# MINUTES OF THE INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

on Thursday June 20, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Indiana Government Center South Conference Center, Room B 302 W. Washington St. Indianapolis, IN 46204

# **Board Members Present:**

Jennifer Miller, MSN, RN Jason King, DNP, RN Kim Cooper, MSN, RN Julian Gallegos, PhD, RN, FNP-BC Rena Magers, LPN Jessica Harlan-York, JD

#### **Advisory Counsel:**

Donald Hannah Leif Johnson

#### **PLA Staff**:

Nicholas Hart Toni Herron Rebecca Tinsley Catherine Briney Dinena Moore

#### **Court Reporter:**

Molly Fish

## I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

8:30 a.m.

# II. Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of a discussion item for Ms. Cooper under the Director's Report. Cooper/Gallegos 6-0-0.

# **III.** Adoption of the Minutes

1. Minutes of the ALJ Meeting on June 6, 2024

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes. King/Cooper 6-0-0.

# IV. Adoption of ALJ Recommendations

1. Adoption of the ALJ Recommendations of May 2, 2024

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the ALJ recommendations. Gallegos/Magers 6-0-0.

2. Adoption of the ALJ Recommendations of May 16, 2024

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the ALJ recommendations. Cooper/Gallegos 6-0-0.

# V. Adoption of Recommended Orders

- 1. Leah Rutan
- 2. Sherri Jernberg
- 3. Madelyn Strohl
- 4. Lakeisha Eskridge
- 5. Jesse Lopez
- 6. Jennifer Coleman
- 7. Drake Cunningham
- 8. Crystal Compton
- 9. Collin Chizumila
- 10. Antrinique Sanders
- 11. Amber Bethel
- 12. Kristy Walsh VACATED (approved in May)

A motion was made and seconded to adopt recommended orders 1-11, with corrections to scrivener's errors in 2, 3, and 5. Cooper/King 6-0-0.

#### VI. Education

1. Manchester University BSN full accreditation site visit report and substantive change request – Samantha Cussen DNP, Ed.S, RN

Dr. Cussen appeared on behalf of the program. Education Compliance Officer, Toni Herron, stated that Manchester University BSN/ABSN was seeking full accreditation as a result of > 90% NCLEX pass rates for 2 cohorts. Ms. Herron stated that during the past 2 years, there was a leadership change which occurred and resulted in improvements to the original plan presented to the Board for initial accreditation. Instead of juniors and seniors in the program spending those years in Fort Wayne as originally planned, they now take one course each semester in those 2 years in Fort Wayne and spend the remainder of the time on the traditional campus in North Manchester. Ms. Herron stated that the program has support from both the community and clinical partners. Additional space is in the process of being completed at the Ft. Wayne campus to support dedicated nursing simulation space. A subsequent site visit for construction hs been scheduled. After discussion, Boar member Ms. Rena Magers made a motion to recommend full accreditation and Board member Kim Cooper seconded. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Dr. Cussen presented a substantive change request to the admission criteria for the second degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Manchester is requesting to offer an additional track into the accelerated BSN for college students that have either earned an associate's degree in another discipline or to college students with college credits but no earned degree. Pre-requisites would have to be completed prior to matriculation and a total of 120 credit hours would need to be completed prior to graduation. Motion was made to approve the substantive change request by Cooper and seconded by Gallegos. Motion carries 6-0-0.

# 2. University of Evansville substantive change request – Katie Thomas MSN, RN

Katie Thomas appeared on behalf of the program. Ms. Thomas stated that University of Evansville is requesting a substantive change to the mission, philosophy and end of program student outcomes to be effective 8/2024. The intent of the changes is to support ongoing rigor and relevancy. New curriculum is being developed with the intent to begin the three year teach out in fall of 2025. The curricular change will include an overhaul of all courses and content re-alignment. Motion to approve substantive change was made by Cooper and seconded by King. Motion carried 5-0-0.

## 3. Vincennes University Jasper change in leadership – Jill Chrispell DNP, MSNED., RN

Dr. Jill Chrispell appeared on behalf of the program. Dr. Chrispell stated that the previous dean for Vincennes University at Jasper (VUJ) had resigned in December 2023 and that a temporary leadership plan was to have the two interim chairs at VUJ to fill the role. In spring 2024 it was determined that the two VUJ chairs would provide more stability for students by 100% time in the classroom. Dr. Chrispell will continue as Nurse Administrator for both campuses. Nellie Jones will take over PN chair at VUJ and VU Vincennes with 80% release time. Dr. Jace Sama will assume role of ASN chair at VUJ with 45% release time. He is new to the role and will be mentored. Ms. Cooper stated that being new to the role, 435% release was unacceptable. For the plan to be approved, a preference for a 60/40% release time was preferred, no less that 55%. Dr. Chrispell said that they would work to make that happen and notify the Board of the final resolution to the matter. Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve the leadership change with the stated amount of release time revised and Dr. Gallegos seconded. Motion carries. 6-0-0.

