

**INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

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

**MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2003**

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

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| Members Present: | Laurie Peters, R.N., Vice President<br>Maurene Thomas, R.N., Member<br>Mervin Helmuth, RN, Member<br>Traci Little, Consumer Member<br>Carolyn Slagle, R.N., C.N.S., Member<br>Darla Jones, L.P.N., Secretary |
| Member Absent:   | Marsha King, R.N., President<br>Janis Shook, L.P.N., Member                                                                                                                                                  |
| Staff Present:   | Kristen Kelley, Board Director<br>Health Professions Bureau<br>Jody Edens, Assistant Director<br>Health Professions Bureau<br>Gordon White, Deputy Attorney General<br>Office of the Attorney General        |

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

Thomas/Jones, 6/0/0

The Board voted to accept the minutes of the June 17, 2003 meeting as amended.

Jones/Little, 6/0/0

**INDIANA STATE NURSES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Tom Bissonette, Program Director of the Indiana State Nurses Assistance Program (ISNAP) was present. He reported that there are a total of 348 nurses being actively monitored. Tom submitted to the Board a copy of the State of Michigan's Health Professional Recovery Program Descriptive Report. A descriptive report will also be assembled for the State of Indiana. The reports will be used to compare data between the two programs. He informed the Board that the educational outreach remains a high

priority. Tom also informed the Board that he would like to discuss pain management with the Board in the near future. Tom addressed the students in the audience.

### **OFFICER ELECTIONS**

The following nominations were made for consideration: Laurie Peters, R.N. for President, Mervin Helmuth, R.N. for Vice President and Darla Jones for Secretary. After discussion the Board moved to ACCEPT the nominations as made.

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### **DISCUSSION**

Presentation by Claudia Siegel – Re: RN renewal survey – Mr. Joe Hunt, Assistant Commissioner, State Department of Health joined Ms. Siegel for the presentation to the Board. Ms. Siegel thanked the Board and the Health Professions Bureau for their cooperation and support with the survey. Ms. Siegel informed the Board that the survey is optional and will only be attached to the electronic renewal applications on the upcoming RN renewal cycle. The data will be used for nursing workforce development; recruitment; structuring of the loan repayment program; and to continue and expand education. Data was also shared for the survey that was collected with the 2002 LPN renewals.

Correspondence from Elizabeth Aldenhagen – Re: changes to final order – Respondent was not present, and was not represented regarding this matter. Upon advise of counsel, the Board requested staff to inform Ms. Aldenhagen that the Board has no jurisdiction to make changes after the thirty (30) days have past. The Board voted that the order would remain as it is.

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2003 Legislative Update – Kristen Kelley informed the Board of the following legislatives changes made in 2003.

- New Board member position added to the Board. The position is for an Advanced Practice Nurse.
- The Quorum changed to 5 members present. It no longer specifies that a certain number of RNs and LPNs are needed.
- For an Advanced Practice Nurse to renew, they must now submit a copy of their current collaborative practice agreement.
- The Board can now access costs for the Administrative Law Judge hearings.
- Rule was amended concerning payment of Board ordered evaluations. It was changed to state that the Respondent must pay for the evaluation ordered by the Board. The Board can only require an evaluation after the Respondent has been disciplined.

Multi-State Licensure Update – Kristen Kelley also gave the Board an update on the Multi-State licensure. The National Counsel bylaws require that we notify all practitioners within ninety (90) days before inactivating their license. The implementation date has been moved to April 1, 2004.

Appoint new Board designee for consumer complaints – After discussion the Board agreed to have the President of the Board review consumer complaints. If at anytime the President is not available, the Vice President shall review them.

Helmuth/Thomas, 6/0/0

### **EDUCATION**

J. Everett Light Career Center of Practical Nursing – Requesting to increase enrollment – The Board reviewed the request from J. Everett Light Career Center to increase its typical admission number of approximately sixty (60) students to eighty (80) students beginning August 2003. After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE the request pending information regarding the adequacies of faculty and facilities.

