

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2003

Laurie Peters, R.N., President, called the meeting to order at 8:35 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
Maurene Thomas, R.N., Member
Traci Little, Consumer Member

Member Absent: Janis Shook, L.P.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

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

Helmuth/Slagle, 5/0/0

The Board voted to accept the minutes of the August 21, 2003, meeting as amended.

Helmuth/Slagle, 5/0/0

INDIANA STATE NURSES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Donna Goch, Program Director of the Indiana State Nurses Assistance Program (ISNAP) was present. Donna Goch reported that there are a total of 360 nurses being actively monitored. Donna informed the Board that educational outreach continued to be a priority. Ms. Goch and the Board briefly discussed pain management. They will continue this discussion in approximately two months.

DISCUSSION

Renewal application of Rhonda Reddy Davis – Respondent was present, and was represented by Joan Isaacs regarding this matter. Ms. Reedy appeared before the Board in August 2003 concerning a yes response on her renewal application. Ms. Isaacs explained to the Board that Ms. Reddy appeared before the Board in January 2002, concerning this renewal application. The Board at that time moved to neither renew nor deny but referred it to the Attorney General’s Office for an expedited investigation. It has been over a year and nothing has been resolved. Ms. Reddy explained to the Board in 1999 she was fired from Methodist for a blood administration error. They have a no tolerance policy on blood administration errors. She also explained that the patient was not hurt in any way due to her error. She also explained that while she was working at a different facility a patient fell out of bed and hung himself. She was the manager on duty when this happened. She indicated that she was fired from the facility two weeks later but this death was never mentioned in relationship to her termination. At the August 21, 2003 Board meeting Ms. Davis’s request for renewal was denied. The Board further requested that the Attorney General’s Office do an expedited investigation. At this time the Attorney General’s Office has not filed charges therefore Ms. Isaacs requested that the Board to renew Ms. Reddy’s license. After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Ms. Davis’s license on PROBATION for a period of three (3) months with terms and conditions.

Peters/Helmuth, 5/0/0

In the matter of Brandi Jo Austin, L.P.N. License No. 27039210A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0043 RE: Status of License – Respondent was not present and was not represented by counsel regarding this matter. The State of Indiana was represented by Kate Sinn and Sara Matticks, Deputy Attorney Generals. Ms. Sinn and Ms. Matticks addressed the Board on a mistake that took place last month concerning this matter. They explained that Ms. Austin was placed on probation without a signed agreed order and Brandi was not at the hearing. After discussion, the Board moved to RECIND the decision from the August 21, 2003 meeting.

Peters/Helmuth, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to place the Respondent’s license on Summary Suspension for a period of ninety (90) days.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

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

Peters/Helmuth, 6/0/0

Correspondence from the Indiana State Department of Health RE: Renal clinics providing nursing services by unlicensed staff

Lana Richmond, BSN, RN, BC represented the State Department of Health regarding this matter before the Board. Ms. Richmond requested that the Board give an advisory opinion concerning unlicensed staff performing duties such as administration of medication by intravenous and subcutaneous injections and performing nursing assessment and executing the regime. Ms. Richmond explained that during surveys of End Stage Renal Clinics, it was found that unlicensed technicians were performing such duties as mentioned above. The techs have no medical background and very little on-the-job training. She also informed the Board that 8 out of 10 times there have been errors in the draw-ups, and this caused patient harm. The RNs supervise the techs. She stated that the RNs are not doing a very good job of supervising, with delegation being a key problem. The RN is not available at times and does not check the work that the tech has performed. Ms. Richmond informed the Board that the State Department of Health is taking steps to combat the problem and that they will be filing complaints on the RNs that are doing the supervising. Ms. Richmond will supply the Board with a copy of the survey report and information regarding pending lawsuits. She also informed the Board that at this time the surveys are done once a year, but with the budget cuts it is likely to go to every three (3) years. She respectfully requests the Board's opinion on this matter. Ms. Peters expressed her concern that an RN is not always on site and that indeed some of these functions are that which an RN should be performing, not an unlicensed tech. The Board informed Ms. Richmond that they will take this matter under advisement and they will inform her of their opinion.