## 4. Ivy Tech Community College request for substantive change – Kimberly Mau DNP, RN

Dr. Kimberely Mau appeared on behalf of the program. Ivy Tech Community College (ITCC) is requesting an allowance to utilize asynchronous and synchronous "blended" modality for instruction for didactic courses in the new concept -based curriculum beginning for Fall 2023 for both the associate degree and practical nursing programs. Based on the ITCC policy for blended instruction, no less than ½ of the course contact hours will be synchronous and on campus. The dean of each campus will work with faculty to determine what courses would be delivered in a blended modality. Students would be notified before the start of the program of the blended modality and at the beginning of each course. Dr. Mau was asked about the number of students this would affect and she stated that among the 19 regional campuses, 800 ASN and 400 PN students are slated to start. Ms. Miller stated that is was the Board's precedent to make the mode of instruction known to students prior to their enrollment in the program, and these students had already been accepted. Dr. mau stated that the window for January applications would open in August and the change in modality could be shared with applicants at that time. Dr. Gallegos made a motion to approve the change in modality to start with the January 2025 program start. Dr. King seconded. Motion carries 5-0-0. Cooper recuses.

- 5. Fortis College Notice of Intent to Teach out Shauna Smith DNP, MSN, RN and Tony Smarrella
  - i. Teachout plan
  - ii. Monthly report
  - iii. 30-day deliverables

Teachout plan - Ms. Herron stated that she had received notice on June 12, 2024, from Mr. Smarrella that Fortis College intended to teach out the associate degree in nursing program in Indianapolis. Students currently enrolled, and who maintained progression, would continue until the last student completed in March 2026. Enrollment ceased as of 6/5/2024 and student town hall meetings informing them of the decision were held on 6/6 and 6/11/2024. Clinical sites have not been notified as of this date. When asked why the letter that was shared with students was signed by the Director of Education and the campus president, and not the Dean of Nursing, Mr. Smarrella stated that the academic progression of students was being coordinated by the

Education Director with the assistance of the Assistant Director of Nursing. Dr. Smith said that she was not involved in this decision and was told that her contract with Fortis would end in December 2024. Ms. Cooper asked Ms. Herron if it was customary for a program to proceed with a decision of this type without notice or approval by ISBN, and Ms. Herron stated that Fortis probably viewed this as a business decision, as they are a proprietary school, and did not require ISBN approval for business decisions. Mr. Smarrella stated that the decision to teach out was a corporate decision resulting from the financial hardship created by reduction in admissions with the conditional accreditation. Ms. Cooper asked about the ability of the students to transfer their credits to another school. Ms. Miller asked about space and faculty. Mr. Smarrella said that space will be reallocated as classes are taught out and faculty will receive a "stay bonus" through the end of their current contract.

Ms. Miller asked about students who fall behind and was told that additional online tutoring resources are being provided to students. Arrangements have been made to allow students to transfer to another Fortis campus. Mr. Smarrella said that students could transfer to the Fortis campus in Centerville, Ohio which was ACEN accredited. Mr. Smarrella said that they had tried to contact someone at Ivy Tech to discuss student transfers and that no one had called back. So, they have fallen back on making arrangements to transfer to Fortis schools since no one will assist them locally, according to Mr. Smarrella. Ms. Cooper asked for a copy of the script being used during the one- on- one discussions with students. Ms. Cooper asked that a copy of the notice to clinical sites be provided to ISBN before it is distributed, to be sent to Ms. Herron to forward on to the Board. When asked, Mr. Smarrella said that 100 students remain. Of those, 30 – 35 are in gen eds at the beginning of the program. Ms. Cooper asked if they have been given the opportunity to step away from the program without penalty. Mr. Smarrella said that no one has asked about the possibility of a refund. Ms. Cooper asked for a copy of the form that students are signing when they have been informed about the closure of the program and their options in the future. Ms. Miller asked for total transparency from this point on. Each faculty member has been informed about how long they can expect approximately to be employed by Fortis.

Mr. Hart stated that we have moved from conditional accreditation to the part of the administrative code regarding closure of a program. The rule states that the program needs to maintain minimum legal standards for accreditation until the last student completes or leaves the program. They shall be responsible for assisting students to transfer to accredited programs and that the controlling organization shall provide for the safekeeping and accessibility of program records of former students and graduates of the program. Mr. Hart read the 60 day deliverables the Board stated last month:

"Within 60 days, Fortis shall submit copies of all preceptor agreements and requirements for precepting, a list of each course and clinical lab, including the site where the clinical experience for that course takes place and how many hours are spent in simulation, a test plan for each didactic class, and a list of all current simulation equipment and age of device. Within 90 days, Fortis shall submit a listing of faculty training and simulation provided or planned for future dates, listing of plan simulation purchases and ordering status. And then it indicates just generally that they will provide monthly written reports that include personnel changes, student admission attrition numbers, record of faculty training including simulation, and copy -- copies of faculty meeting minutes."