Peters/Helmuth, 6/0/0

Ball State University, BSN Program – Curriculum changes – FYI

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

#### ***Examination Applicants***

Stephanie Kay Burthay – Applicant appeared before the Board concerning a positive response on her examination application and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Burthay informed the Board that she has contacted ISNAP and has had her evaluation but has not received her contract to sign as of yet. The Board verified this information with Mr. Bissonette, Executive Director of the Indiana State Nurses Assistant Program. After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Ms. Burthay for licensure after she signs her contract with ISNAP. They requested that she sign the contract within thirty (30) days.

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

Carrie R. Hablitzel – Applicant appeared before the Board concerning a positive response on her examination application and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Hablitzel informed the Board that she has had three (3) DUIs. There were seven (7) years between the first and second DUIs. She attended a court ordered counseling center and has completed all her criminal probation requirements. She had a BAC of .12 for the second DUI and indicated that the first one was about the same. She also indicated to the Board

that she now lives in Georgia and once she receives her license, she will be endorsing it to Georgia. After discussion the Board moved to TABLE this application pending an examination by a Board certified addictionologist. The Board requested that Ms. Hablitzel forward the results to Ms. Kelley and upon receipt Ms. Kelley would fax the results to board member Carolyn Slagle, RN, CNS for review. The Board also stated that if the report indicates that Ms. Hablitzel does not have an addiction problem she could be issued a full license without another appearance before the Board. If the report indicates that she does indeed have an addiction problem she must appear before the Board before being issued a license.

Peters/Slagle, 6/0/0

### ***RENEWAL APPLICANT***

Laura Kisse, LPN – License No. 27038788A – Ms. Kisse did not appear before the Board. The Board moved to CONTINUE this matter.

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

The following hearings were continued.

**Donna Marie Hawkins, LPN, License No. 27004780A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0007**  
**Nancy Laverna Garner, RN, License No. 28102403A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0026**  
**Marie Anne Pleak, LPN, License No. 27025034A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0070**  
**Sarah M. Griffin, RN, License No. 28082030A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0057**  
**Ann Martin Mirgeaux, RN, License No. 28104579A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0056**  
**Tina Marie Poe, RN, License No. 28106565A, Cause No. 2002 NB 0077**

**Sandra Miller, RN, License No. 28035005A, Cause No. 86 NB 028**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Request to Withdraw the Order of Probation scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was not represented. The court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Ms. Miller informed the Board that her license was placed on Indefinite Probation for a period of three (3) years for diversion. Her license has been on probation ten plus (10+) years and she has remained in compliance with her order. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to WITHDRAW the Order of Probation.

Slagle/Thomas, 6/0/0

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

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. The Respondent sent a letter to the Board requesting a continuance because she is currently incarcerated and is attending an alcohol treatment program. After discussion the Board moved to CONTINUE this matter.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

After hearing the evidence presented, the Board also voted to place her license on Summary Suspension for ninety (90) days.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

**Gregory Robert Vest, RN, License No. 28084581A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0052**

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 RENEW the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

Peters/Slagle, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

Let the record reflect that Laurie Peters, RN, did not participate in the following hearing.

**Cynthia Jean Akers, RN, License No. 28086195A, Cause No. 2001 NB 029**

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. Tom Bissonette was sworn in as a witness to testify for the State. Mr. Bissonette testified that the Respondent did not notify ISNAP of her relapse within the required seventy-two (72) hours. She missed a drug screen and tested positive for Methadone on her May 2003 drug screen. Tom also indicated she was continually late with her reports. Tom informed the Board that the Respondent contacted ISNAP and indicated that she wished to withdraw from the program. The Respondent informed the Board that she feels she needs a break from the monitoring, that she has been doing it for so long she needs to regroup and figure out what she wants. After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION, may not lift until the Respondent appears before the Board with an addictionology report from a Board certified addictionologist. This vote failed to pass.

JonesJ/no second

After further discussion, the Board moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of one (1) year and ordered that the Respondent receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologist and send a copy of the report to the Board.

Slagle/Thomas, 3/2/0, with Ms. Little and Ms. Jones objecting

**Lisa Gene Sauter, RN, License No. 28132202A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0053**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Discipline 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. Tom Bissonette was sworn in as a witness to testify for the State. Mr. Bissonette indicated to the Board that the Respondent was 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 moved to RENEW the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

Peters/Slagle, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Peters/Thomas, 6/0/0

**Angela Grace Vannoy, LPN, License No. 27049272A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0028**

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. 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 an EXTENSION of the 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 agreement.

