



**PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**STATE BOARD OF NURSING
DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS
August 2007**

Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortés and Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner of the Department's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, announced 26 disciplinary actions taken by the State Board of Nursing.

Actions were taken against individuals or firms in the following counties: Allegheny (2 actions); Beaver (1 action); Berks (1 action); Bucks (2 actions); Chester (2 actions); Delaware (2 actions); Lancaster (1 action); Luzerne (1 action); Montgomery (2 actions); Philadelphia (2 actions); Washington (1 action); Westmoreland (1 action); and York (1 action). Seven actions involved Pennsylvania licenses with out-of-state addresses.

Allegheny County

Patricia A. Ellison's license, no. RN530667L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Ellison failed to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental or physical illness or condition or physiological or psychological dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (07-23-07)

Jodie V. Whelan, license no. RN540207 of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years probation, subject to terms and conditions set forth in her order. Whelan is unable to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental illness or condition or physiological or psychological dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (07-23-07)

Beaver County

Valerie D. Borkovich, license no. RN-529542-L, of Monaca, Beaver County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to May 9, 2007, based on her violation of the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (07-26-07)

Berks County

Karen Roberts, license no. RN206534L of Reading, Berks County, was assessed a \$1,300 civil penalty of \$1,300.00 and a public reprimand was placed on her permanent board record. Roberts practiced nursing without a current, valid, unexpired license. (07-23-07)

Bucks County

Margaret H. Nevins, license, no. RN146343L, of Morrisville, Bucks County, was suspended for no less than 12 months, with at least six months of active suspension. Nevins failed to conform to an ethical or quality standard of the profession by administering a drug to a patient outside of the dosage prescribed and undertook a specific practice in which she did not maintain the necessary knowledge, preparation, experience and competency to properly execute said practice. (07-23-07)

Mary Lee Gluhoski, license no. PN-270088, of Bensalem, Bucks County, was suspended for failure to pay the \$450 civil penalty levied in a previous order. (07-26-07)

Chester County

Andrea J. Diobilda, license no. PN261236L, of Coatesville, Chester County, had her license indefinitely suspended for at least three years based on findings that she is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of addiction to alcohol or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (07-10-07)

Donna M. Murray's license, no. RN300480L, of Downingtown, Chester County, was revoked, immediately stayed in favor of probation for at least seven years, retroactive to Sept. 15, 2004. Murray failed to assure that work performance evaluations were submitted to PHMP every 60 days as required in that no evaluations were received from the employer between June 2006 and May 2007. Murray did not notify the PHMP in writing within 72 hours of the change of supervisor responsible for her practice when her supervisor changed in Oct. 2006. (07-23-07)

Delaware County

Francis T. Benson, Jr., license no. RN511275L, of Milmont Park, Delaware County, was suspended for at least three years, based on findings that he is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of addiction to alcohol or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (07-19-07)

Jan E. Alwine, license no. RN-559734, of Ridley Park, Delaware County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Feb. 13, 2007, based on her violation of the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (07-26-07)

Lancaster County

LaVeena E. Batty, of Lancaster, Lancaster County, had her application to sit for the practical nurse licensing examination granted. Upon successful completion of the examination, her practical nursing license shall be immediately placed on probation for at least two years, based on Batty having furnished satisfactory evidence that she is of good moral character. (07-10-07)

Luzerne County

Nancy L. Karpowich, license no. PN258974L, of Pittston, Luzerne County, had her license indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Karpowich was unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental or physical illness or condition or physiological or psychological dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (07-23-07)

Montgomery County

Hanneke Elemans, license no. RN188336L of Pottstown, Montgomery County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and a public reprimand was placed on her permanent board record. Elemans repeatedly practiced professional nursing without a valid, current license between Nov. 1, 2002, and May 1, 2005. (07-23-07)

Joanna Michelle Buck, a/k/a Joanne Michelle Buck, license no. PN047570L, of Telford, Montgomery County, had her nursing license revoked based on having been convicted of a felony and having been convicted of a misdemeanor related to the profession. (07-10-07)

Philadelphia County

Chinyere Ndubizu Achi, license no. RN321990L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty based on findings that she received ARD for a felony crime of moral turpitude. (04-19-07)

Diane H. Eisenhower, license no. RN306569L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to May 9, 2007, based on her violation of the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (07-26-07)

Washington County

Kari Jo Carosi, license no. PN263338, of Donora, Washington County, was indefinitely suspended, based on findings that she is addicted to alcohol or is addicted to hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination, and such dependence continues, or she has become mentally incompetent. (07-31-07)

Westmoreland County

Joyce Czerniak Jones, of Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County, had her license reinstated to probationary status based on Jones having successfully completed the terms and conditions of a previous board order. (07-13-07)

York County

Renee Dancy, license no. PN257531L, of York, York County, had her license indefinitely suspended based on findings that she is unable to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental or physical illness or condition or physiological or psychological dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (07-06-07)

Out of State

Crystal Michelle Coleman, license no. PN270757, of Riverside, N.J., had her nursing license indefinitely suspended based on findings that she is unable to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental or physical illness or condition or physiological or psychological dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (07-06-07)

Catherine Knight Cox, license no. RN519368L, of Baltimore, Md., was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Feb. 16, 2007, based on her violation of the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (07-10-07)

Joseph F. Downing, license no. RN309109L, of Henderson, Nev., was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Oct. 12, 2006, based on his violation of the terms of his Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (07-10-07)

Tonya M. Ellis, license no. RN545860, of Nashville, TN, was reprimanded and assessed a \$250 civil penalty based on findings she was disciplined by the licensing board of another state. (07-10-07)

Steven L. Greco, license no. RN349649L of East Liverpool, OH, was temporarily suspended for no more than 180 days on the grounds that his continued practice within the commonwealth may be an immediate and clear danger to the public health and safety. (07-12-07)

Cindy Ann Fee, license no. RN540783, of Pitman, N.J., was revoked based on Fee having had her license revoked by the proper licensing authority in another state. (07-31-07)

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