Dr. Gallegos requested the list as they hire to make sure that we have faculty who are actually teaching in the right space because, the last thing we want to see is someone with no med-surg experience teaching --. Ms. Cooper made a motion to take the close out program and announcements under advisement. She would like to know for -- within ten business days, to have a documentation of the role of the dean, what is her role, what are the expectations of her performance. What committees, what conversations is she to be privy to. She would also like to know what she's doing because I don't – she's not sure where that is. She would like to have a script within ten days of what is being covered with those students who are remaining with and to have a copy of the letter that's going out to the clinical partners announcing this, and to have a redraft of the notification that went to students that indicated that the actions of the Indiana State Board of Nursing through their site visit are the

cause of that. She'd like to have a redraft of that. She would also like to expand what is the faculty doing. A faculty roster, and this is what they teach. And then as we have resignations, we'd like those within ten business days, and we would like the additions within ten days. In addition, feedback for those students who started in January of 2024 and April of 2024 to have feedback as to whether or not corporate would allow them to have a - the word is not pass. I don't know what the word is. To let them -- to leave with no penalties, the Excel sheet with the teach out is the cleanest document that we've had to date that identifies where – we were actually able to know where John Smith is, and, I mean, that's what we need to do, is to have her crunch this down. first initial, first three -- first three digits of the last name. Motion Cooper – second Gallegos Motion carries 6-0-0.

#### 6. FYI ONLY:

- i. Leffler Academy change in credit hour definition to meet ABHES requirements (see attached)
- ii. University of Evansville announces the retirement of Dr. Jerrilee LaMar as Interim Director of the ABSN program effective 5.31.2024 and announces Dr. Zucher as (CV attached).
- iii. Indiana University Kokomo School of Nursing announces the interim appointment of Carolyn Townsend DNP, RN, WHNP-BC as Dean effective June 1, 2024, upon the retirement of Susan Hendricks EdD, RN, CNE effective May 31, 2024. (CV attached.)

#### VII. Discussion Items

1. OAG Report

Amanda Cassidy, Section Chief of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, delivered the report.

- 2. Director's Report
  - i. Scope of Practice Opinions
  - ii. APRN Audit

Nick Hart, Board Director, delivered the report. The Board discussed the process for scope of practice opinions and asked that the discussion be continued in July to allow more Board members to weigh in.

3. ISNAP Report

Tracy Traut, ISNAP Program Director, delivered the report.

4. ISNA Report

Katie Feley, ISNA CEO, delivered the report.

## VIII. Proposed Settlement Agreements

- 1. Keisha Aldridge
- 2. Patricia Omorogbe
- 3. Jodi Jackson
- 4. Jackie Lee
- 5. Cameron Kitchell
- 6. Crystal McCrary
- 7. Karstin Nowak
- 8. Virginia Glenn
- 9. Amber Koontz

A motion was made and seconded to approve proposed settlement agreements 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 9. King/Gallegos 5-0-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve proposed settlement agreement 4. Harlan-York/Magers 5-0-0.

A motion was made and seconded to deny proposed settlement agreement 7. King/Miller 5-0-0.

A motion was made and seconded to accept proposed settlement agreement 8. King/Gallegos 5-0-0.

#### IX. Motions to Dismiss

1. In the Matter of the License of David Wright, 28205503A Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0076

A motion was made and seconded to grant the motion to dismiss. Harlan-York/Magers 5-0-0.

## X. Petitions for Summary Suspension

1. In the Matter of the License of Renee Patterson, 28203900A&C

Administrative Cause No. 202406-NUR-0111

Re: Voluntary Suspension Agreement

DAG: Alex James

Respondent: Not present

Witness(es): None

Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to accept the voluntary agreement to suspend Respondent's license for 90 days. King/Harlan-York 5-0-0.

2. In the Matter of the License of Shawn Randles, 28256088A

Administrative Cause No. 202406-NUR-0115

DAG: Natalie Stidd Respondent: Not present

Witness(es): Alyssa Hamilton with ISNAP

Exhibit(s): State's Exhibit 1 (Criminal Records for Respondent)

A motion was made and seconded to suspend Respondent's license for 90 days. King/Gallegos 5-0-0.

# **XI.** Summary Suspension Renewals

1. In the Matter of the License of Bryan Taylor, 28204656A

Administrative Cause No. 2024 NB 0046

DAG: Alex James

Respondent: Not to appear

Witness(es): None Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to vacate the summary suspension hearing to permit the summary suspension to lapse. King/Magers 5-0-0.