Peters/Little, 6/0/0

**Ruth Alice King, LPN, License No. 27042248A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0042**

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 Barclay Wong, 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 in DEFAULT.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of one (1) year and ordered that the Respondent receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologist and send a copy of the report to the Board.

Peters/Thomas, 6/0/0

**Laura Marie Harter, RN, License No. 28132283A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0018**

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. Tom Bissonette was sworn in as a witness for the State. Mr. Bissonette testified that the Respondent was 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 moved to hold the Respondent in DEFAULT.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of three (3) years and ordered that the Respondent receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologist and send a copy of the report to the Board.

**Joanne Lynn Couch, LPN, License No. 27041714A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0029**

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. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to hold the Respondent in DEFAULT.

Peters/Little, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of three (3) years and ordered that the Respondent receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologist and send a copy of the report to the Board.

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

**Martha Lois Hewitt, RN, License No. 28041215A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0036**

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 James Holden, 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 in DEFAULT.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of three (3) years and ordered that the Respondent receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologist and send a copy of the report to the Board

Slagle/Jones, 6/0/0

**Mary Ellen Venable, RN, License No. 28098522A, Cause No. 99 NB 016**

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 Barclay Wong, 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/Thomas, 6/0/0

Let the record reflect that Traci Little was not present during the following hearing.

**Rebecca Carty, LPN, License No. 27044323, Cause No. 99 NB 015**

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. Tom Bissonette was sworn in as a witness to testify for the State. Respondent has been charged with one (1) count of theft and three (3) counts of possession of a controlled substance. Clarian Health terminated the Respondent for Diversion of controlled substances. Mr. Bissonette testified that 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 issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Peters/Jones, 5/0/0

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

Peters/Thomas, 5/0/0



**Tammy Renee Adams, RN, License No. 28147998, Cause No. 2003 NB 0041**

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 Barclay Wong, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. A settlement agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Barclay Wong, Deputy Attorney General. The settlement included INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of six (6) months with terms and conditions. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board voted to ACCEPT the terms of the settlement agreement.

Jones/Thomas, 5/0/0

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

**Peggy Sue Couse, LPN, License No. 27037236A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0017**

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 Barclay Wong, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Mr. Wong explained to the Board that the Attorney General's Office is waiting on documentation from the Grant County Prosecutor's Office in order to proceed with this matter. 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.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

**Barbara Arlene Owen, RN, License No. 28066481, Cause No. 2003 NB 0049**

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 Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. A settlement agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General. Traci Little also participated in the settlement conference. The settlement included a LETTER OF REPRIMAND. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the terms of the settlement agreement.

Peters/Thomas, 5/0/1, with Ms. Little abstaining

**Kimberly Sue Crady, LPN, License No. 27040208A, Cause No. 2002 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 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 issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Peters/Slagle, 6/0/0

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

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

**Mary Lou Bishop, LPN, License No. 27006971A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0058**

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 Sara Matticks, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Sara Matticks requested that the Board continue this matter pending a signed document being sent by the Respondent. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to CONTINUE this matter.

Peters/Slagle, 6/0/0

**Mary Elaine Fuller, LPN, License No. 27042248A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0020**

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 Kate Sinn, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. The Respondent sent a letter to the Board asking for a continuance of this matter. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to GRANT the CONTINUANCE.

Jones/Thomas, 6/0/0

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

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

**Shane Richard Hutcherson, LPN, License No. 27046433A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0050**

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 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 hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

Peters/Slagle, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of one (1) year and ordered that the Respondent receive an examination from a Board certified addictionologist and send a copy of the report to the Board.

Jones/Thomas, 6/0/0

**Harold D. Ramsey, LPN, License No. 27035287A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0055**

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 James Holden, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. A settlement agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by James Holden, Deputy Attorney General. The settlement included a LETTER OF REPRIMAND. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the settlement agreement.