Correspondence from Desiree Walker RE: Request to reconsider Permanent Voluntary Surrender of License – Ms. Walker did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding this matter. Ms. Walker's letter requested a hearing to have her license reinstated. Her final order states that it was a permanent voluntary surrender. Upon advise of counsel and after discussion the Board moved to DENY Ms. Walker's request and ordered that the final order stand as it is.

Peters/Helmuth, 6/0/0

EDUCATION

Update on Education Subcommittee – Ms. Peters informed the Board that the subcommittee has been going over and recommending changes of the education rules. At this time they are about one-third (1/3) of the way through the rules and they will meet again on October 15, 2003 Board meeting.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

EXAMINATION APPLICANTS

Kimberly Ann Younger – Ms. Younger appeared before the Board concerning a positive response on her examination application and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Younger explained to the Board that she had a DUI in 1986, a second one in 1990 and had an assault charge in 1991 that was alcohol related. She informed the Board that she attended a court ordered eight (8) week outpatient program in 1991 and attended AA for one and a half (1-½) years after she completed the outpatient program. She also stated that she felt she did have a drinking problem back then, but has since turned her life around. She dropped the group of friends she had back then and has since married and now has two children. She informed the Board that she very rarely drinks. After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Ms. Younger to take the NCLEX examination and upon successful completion she may be licensed.

Peters/Thomas, 6/0/0

Richard Robinson – Mr. Robinson appeared before the Board concerning a positive response on his examination application and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Robinson explained to the Board in 2000 he had a Disorderly Conduct conviction and in 2002 he had an altercation with his neighbor. He indicated that he had stopped taking his medication on both of these occasions. He was diagnosed as having schizophrenia tendencies. He completed a court order anger management course in July 2002. He has been working at Rosewood Terrace as a CNA since February 2003 without out problems. After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Mr. Robinson to take the NCLEX examination and upon successful completion he must make a personal appearance before becoming licensed. The Board requested that Mr. Robinson bring a report from his employer, letter from his Psychiatrists and documentation from the court regarding the 2002 conviction to his next personal appearance.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

ENDORSEMENT APPLICANTS

Rebecca Estes, LPN – Ms. Estes did not appeared before the Board.

Dennis M. Grey, RN – Mr. Grey appeared before the Board concerning a positive response on his endorsement application and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Grey informed the Board that he is on Probation in the State of Ohio and he sees his Psychiatrists every three (3) months. After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE licensure on INDEFINITE PROBATION, may not lift until successful completion of his Ohio Probation.

Peters/Thomas, 6/0/0

RENEWAL APPLICANTS

Laura Kisse, LPN, License No. 27038788A – Ms. Kisse appeared before the Board via telephone conference call concerning a positive response on her renewal application and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Kisse explained that she is currently in a work release program in the State of Illinois. She will be on criminal probation for one year and can't leave the State. She is in the Illinois assistance program and ISNAP has agreed to take their reports concerning Ms. Kisse. Ms. Kisse agreed to renew on INDEFINITE PROBATION may not lift until successful completion of her IL Probation.

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

Susan Francine Raman Balog, RN, License No. 28148626A – Ms. Balog appeared before the Board concerning a positive response on her renewal application. Ms. Balog told the Board that she is an Alcoholic. She told the Board that she completed her criminal probation in May 2003. She was incarcerated for 66 days for a DUI and possession of a controlled substance. Her sobriety date is June 28, 2001. She informed the Board that she sees a counselor once a month and goes to AA meetings six times a week. Ms. Balog agreed to renew on INDEFINITE PROBATION, may not lift until evaluated by and if deemed necessary has a signed contract with ISNAP.