2. In the Matter of the License of Clinton Cutler, 28271808A

Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0125

DAG: Ryan Eldridge Respondent: Not present Witness(es): None Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to permit the summary suspension to lapse. Gallegos/Harlan-York 5-0-0.

3. In the Matter of the License of Samantha Marley, 27066600A

Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0216

DAG: Ryan Eldridge with CLI August Petrungaro

Respondent: Not present

Witness(es): Alyssa Hamilton with ISNAP

Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to renew the summary suspension for an additional 90 days. King/Harlan-York 5-0-0.

A motion was made and seconded to vacate the prior decision and rehear. Cooper/Harlan-York 3-3-0. Motion fails for lack of agreement.

4. In the Matter of the License Deana Faris, 28204598A

Administrative Cause No. 2024 NB 0050

DAG: Autumn Murphy Respondent: Not present Witness(es): None Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to accept the voluntary agreement to renew the suspension for 30 days. Magers/Gallegos 5-0-0.

5. In the Matter of the License Tracy Bowers, 28123007A

Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0141

DAG: Ryan Eldridge with CLI August Petrungaro

Respondent: Present and comfortable proceeding without counsel

Witness(es): Respondent, Carly Grace with ISNAP, Alyssa Hamilton with ISNAP

Exhibit(s): State's Exhibit A (Kosciusko County Criminal Records), State's Exhibit B (Wabash County Criminal Records), State's Exhibit C (), State's Exhibit D (), State's Exhibit E (), State's Exhibit F ()

A motion was made and seconded to renew the summary suspension for an additional 60 days. Mitigating factors: Respondent's transparency, her attempts to maintain sobriety (AA, in the process of entering RMA). King/Magers 5-0-0.

# XII. Final Hearings (11:00 a.m.)

- 1. In the Matter of the License of Gina Kramer, 28162052A CONTINUED Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0078
- 2. In the Matter of the License of John Filosa, 28227989A, 71010408A CONTINUED Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0112
- 3. In the Matter of the License of Karstin Nowak, 28201646A CONTINUED/PSA Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0086

## XIII. Orders to Show Cause (11:00 a.m.)

1. In the Matter of the License of Modupe Adesola, 71006527A

Administrative Cause No. 202406-NUR-0106

DAG: None

Respondent: Failed to appear

Witness(es): None Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to issue a notice of proposed default for Respondent's failure to appear. Magers/Gallegos 5-0-0.

- 2. In the Matter of the License of Londa Aldridge, 71007315A CONTINUED Administrative Cause No. 202406-NUR-0104
- 3. In the Matter of the License of Jessica Arce, 71006218A CONTINUED Administrative Cause No. 202406-NUR-0102
- 4. In the Matter of the License of Karin Armstrong, 71008751A

Administrative Cause No. 202406-NUR-0103

DAG: None

Respondent: failed to appear

Witness(es): None Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to issue a notice of proposed default for Respondent's failure to appear. Harlan-York/Cooper 5-0-0.

5. In the Matter of the License of Marena Arnold, 71005456A

Administrative Cause No. 202406-NUR-0105

DAG: None

Respondent: present and comfortable proceeding without counsel

Witness(es): Respondent, Toni Herron with ISBN

Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to fine \$1,000 for sworn statement being missing, \$1,000 for missing CEs, 6 months to get CE and signed sworn statement, cannot use CEs to cure towards renewal for the current cycle. 21 days from issuance of order to pay fees, 5 days to get us sworn statement. Letter of Reprimand. Cooper/King 6-0-0.

# XIV. Appeals (1:00 p.m.)

1. In the Matter of the License of Margot Schreiber, N/A

Administrative Cause No. 202406-NUR-0107

DAG: None

Respondent: present and comfortable proceeding without counsel

Witness(es): Respondent, Nicholas Hart with ISBN

Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to affirm the denial and deny the appeal. King/Miller 2-3-0.

A motion was made and seconded to continue the hearing and reschedule the hearing. King/Gallegos 5-0-0.

2. In the Matter of the License of Karina Baltazar, N/A Administrative Cause No. 202406-NUR-0108

DAG: None

Respondent: not present Witness(es): none Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to continue the hearing and reschedule the hearing. King/Magers 5-0-0.

# XV. Default Hearings

1. In the Matter of the License of Tyra Causey, 28269133A&C

Administrative Cause No. 2021 NB 0106

Re: Response to NOPD DAG: Autumn Murphy

Respondent: by counsel Patrick Callahan

Witness(es): None Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to set aside the notice of proposed default. King/Harlan-York 5-0-0.

