



Wyoming State Board of Nursing

Mission Statement: Serve and safeguard the people of Wyoming through the regulation of nursing education and practice.

Vision Statement: Acknowledging the dynamic nature of healthcare provides the climate, collaboration and regulatory framework for nurses to practice to the fullest extent of their scope.

Core Values: Excellence, Ethics, Education, Safety and Competence

Teleconference Meeting Minutes

June 30, 2015, 1:00 p.m.

877-278-2734; pin 517378

Wyoming State Board of Nursing Conference Room
130 Hobbs Avenue, Suite B
Cheyenne, WY 82002

In accordance with the State of Wyoming Public Records Act, supporting documentation to the meeting minutes is a public record and is available upon a written request.

Voting Numbers on all decisions and motions are as follows:

In Favor – Opposed – Abstaining – Absent

Officers: President Cindy Woods, Vice President Donna Nurss, Secretary Lynn Kirman

Board Members: Marcie Burr, Marjory Christiansen, Barbara Summers, Kathy Cromer

Staff: Executive Director Cynthia LaBonde, Executive Asst/Licensing Manager Paula Poulignot

Attorney General's Office: Assistant Attorney General Jessica Frint, Senior Assistant Attorney General Bob Walters

Tuesday, June 30, 2015

Opening

a) Call to Order

President Woods called to order the meeting of the Wyoming State Board of Nursing at 1:00 p.m. on June 30, 2015 via teleconference.

b) Roll Call

Executive Director (ED) LaBonde conducted a roll call.

Board Members Present:

Cindy Woods, BSN, RN-BC, President
Barbara Summers, Public Member
Marjory Christiansen, RN, CEN RN Educator
Kathy Cromer, LPN, Board Member

Members Absent:

Donna Nurss, MS, APRN, PMHNP-BC, Vice President
Lynn Kirman, RN, MHA, NEA-BC, Secretary
Marcie Burr, RN, DO, CCHP, Board Member

Staff Present:

Cynthia LaBonde, Executive Director
Lori Hart, Practice & Education Consultant
Paula Poulignot, Executive Assistant/Licensing Manager
Laura Rowe, Compliance & Discipline Manager
Victoria Pike, Nurse Investigator
Kara Sutton, Legal Assistant

Attorney General's Office Present:

Jessica Frint, Assistant Attorney General
Bob Walters, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present:

Pamela Konakis, RN#35428
Janelle Gomez, Konakis Case Manager

c) Declaration of Quorum

Quorum declared by AAG Frint.

d) Reordering of the Agenda

Not needed

AI #01 – Consent Agenda

The Board was advised by ED LaBonde that Ms Konakis was present on the teleconference call and would like to address the Board.

At 1:07 p.m. Ms. Konakis addressed the Wyoming State Board of Nursing regarding the following:

- Faxed her signed settlement agreement to the WSNB and does not contest the agreement.
- Has been an RN for 24 years and in good standing during that time.
- Faced much stress in the last 15 month and has not made the best choices in handling the stress.
- Referenced Page 5 item B – indicating a document which stated Ms. Konakis tested positive for a drug screen and wanted the record to reflect she had never had a drug screen, alcohol test or blood test.
- Admitted to missing work on May 23, 24, and 25, 2015 in which she was on call and missed patient treatments.
- Voluntarily entered a rehabilitation facility on May 26, 2015.
- Her drug misuse has been intermittent and not continuous.

SAAG Walters responded that the blood test was referenced in the memorandum and not in the settlement agreement.

President Woods advised the Board there were two options:

- Continue with the consent agenda item as presented or,
- Proceed to Executive Session for Right to Practice.

Settlement Agreements/Stipulations

1. Konakis, Pamela, RN#35428, Case No. 14-15-321-MTX (Summary Suspension)

***Motion:** Member Summers moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. This motion was seconded by Member Cromer. The motion passed. (4-0-0-3).*

Following the motion and vote, Ms. Konakis asked the Board what is next.

SAAG Walters advised:

- Would be contacted by Investigator Pike.
- Could not practice at this time.
- Future practice to be determined after treatment program completion.

AI #02 –Executive Session – Right to Practice

Session Not Used

The Board adjourned at 1:14 p.m. The next general meeting will be on July 13-15, 2015 in Cheyenne WY.

Minutes submitted by: Paula Poulignot, Executive Assistant/Licensing Manager

Minutes reviewed by: Cynthia Woods, President 07/10/2015

Lynn Kirman, Secretary 07/10/2015

Cynthia LaBonde, Executive Director 07/06/2015

Minutes Approved at: August 11, 2015