Peters/Helmuth, 6/0/0

Sandra Dilk, LPN, License No. 27019593A – Ms. Dilk explained to the Board that after a bad divorce she was charged with prescription fraud in 1997. She has completed two (2) treatment programs, the Marion County Drug program and St. Vincent's program. She called in the prescriptions herself for her headaches. She attended NA meetings for one (1) year and has completed her criminal probation. She also informed the Board that she had private counseling for two and one half years. Ms. Dilk agreed to renew on INDEFINITE PROBATION, may not lift until evaluated by and if deemed necessary has a signed contract with ISNAP.

Peters/Thomas, 6/0/0

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

The following hearings were continued.

Judy Ann Nuerge, LPN, License No. 27030162A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0094
Mary Joanne Roach, RN, License No. 28067220A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0066
Linda Ann Abney, RN, License No. 28091592A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0048
Sarah M. Griffin, RN, License No. 28082030A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0057

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 Hearing to Renew 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. 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/Helmuth, 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 Renee Gallagher, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent was unable to attend this hearing due to attending her criminal hearing. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in the matter the Board moved to RENEW the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

Peters/Helmuth, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to CONTINUE this matter.

Peters/Helmuth, 6/0/0

Teresa Jo Hall, RN, License No. 28142751A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0005

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. Donna Goch was sworn in as a witness for the Respondent. Respondent admitted to smoking crack, and to excessive drinking. She indicated to the Board that she did not drink at work but did show up to work strung out on Cocaine. Ms. Goch indicated that the Respondent has been in full compliance with her ISNAP contract since March 2003. The Respondent admitted herself to a halfway house because she felt she was not getting enough support. Ms. Goch also informed the Board that the Respondent first signed a contract with ISNAP in August 2002 and it was closed due to non-compliance. She also informed the Board that the Respondent is getting urine drug screens five (5) times a week. 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 PROBATION until successful completion of her ISNAP contract.

Slagle, Jones, 6/0/0

Cheryl Renee Beaver, RN, License No. 28152454A, Cause No. 2002 NB 0037

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 Lori Keen. Ms. Sinn informed the Board that she believes the Respondent is currently in a treatment facility. Ms. Sinn also informed the Board 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 place the Respondent's license on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) days.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

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

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

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

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 James Holden, 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 James Holden, Deputy Attorney General. The settlement included INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of three (3) 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 agreement.

Peters/Thomas, 6/0/0

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

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 Shelley Johnson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Donna Goch was sworn in as a witness for the State. Ms. Goch testified that the Respondent had previously signed a contract with ISNAP, which was closed due to non-compliance. At this time the Respondent is in the process of signing a new contract with ISNAP but it has not been signed. The Respondent informed the Board that she has an appointment with her Addictionologists for her evaluation on October 18, 2003 and that she attends three (3) AA/NA meetings a week.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to RENEW the SUMMARY SUSPENSION until the Respondent has a signed ISNAP contract. Once the contract is signed the Respondent must submit a copy to the Board and her license will then automatically be placed on INDEFINITE PROBATION may not lift until successful completion of her ISNAP contract.

Peters/Thomas, 6/0/0

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

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 Lori Keen. Ms. Matticks informed the Board the Respondent is very ill at this time and therefore unable to attend the hearing. 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/Helmuth, 6/0/0

The Board further moved to CONTINUE this matter.

Peters/Helmuth, 6/0/0

Nancy Laverna Garner, RN, License No. 28103403A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0026

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Hearing to Renew 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. 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/Thomas, 6/0/0

Meinrad D. Gloria, RN, License No. 28133085A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0105

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 Sara Matticks, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent has had substance abuse problems in Texas. He was in the TX assistance program and transferred to ISNAP. He signed his contract with ISNAP in December 2002 and dropped out in March 2003. He then renewed his license and went to work at Wishard Hospital. He was fired from Wishard

for coming into work impaired. His ISNAP contract has been closed. 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 SUSPENISON for a period of ninety (90) days.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

Christy Dawn Flynn, RN, License No. 28128486A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0073

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Settlement Agreement 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 Lori Keen. 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 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

Jerry Leo Hendricks, LPN, License No. 27035609A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0065

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Settlement Agreement 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 Lori Keen. A settlement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Barclay Wong, Deputy Attorney General. The settlement included INDEFINITE SUSPENION for a period of five (5) years. 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, 5/0/1, with Ms. Little abstaining

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 Hearing to Renew 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. 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/Helmuth, 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 Lori Keen. 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

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

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

Let the record reflect that Carolyn Slagle left the meeting for a telephone conference call.