2. In the Matter of the License of Cassandra Bass, 28090450A

Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0071

DAG: Autumn Murphy Respondent: not present

Witness(es): Alyssa Hamilton with ISNAP

Exhibit(s):

A motion was made and seconded to hold Respondent in default. King/Harlan-York 5-0-0.

A motion was made and seconded to revoke Respondent's license, impose cost of proceedings, and \$5 health records fee. HY/G 5-0-0.

3. In the Matter of the License of David Fuchs, 28168189A

Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0107

DAG: Jackson Yerkes Respondent: Not present Witness(es): Samantha Anders

Exhibit(s): State's Exhibit B (PCA), State's Exhibit D (Paper copy of criminal records for Respondent),

State's Exhibit C (Criminal Records for Respondent)

A motion was made and seconded to hold Respondent in default. Gallegos/Cooper 5-0-0.

A motion was made and seconded to suspend Respondent's license for 2 years with requirement that he be completely compliant with ISNAP for minimum of 6 months. Aggravating factor: failure to engage in investigation/litigation, concerning criminal charges, failure to show up to PA. Cost of proceedings and \$5 health records fee.

4. In the Matter of the License of Kim Holland, 28113476A

Administrative Cause No. 2021 NB 0197

Re: Response to NOPD DAG: Autumn Murphy

Respondent: Present and comfortable proceeding without counsel

Witness(es): None Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to set aside the NOPD. King/Cooper 6-0-0.

5. In the Matter of the License of Amber Smith, 27071461A

Administrative Cause No. 2021 NB 0127

Re: Response to NOPD DAG: Hilary Brown Respondent: Not present Witness(es): None Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to set aside the NOPD. Magers/Gallegos 6-0-0.

6. In the Matter of the License of Amber Whaley, 27060268A&C

Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0025

Re: Response to NOPD DAG: Natalie Stidd Respondent: not present Witness(es): None Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to set aside the NOPD. Magers/Harlan-York 5-0-0.

7. In the Matter of the License of Connie Sneed, 27035833A

Administrative Cause No. 2021 NB 0047

DAG: Natalie Stidd Respondent: not present Witness(es): None

Exhibit(s): State's Exhibits 1-5

A motion was made and seconded to hold Respondent in default. Cooper/Gallegos 5-0-0. A motion was made and seconded to revoke Respondent's license, \$5,000 fine (\$1,000 per count), cost of proceedings, \$5 health records fee. Gallegos/Cooper 5-0-0.

- 8. In the Matter of the License of Cynthia Holland, 28113476A VACATED Administrative Cause No. 2021 NB 0197
- 9. In the Matter of the License of Danny Robinson, 28193759A

Administrative Cause No. 2020 NB 0154

DAG: Ian Mathew Respondent: not present

Witness(es): Brittany Ulrey with OAG Exhibit(s): State's Exhibit 1 & 2

A motion was made and seconded to hold Respondent in default. Gallegos/Cooper 5-0-0.

A motion was made and seconded to revoke Respondent's license, impose \$2,000 fine (\$1,000 per count), cost of proceedings, \$5 health records fee. Cooper/Gallegos 5-0-0.

10. In the Matter of the License of Darlene Martin, 27070960A

Administrative Cause No. 2019 NB 0263

Re: Response to NOPD DAG: Natalie Stidd Respondent: not present Witness(es): none Exhibit(s): none

A motion was made and seconded to set aside the NOPD. Gallegos/Magers 5-0-0.

11. In the Matter of the License of Devine Gordon, 27078646A&C

Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0118

DAG: Alex James Respondent: Not present

Witness(es): Andrea Mills with OAG Exhibit(s): State's Exhibits 1-5

A motion was made and seconded to hold Respondent in default. Cooper/Harlan-York 5-0-0. A motion was made and seconded to suspend Respondent's license for minimum of 2 years, 6 months compliance to reinstate in RMA with ISNAP, \$1,000 fine per count, cost of proceedings, \$5 health records fee. Aggravating factors: failure to participate, drug issue, sister-state discipline. Cooper/Gallegos 5-0-0.

12. In the Matter of the License of Donald Donachy, 28265860A

Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0119

DAG: Alex James Respondent: not present

Witness(es): Deanna Silva with OAG Exhibit(s): State's Exhibits 1-3

A motion was made and seconded to hold Respondent in default. Gallegos/Cooper 5-0-0. A motion was made and seconded to suspend Respondent's license for a minimum of 2 years. Must demonstrate 12 months RMA compliance to petition for reinstatement. \$1,000 fine per count. Costs of proceeding, must pay \$5 health records fee. No reinstatement until all this stuff is done. Cooper/Magers 5-0-0.