Jones/Thomas, 6/0/0

**Marnie E. Moore, LPN, License No. 27040223A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0072**

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 James Holden, 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/Peters, 6/0/0

**Elizabeth Anne West, RN, License No. 28142065A, Cause No. 2002 NB 0075**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Hearing to Renew the 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. An agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General. The agreement included EMERGENCY 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 voted to accept the settlement agreement.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

**Christine Ann Griffin, RN, License No. 28138762A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0047**

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by Lara Engleking regarding a Settlement Conference scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by James Holden, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. An agreement between the Respondent, her Counsel and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by James Holden, Deputy Attorney General and Lara Engleking, Counsel for the Respondent. The settlement included a LETTER OF REPRIMAND. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the settlement agreement.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

**Rachel Lynn Moore, RN, License No. 28124919A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0062**

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 James Holden, 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.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

At the request of the Board, James Holden, Deputy Attorney General presented additional evidence to consider an unscheduled summary suspension. Mr. Holden informed the Board that the Respondent joined ISNAP due to addiction and drug possession. She has been convicted of a DUI and possession of a controlled substance. She is non-compliant with her ISNAP contact due to positive drug screens. 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.

Peters/Thomas, 6/0/0

**Carol Lynn Lawson, RN, License No. 28100256A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0046**

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 James Holden, 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.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

At the request of James Holden, Deputy Attorney General, the Board agreed to hear additional evidence to consider an unscheduled summary suspension. Mr. Holden informed the Board that the Respondent has two (2) DUI's involving controlled substances. He also informed the Board that the Respondent is not currently involved with a treatment program. 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.

Peters/Thomas, 6/0/0

**Candy L. Thompson, LPN, License No. 27027321, Cause No. 2003 NB 0063**

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 James Holden, 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.

Peters/Slagle, 6/0/0

**Ruth Ann Cioroianu, RN, License No. 28091771, Cause No. 2003 NB 0040**

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 Sara Matticks and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. The Respondents contract with ISNAP was closed due to non-compliance. An agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Sara Matticks, Deputy Attorney General. The agreement includes RENEWAL of the SUMMARY SUSPENSION until the Respondent obtains an addictionology examination and has signed a contract with ISNAP. The agreement also includes a CONTINUANCE of the final hearing. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the agreement.

Peters/Thomas, 6/0/0

**Karlene Francis Skaggs, RN, License No. 28077985A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0056**

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 Barclay Wong, 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.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

**Tiawiana M. Blackwell, LPN, License No. 27038734A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0038**

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 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 hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

Peters/Little, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of three (3) years and must complete a continuing education course on the following nursing subjects: delegation; geriatric patients; and patient abuse.

Peters/Slagle, 6/0/0

**Sandra Leigh Fritch, RN, License No. 2811990A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0030**

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by J. Michael Loomis concerning 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. A settlement agreement between the Respondent, her Counsel 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 five (5) years and the Respondent must 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.

Peters/Thomas, 6/0/0

**Regina Dawn Haight, RN, License No. 28119964A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0081**

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 James Holden, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. Tom Bissonette was sworn in as a witness for the State. Mr. Bissonette testified that the Respondent's ISNAP contract was closed due to non-compliance. She has had two (2) diluted and one (1) positive drug screens. Tom also stated that she has missed several drug screens. 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.

Peters/Thomas, 6/0/0

**Rachel Jane Newton, RN, License No. 28128635A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0086**

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 Sara Matticks, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Charlotte Hedrick. The Respondent requested a CONTINUANCE of this matter. After having consider the Respondent's request, the Board moved to DENY the CONTINUANCE.

#### CONSENSUS

Gary Bell, Investigator with the Department of Corrections was sworn in as a witness for the State. Mr. Bell testified that the Respondent engaged in sexual relations with an inmate at the Newcastle Correctional Facility. The Respondent admitted to engaging in sexual relations three (3) times with the same inmate. The Respondent has been arrested and criminal charges have been filed. She is currently out on bail. She continues to try to contact the inmate by way of letters. 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.

Jones/Peters, 6/0/0

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board approved the following ALJ recommendations submitted by Celinda Kay Leach, R.N., from the June 2, 2003, hearings:

Julia Dawn Crane, RN, License No. 28151972A  
Frank D. Garrison, RN, License No. 28123184A  
Carla Elaine Schilling (Danielsen), RN, License No. 28133229A  
Tonya Sue Welty, LPN, License No. 27040541A  
Carole Denise Woods, RN, License No. 28108732A

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Laurie Peters, R.N., Vice President

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Darla Jones, L.P.N., Secretary