Kimberly Jo Payne, RN, License No. 28125642, Cause No. 2003 NB 0103

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 Sara Matticks, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Donna Goch was sworn in as a witness for the State. Ms. Goch testified that the Respondent's ISNAP contract was closed for chronic failure to submit Quarterly Employer reports and urine drug screens. Ms. Matticks informed the Board that the Respondent intercepted the delivery of drugs coming into her place of employment and since April 1, 2003 she has diverted 2,000 Hydralcodine tablets. She has been charged with eleven (11) counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud a C Felony due to prior convictions. 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/Helmuth, 5/0/0

Mary Michelle Huffer, LPN, License No. 27028979A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0089

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 James Holden, 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 James Holden, Deputy Attorney General. The settlement included INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of three (3) years, six (6) continuing education credits in Ethics, a fine of \$250.00 plus costs, and ten (10) hours of community service. 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/Helmuth, 5/0/0

Ann Martin Mirgeaux, RN, License No. 28104579A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0056

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 Lori Keen. 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 and costs. 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, 5/0/0

Linda Gail Hall, LPN, License No. 27021822A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0087

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 Tina Richards, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. The Respondent requested a continuance so that she may obtain Counsel regarding 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.

Peters/Jones, 5/0/0

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

Linda Delores Johnson, RN, License No. 28135518A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0095

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 James Holden, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Rebecca Neff was sworn in as a witness for the State. Ms. Neff, RN, ADON, testified that the med-cart was in the med-room with the door left open. She indicated that there were approximately 200 pills taken out of packages and scattered around on the cart. The Respondent informed the Board that she is a recovering addict. He was addicted to Heroin and has been sober for thirteen years. Her sobriety date is February 24, 1990. She informed the Board that she might not have placed the drugs the way the facility wanted, but she did it the way she was taught. She did admit to the Board that she signed the MAR before the medications were given out. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to issue a LETTER OF REPRIMAND for improper documentation.

Jones/Thomas, 6/0/0

Chantima Ratanaproeck, RN, License No. 28144024A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0066

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 Lori Keen. Mr. Holden informed the Board that the Respondent was still practicing one (1) month after she signed for her Indefinite Suspension Order. 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

Sandra Waible, LPN, License No. 27038609A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0095

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 James Holden, 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 James Holden, Deputy Attorney General. The agreement included INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of one (1) year. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the settlement.

Helmuth/Jones, 6/0/0

Delores J. Morris, LPN, License No. 27006352A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0057

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 Lori Keen. 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 INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of (2) years and six (6) Continuing Education credits in Ethics and Professionalism. 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

Stephen J. Federspiel, RN, License No. 28086593A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0088

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 Lori Keen. 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.

Jones/Little, 6/0/0

After further discussion the Board moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of ninety-nine (99) years and one (1) day.

Jones/Little, 6/0/0

Staci JoAnn Price, RN, License No. 28109656A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0104

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by Cynthia Marcus 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. A settlement agreement between the Respondent, her Counsel and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Sara Matticks, 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.