13. In the Matter of the License of Jamie McCracken, 27034094A

Administrative Cause No. 2021 NB 0036

DAG: Whitney Cooper Respondent: None Witness(es): None

Exhibit(s): State's Exhibits 1-7

A motion was made and seconded to hold Respondent in default. Gallegos/Harlan-York 5-0-0. A motion was made and seconded to revoke Respondent's license. Cost of proceedings, \$5 health records fee, \$1,000 per count. Harlan-York/Gallegos 5-0-0.

14. In the Matter of the License of Koriene Kissick, 28173144A

Administrative Cause No. 2021 NB 0189

Re: Response to NOPD DAG: Natalie Stidd

Respondent: present by counsel Patrick Callahan

Witness(es): None

# Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to set aside the NOPD. Magers/Cooper 5-0-0.

15. In the Matter of the License of Mendy Lutz, 28220453A - VACATED

Administrative Cause No. 2022 NB 0059

Re: Response to NOPD

16. In the Matter of the License of Robin Knust, 28124604A

Administrative Cause No. 2022 NB 0090

DAG: Autumn Murphy with CLI August Petrungaro

Respondent: Not present

Witness(es): Dusty Dawkins with ISNAP

Exhibit(s): State's Exhibits 1-6 ()

A motion was made and seconded to hold respondent in default. King/Gallegos 5-0-0.

A motion was made and seconded to revoke Respondent's license with the imposition of the costs of the court proceedings and \$5 health records fee. Gallegos/Magers 5-0-0.

17. In the Matter of the License of Sarah Harley, 27071387A

Administrative Cause No. 2021 NB 0078

Re: Response to NOPD DAG: Hilary Brown Respondent: not present Witness(es): None Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to set aside the NOPD. Magers/Harlan-York 5-0-0.

18. In the Matter of the License of Taiyler Griffin, 28246240A

Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0111

DAG: Alex James Respondent: not present

Witness(es): Deanna Silva with OAG Exhibit(s): State's Exhibits 1-9

A motion was made and seconded to hold Respondent in default. Magers/Gallegos 5-0-0.

A motion was made and seconded to suspend Respondent's license for minimum of 2 years. ISNAP RMA compliance for no less than 1 year, \$1,000 per count, cost of proceedings, \$5 health records fee. Must complete all before petition to reinstate. Aggravating: polypharmacy, allegations related to diversion, 1 previous ISNAP failure, positive drug test at work. Cooper/Magers 5-0-0.

19. In the Matter of the License of Tara Durbin (Brewer), 27066982A

Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0044

DAG: Hilary Brown Respondent: not present Witness(es): None

Exhibit(s): State's Exhibit 1

A motion was made and seconded to hold Respondent in default. Cooper/Gallegos 5-0-0.

A motion was made and seconded to suspend Respondent's license for a minimum of 2 years, ISNAP evaluation at least 12 months prior to reinstatement petition, enter in RMA if recommended and demonstrate minimum of 6 months compliance. Cost of proceedings, \$5 health records fee, \$1,000 fine per count. All must be done before reinstatement hearing. 12 CEs in nursing ethics, 12 hours medication administration, 12 hours in nursing addiction. Cooper/Magers 5-0-0.

20. In the Matter of the License of Tera Brockman, 27045807A

Administrative Cause No. 2020 NB 0063

Re: Response to NOPD DAG: Natalie Stidd Respondent: not present Witness(es): none Exhibit(s): none

A motion was made and seconded to set aside the NOPD. Gallegos/Magers 5-0-0.

21. In the Matter of the License of Renee Kimberling, 28093238A

Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0081

Re: Response to Notice of Proposed Dismissal and Notice of Proposed Default

DAG: Ryan Eldridge Respondent: not present Witness(es): none

Exhibit(s): State's Exhibits 1-14

A motion was made and seconded to grant the Notice of Proposed Dismissal. Harlan-York/Cooper 5-0-0. A motion was made and seconded to hold Respondent in default. Cooper/Harlan-York 5-0-0. A motion was made and seconded to revoke Respondent's license, \$6,000 fine (\$1,000 per count), \$5 health records fee, costs of proceedings. Cooper/Magers 5-0-0.

#### XVI. Prehearing Settlement Conferences (Room 3, 9:00 a.m., Dr. Gallegos)

1. In the Matter of the License of Patricia Ludlow, 28205862A Administrative Cause No. 2022 NB 0030

# XVII. Personal Appearances (Rooms 1&2, 11:00 a.m., Ms. Cooper)

- 1. Deanna Burkhart: Burkart appeared for a reinstatement application with a license that expired in 2004. She became a nurse in 1993 and was an accident that caused her to step away. She is drawn back to nursing due to how she was cared for when she had cancer. She has been working as a medical assistant in a doctor's office. The ALJ recommends to the full board that Burkhart be required to complete NCLEX review course with 95% predictor or green light, take and pass NCLEX, and then complete a refresher course with clinical component to be reinstated.
- 2. Rafael Ramirez: Ramirez appeared for an initial application with a graduation date in December 2011. He has taken NCLEX twice and has been working as a CNA since he graduated from nursing school. The ALJ recommends to the full board that Ramirez's application be denied and that he may return to nursing school.
- 3. Angella Kay Farris: Farris appeared for a positive response to question 6 on her compact license application. She had previous discipline on her RN from the Board in August 2023 (fine and letter of reprimand). The ALJ recommended issuance of the license free and clear.

