respondent's license has been on Suspension for the past thirty (30) days. She has committed renewal fraud. 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 INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of one (1) year and ordered the Respondent to complete three (3) CEU's in each of the following areas:

- Legal/Ethical
- Assessment
- Medication Administration

The Board also stated that the CEU's were not to be Internet courses. The Board further ordered that the Respondent pay a fine of \$250.00.

Helmuth/Valentino, 6/0/0

**Merri Lynne Bottorff, LPN, License No. 27014627A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0102**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding an Agreed Order scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Laura Wilford, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. An agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Laura Wilford, Deputy

Attorney General. The agreement included INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of one (1) year of active nursing practice. The Respondent must make quarterly personal appearances before the Board for one (1) year and must obtain three (3) CEU's in Resident Patient Abuse. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the agreement.

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

**Darleen Marie Davoust, RN, License No. 28108359A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0139**

Respondent did 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 Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Donna Goch, ISNAP Program Director was sworn in as a witness for the State. The Respondent diverted Demerol from her employer in April. She then signed a contract with ISNAP and went through the Intake process and treatment. She relapsed and diverted again in July. The Respondent indicated that this was a one-time incident and that she did not use while on duty. She goes to three (3) AA/NA meetings per week and sees an addictionologist every three (3) months. She is actively seeing a relapse therapist and has a sponsor. Ms. Goch testified that the Respondent did not have a return to work assessment therefore her safety to practice has not been determined. After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION may not lift until the Respondent has been evaluated by ISNAP and has been compliant for three (3) months.

Slagle/Valentino, 6/0/0

**Sandra Lea Zeiger, LPN, License No. 27005646A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0075**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Disciplinary Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Steven Douglas, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Helmuth/Valentino, 6/0/0

At the request of Mr. Douglas, the Board agreed to hear the State's witnesses. Sworn in to testify for the State were Geraldine Dull, RN, DON and Randy Barghahn, HFA. Ms. Dull testified she interviewed a Resident that had complained about the Respondent. The Resident informed her that she had asked for her pain medication at 3:30 p.m. and was denied it. She did not receive the medication until 5:30 p.m. The Resident also stated that she was afraid of the Respondent and felt threatened by her. Ms. Dull also informed the Board that the Respondent had other complaints against

her by Family members of Residents stating that she was rough with the Residents and made them wait too long for their pain medication. The Respondent's employment was terminated on May 13, 2002. Mr. Barghahn testified that he had reviewed the Respondent's personnel file with Ms. Dull and was there during the meeting with the Respondent. He confronted the Respondent with the findings and she said she didn't feel she had done anything wrong. The Board thanked the witnesses for their testimony.

**Jamie Jo Pittman, RN, License No. 28099631A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0138**

Respondent did 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 Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Donna Goch, ISNAP Program Director was sworn in as a witness for the State. Ms. Goch testified that the Respondent is in the process of signing a contract with ISNAP. The Respondent indicated that she has signed it and just mailed it back. After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of one (1) year and ordered the Respondent to remain compliant with her ISNAP contract.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

**Rebecca Lynn Isenberg, RN, License No. 28117152A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0140**

Respondent did 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 Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Donna Goch, ISNAP Program Director was sworn in as a witness for the State. Ms. Goch testified that the Respondent's contract with ISNAP was closed for non-compliance. Ms. Goch indicated that the Respondent was tardy with urine drug screens and had a positive drug screen for Alcohol on March 10, 2004. She also indicated the Respondent had failed to complete her Outpatient treatment program and failed to submit documentation of attending AA/NA meetings. She stated that the Respondent has case dynamics leaning toward being an eminent risk to the public health and safety should she be allowed to continue to practice. 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 INDEFINITE SUSPENSION until she has re-signed with ISNAP and has been compliant for two (2) months.

Helmuth/Dye, 6/0/0

**Susan Elizabeth Hursh, RN, License No. 28108683A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0062**

Respondent did 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 Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General and the

court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Donna Goch, ISNAP Program Director was sworn in to testify for the State. Ms. Goch testified that the Respondent's ISNAP contract was closed because she was also attending a Methadone program. ISNAP is an abstinence based program. Ms. Goch indicated the Respondent also had other non-compliance issues too. Ms Goch stated that the Respondent has case dynamics leaning toward being an eminent risk to the public health and safety should she be allowed to continue to practice. The Respondent indicated that she is in a Methadone program and goes to AA/NA meetings and sees her counselor. After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION until she has resigned with ISNAP and has been compliant for three (3) months.

Slagle/Helmuth, 6/0/0

Let the record reflect that Carolyn Slagle, RN was out attending a settlement conference.

**Kathaleen Marie Autrey, RN, License No. 28118290A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0017**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding an Agreed Order scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Laura Wilford, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. An agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Laura Wilford, Deputy Attorney General. The agreement included INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of one (1) year. The agreement also includes a fine of \$250.00 and ninety (90) days prior to asking for the Suspension to be lifted the Respondent must be evaluated by ISNAP and do what they deem necessary. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the agreement.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

**David A. Tanner, RN, License No. 28124981A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0050**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Disciplinary Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Laura Wilford, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. The Respondent cannot drive due to a physical problem. Ms. Wilford requested that the Board continue this matter. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to CONTINUE this matter.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

**Deloris Jean Williams, LPN, License No. 27015123A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0060**

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 Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Ms. Sinn requested that the Board continue this matter. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to CONTINUE this matter.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to RENEW the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

**Marla J. Thompson, RN, License No. 28135683A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0057**

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 Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Ms. Johnson informed the Board that the Respondent was charged with an OWI and a habitual traffic offender. She is currently in California. California will not place her in a monitoring agreement until her Indiana license is off of Suspension. 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 INDEFINITE PROBATION until she signs a contract with ISNAP.