Peters/Helmuth, 6/0/0

Susan J. Lawrence, LPN, License No. 27030960A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0067

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 Lori Keen. 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 and SUMMARY SUSPENSION for a period of ninety (90) day. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the agreement.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

Marie Anne Pleak, LPN, License No. 27025034A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0070

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 Lori Keen. The Respondent had a DUI conviction in 1994 and a positive urine drug screen for Marijuana in 2001. She is currently in the process of signing a contract with 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 INDEFINITE PROBATION for a period of three (3) years.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

Christine L. Stuart, RN, License No. 28151614A, Cause No. 2001 NB 029

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 Lori Keen. Marianne D'Angelo was sworn in as a witness for the State. Marianne informed the Board that by the Respondent's own admission she cannot go any more than ninety (90) days without a relapse. She also informed the Board that the Respondent's contract with ISNAP has been closed for non-compliance and she believes she is an immediate danger to the public safety. 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

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

Peters/Helmuth, 6/0/0

Mary Cole, LPN, License No. 27037218A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0102

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 James Holden, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Mr. Holden informed the Board that the Respondent received home detention for a DUI and spitting on a Police Officer. She then violated that probation by testing positive for Cocaine and was gone from her residence for two (2) days without permission. She has pending charges of possession of prescription drugs, paraphernalia and Marijuana. 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 days.

Peters/Slagle, 6/0/0

Mona Drake-Hoffman, LPN, License No. 27038377A, Cause No. 96 NB 046

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 Lori Keen. 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

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

Peters/Helmuth, 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 Hearing to Renew 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. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to RENEW the SUMMARY SUSPENSION and ordered the Respondent to receive a evaluation by a Board certified Psychiatrists and send a copy of the report to the Board.

Peters/Jones, 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 Hearing to Renew 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. In July 2003 the Respondent was involved with an Inmate at a Correctional Facility. Criminal charges are pending in Henry County. 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

Susan Kaye Mack, RN, License No. 28104479A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0061

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 Lori Keen. Respondent has been disciplined in Minnesota for substance abuse. She has had problems with Alcohol, Crack and Powder Cocaine. She also committed fraud by lying on her Minnesota license renewal. 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/Helmuth, 6/0/0

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

Peters/Helmuth, 6/0/0

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

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default and Response 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. Marianne D'Angelo was sworn in as a witness for the State. Ms. D'Angelo testified that the Respondent's ISNAP contract was closed for non-compliance. 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/Helmuth, 6/0/0

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

Slagle/Thomas, 6/0/0

Gregory Robert Vest, RN, License No. 28081581A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0052

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 Lori Keen. Marianne D'Angelo was sworn in as a witness for the State. Ms. D'Angelo testified that the Respondent signed a contract with ISNAP but did not comply at all therefore his case was closed. 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

After further discussion the Board moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of one (1) year and ordered the Respondent to sign a contract with ISNAP at least thirty (30) days prior to requesting reinstatement.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

Elizabeth C. Wiercinski, RN, License No. 28098940A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0075

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 Lori Keen. The Respondent is non-compliant with the terms of her Probation Order. 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

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

Peters/Thomas, 6/0/0

Nancy Lynn West, RN, License No. 28052704A, Cause No. 2002 NB 0061

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Motion to Dismiss Complaint scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was not represented and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lori Keen. Respondent is deceased. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to DISMISS this matter.

Peters/Jones, 6/0/0

Niokah Rae Clapp, RN, License No. 28147030A, Cause No. 2003 NB 0060

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 Lori Keen. Respondent's license in Kentucky has been Suspended for Drug Diversion. The Respondent substituted saline solution for the drug therefore endangering the patients. 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/Jones, 6/0/0

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

Little/Helmuth, 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 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 Lori Keen. 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 RENEWAL of the SUMMARY SUSPENSION until the Respondent has completed her treatment. The treatment program is expected to last approximately thirteen (13) months. After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ACCEPT the agreement.

Slagle/Little, 6/0/0

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board approved the following ALJ recommendations submitted by Celinda Kay Leach, R.N., from the August 5, 2003 hearings:

Sherrill Brattain, LPN, License No. 27038957A
Christina Schussler, RN, License No. 28123868A
Catherine Steed, RN, License No. 28079551A
Gloria Jene Snody, RN, License No. 28121762A

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Laurie Peters, RN, President

Darla Jones, LPN, Secretary