- 4. Lavelle Fleming: Failed to appear. Reschedule.
- 5. Jodie Miksch: Miksch appeared for a late renewal application. She was trying to renew RN license at the last minute on October 31st. She made a new account and provided a positive response. She last worked as a nurse in September 2023 but has not been working as a nurse since then. Due to creating a new account, her renewal application came through as a pending application for a new license. Because of this, she was required to complete a criminal background check. This indicated that she was arrested in September 2023 for possession of methamphetamine and criminal trespass in July 2023. She provided a positive response and indicated that the charges are still pending. She was issued a stay-away order from the hotel at question in the criminal trespass arrest. She indicated that someone took her vehicle and got into an altercation with someone at the hotel. She was previously before the Board for disorderly conduct. The ALJ recommended to the full board denial of the application due to criminal charges involving methamphetamine and criminal trespassing and indicated that there could be a subsequent appearance on a future application. Aggravating factors: several criminal charges including trespass and possession of methamphetamine, self-report of a drug issue.
- 6. Abiola Balogun: Failed to appear. Reschedule.
- 7. Paisley Trotter: Failed to appear. Reschedule.
- 8. Carrie Stoller: Stoller appeared for a reinstatement application with a license that expired in 2003. She has been an NP since 2006 in Ohio. She missed the renewal in Indiana in 2003. She did have a reprimand from Ohio in 2006 with a fine that has been resolved since that time. The ALJ recommended reinstatement of the license free and clear.
- 9. Alvi Estelita Hermoso: Hermoso appeared for an examination application with international nursing education from the Philippines with a graduation date in 2010. She reported that the last time she worked as a nurse in the Philippines was in 2021. She provided a satisfactory Credential Evaluation Service Report from CGFNS. The ALJ recommended that Hermoso be permitted to test with issuance free and clear if she passes.
- 10. Dwann Taylor: Failed to appear. Reschedule.
- 11. Shirley Becker: Failed to appear. Reschedule.
- 12. Pamela Bournique: Failed to appear. Reschedule.
- 13. Pamela Johnson: Failed to appear. Reschedule.
- 14. Stacie Johnson: Failed to appear. Reschedule.
- 15. Carmen Sonego: Scheduled for May 16, 2024. Sonego's recommendation was approved with ALJ recommendations at the June 20, 2024 meeting.
- 16. Racquel Sanchez: Sanchez appeared for a positive response on her initial application. She graduated from IU Fort Wayne in May 2024 and has since received a job offer. She was arrested in January 2023 for a domestic issue with a partner and reported that at some point, she had a protective order. She indicated that she was a victim of domestic violence, and that the case was dismissed on January 16, 2024. She also had a disorderly conduct case from February 15, 2023 to which she pleaded guilty and was placed on unsupervised probation with a no contact order. She has worked at Amazon as a driver for 18 months with no discipline. She was offered a position on a trauma unit. She reported having a 3.4 GPA and that she attends church. She is no longer with her former partner. The ALJ recommended allowing Sanchez to test with issuance free and clear. Mitigating factors: criminal case related to a domestic matter, ALJ found her to be transparent, currently employed with no discipline issues for 18 months, offer of employment at IU Health, left the community/partner at question, good GPA, complied with an concluded her criminal probation. The ALJ indicated that Sanchez should send documentation of completion of her criminal probation to IPLA.