Helmuth/Valentino, 4/1/1, with Ms. Jones objecting and Ms. Slagle abstaining

**Allison Ruth Ditmer, RN, LPN, License Nos. 28131234A & 27028263A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0010**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Renewal of 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 Charlotte Hedrick. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to RENEW the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

Helmuth/Dye, 6/0/0

**James F. Spradling, RN, License No. 28117785A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0116**

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 Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Helmuth/Dye, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to RENEW the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

Jones/Helmuth, 6/0/0

**Shaun Browning, LPN, License No. 27048351A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0039**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel 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 Charlotte Hedrick. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Helmuth/Valentino, 6/0/0

**Debra Jane Barber, RN, License No. 28094954A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0034**

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 Laura Wilford, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

Helmuth/Dye, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION until the Respondent signs a contract with ISNAP and has been compliant for three (3) months.

Helmuth/Dye, 6/0/0

**Jeffrey Arnold Ziegler, LPN, License No. 27046776A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0195**

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. An agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General. The agreement included a CONTINUANCE until the November 2004 Board meeting. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the agreement.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

**Julie Lynn Bruce, LPN, License No. 27042254A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0119**

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 Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Ms. Sinn informed the Board that the Respondent has agreed to a continuance of this matter until the October 2004 meeting. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to CONTINUE this matter until the October 2004 Board meeting.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to RENEW the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

**Todd Anthony Austin, RN, License No. 28120512A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0036**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel 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 Charlotte Hedrick. An agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General. The Agreement included INDEFINITE SUSPENSION until the Respondent has re-signed with ISNAP at least ninety (90) days prior to reinstatement.

Jones/Helmuth, 6/0/0

**Patty Lynn Henshaw, RN, LPN, License No. 28146590A & 27044298A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0035**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel 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 Kate Sinn. Ms. Sinn requested that the Board continue this matter. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to CONTINUE this matter.

Jones/Helmuth, 6/0/0

**Angela Faye Bales, LPN, License No. 27033682A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0183**

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 Charlotte Hedrick. Donna Goch, ISNAP Program Director was sworn in as a witness for the State. Ms. Goch testified that the Respondent's contract with ISNAP was closed for severe non-compliance. After having considered the

evidence presented, testimony of the witness 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.

Jones/Helmuth, 6/0/0

**Gilbert Bagu, RN, License No. 28132337A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0182**

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 Charlotte Hedrick. Donna Goch, ISNAP Program Director was sworn in as a witness for the State. Ms. Goch testified that the Respondent's case was closed for non-compliance. After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness 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.

Dye/Jones, 6/0/0

**Lori Ann Geisleman, RN, License No. 28121653A, Cause No. 2001 NB 082**

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 Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Donna Goch, ISNAP Program Director was sworn in as a witness for the State. Ms. Goch informed the Board that the Respondent is trying to get into Canada's program. She has recently had a relapse with her ISNAP contract. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Dye/Helmuth, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

Helmuth/Valentino, 6/0/0

**Kelly A. Ratliff, RN, License No. 28131567A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0048**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Renewal of 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 Charlotte Hedrick. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to RENEW the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of thirty (30) days.

Helmuth/Slagle, 6/0/0

**Mary Bernadette O’Leary, RN, License No. 28079906A, Cause No. 2001 NB 046**

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 Charlotte Hedrick. The Respondent 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 hold the Respondent’s license in DEFAULT.

Helmuth/Dye, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to place the Respondent’s license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION until she is back in compliance with ISNAP for three (3) months.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

**Tricia Ann Zink, LPN, License No. 27044844A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0063**

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 Charlotte Hedrick. The Respondent 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 hold the Respondent’s license in DEFAULT.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to place the Respondent’s license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION until she is back in compliance with ISNAP for three (3) months.

Helmuth/Valentino, 6/0/0

**Marla L. Paxton, LPN, License No. 27039791A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0090**

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 Steven Douglas, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. The Respondent has a DUI, severe addiction issues, mental instability and has failed to contact ISNAP. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to hold the Respondent’s license in DEFAULT.

Helmuth/Valentino, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to place the Respondent’s license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of one (1) year and must be compliant with ISNAP for

three (3) months. The Board further ordered the Respondent to receive a psychological examination by a Board certified Psychiatrist.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

**Ann Marie Miller, LPN, License No. 27046736A, Cause No. 2004 NB 0008**

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 Laura Wilford, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. The Respondent has had many complaints and discipline on the job. She had ten (10) different write-ups at one facility in one (1) year. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

Helmuth/Slagel, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of six (6) months and ordered the Respondent to obtain six (6) CEU's in Care of the Elderly. The Board further ordered the Respondent to pay a \$500.00 fine.

Helmuth/Valentino, 6/0/0

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board approved the following ALJ recommendations submitted by Celinda Kay Leach, R.N.

- Corrie Skinner, LPN
- Kimberly Sue Lankin, LPN
- Laura Marie Andrews, LPN
- Rosita Rene Dunbar, LPN
- Jackie D. Nix, LPN
- Patricia Helena Vanzandt, RN
- Otis J. Bowers, LPN
- Cheryl Lynn Brown, RN
- Karen Pence, LPN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Laurie F. Peters, R.N., President

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Darla Jones, L.P.N., Secretary