- 17. Dione Carrillo: Carrillo appeared for a positive response on her initial application. She reported that in April 2023 she was driving after having been drinking and hit a parked car. She is on probation in that matter through July 27, 2024. Her BAC was 0.13. She was also in trouble in 2002 for possession of paraphernalia. Her employer, Beacon Health, is aware of these issues. She currently works at Beacon as a CNA. She is planning to continue working at Beacon on a stroke floor once she gets her license. The ALJ recommended allowing Carrillo to test with issuance free and clear. Mitigating factors: Carrillo has been responsible, completion of court-required substance abuse program, had self-insight to stop using alcohol, self-reported to Beacon who have kept her employed for 6 years, and Carrillo's transparency.
- 18. Kimberly Osborne: Osborne appeared for an initial application with graduation dates of 2010 (LPN) and 2011 (RN). She has failed RN NCLEX 4 times, most recently in 2015. She took a Kaplan review course prior her most recent attempt but felt she either didn't understand it or experienced anxiety. The ALK recommended to full board to deny the application and that Osborne may return to nursing school.
- 19. Mary McMullen: McMullen appeared for a positive response on her initial application. She disclosed a 2011 public intoxication, 2016 OWI, and 2019 possession of paraphernalia involving a syringe. She reports being sober since November 28, 2019, after she overdosed at her parents' house. EMS was called, she was arrested, and she entered IOP. She has since obtained coping mechanisms. Her drug of choice was heroin and she admitted to experimenting with opioids. She indicated that she was a heavy user 2015-2019. At that time she was working as a server. She now works at IU Health, where they are aware of her history. She feels she has adequate coping mechanisms at this time, strong support system, and attends weekly meetings. She had an ISNAP intake appointment scheduled for July 2, 2024. The ALJ recommended issuance of the license on probation to run the length of the RMA, or at least 3 years, whichever is longer. Signed board orders, quarterly reports, keep the board apprised of her information and any changes including criminal cases. 12 months of active practice. Mitigating/aggravating factors: age at the time she used, along with the length of time she used, drug of choice was heroin, employer is aware of her history, proactively took drug test, contacted ISNAP on her own.
- 20. Jordan Lee: Lee appeared for a positive response on her initial application with counsel Paul Barada. She disclosed that she pleaded guilty to OWI and her criminal probation will be complete in December 2024. At this time, she is only permitted to drive to and from work. She has never been in trouble before. She reported that her BAC was 0.16 at the jail after she was arrested. She now abstains from alcohol use. She works at Arbor Trace in Richmond, and they are aware of the incident, as was her college. She has already passed NCLEX. The ALJ recommended issuance of the license on probation to run the length of the criminal probation or 6 months active practice, whichever is longer. Signed board orders, quarterly reports, keep the Board apprised of her information and criminal case.
- 21. Britany Stowers: Failed to appear. Reschedule.
- 22. Christina Sand: Sand appeared for an initial application with a graduation date in 2010. She took NCLEX once in 2010. The ALJ recommended denial of the application with the recommendation that Sand return to school.
- 23. Jodi Ransom: Ransom appeared for a reinstatement of her Indiana license with a Florida license that was revoked in 2022. She was arrested in 2022 for an expired temporary license plate. At some point, she failed to appear and a warrant was issued. Later, she was in an altercation with a neighbor, who called police. She ended up pleading guilty as a felony and had 36 months of probation for resisting arrest and attempted threats. She last worked as a nurse on May 14, 2024 in Florida. The ALJ recommended reinstatement of the license on probation for 12 months of

- active practice with signed board orders, quarterly reports, and keeping the board apprised of her info and any changes along with criminal cases. Ransom agreed to the terms of probation.
- 24. Kendra Williams: Williams appeared for a reinstatement application with a license that expired in 2019. She reported that she used methamphetamine and that there was a shooting at her house that resulted in the death of her friend in October 2022. She was also arrested in May 2020 for conspiracy to traffic drugs to an inmate. She also has a February 2018 case for auto theft and 2018 possession of methamphetamine/cocaine. She has since been to 28-day rehab. The ALJ recommended reinstatement of the license on probation for minimum of 3 years or the length of RMA, whichever is longer. No home health, no school nursing. No working as charge nurse for first 9 months of probation. No working more than 56 hours per week as a nurse, and must have onsite supervision. Must complete refresher course with clinical component before working, quarterly reports, signed board orders, active practice. Mitigating factors: Williams is paying it forward, taking responsibility, she has support through her parents, she has been sober since October 28, 2022, she attended a meeting as recently as the day prior to her PA, attends a meeting every day, has reached out to ISNAP. Aggravating factors: seriousness of charges, lack of judgement, fact that she has an open plea, limited time that she had her license before she ran into issues, criminal probation not complete.
- 25. Alyssa Coats CONTINUED
- 26. Ryan Scott CONTINUED
- 27. Coreshea Aberdeen CONTINUED
- 28. Keiosha McClendon CONTINUED
- 29. Donna L Miller: Miller appeared for a positive response on her compact application. She reported that she was arrested in 2016 when she was trying to break up with her child's father. She told him to leave the home several times and he would not. The two got into an argument and she left the home with the children. She was pulled over and there were drugs in the car. She reported that her ex put them there. She was able to record her ex saying that he put the drugs in the car and the charges were dismissed. She reported that she has a restraining order against him. She reported that she has been working as a staff nurse since April 2024. The ALJ recommended issuance of the compact license free and clear.
- 30. Eno Victoria Inwang CONTINUED

# XVIII. Adjournment

# **Upcoming Board Meetings:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>ALJ/Full</u>	<b>Location</b>
July 11	ALJ	Virtual
July 18	Full	Conference Room B