



PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

STATE BOARD OF NURSING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS January 2008

Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortés and Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner of the Department's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, announced 41 disciplinary actions taken by the State Board of Nursing.

Actions were taken against individuals or firms in the following counties: Allegheny (2 actions); Armstrong (1 action); Bradford (1 action); Bucks (1 action); Centre (1 action); Clinton (1 action); Columbia (1 action); Cumberland (1 action); Delaware (1 action); Erie (1 action); Fayette (1 action); Forest (1 action); Franklin (1 action); Lackawanna (1 action); Luzerne (1 action); Mercer (1 action); Montgomery (3 actions); Northumberland (1 action); Philadelphia (1 action); Schuylkill (1 action); Sullivan (1 action); Washington (1 action); Wayne (1 action); Westmoreland (1 action); York (2 actions). Nine actions involved Pennsylvania licenses with out-of-state addresses.

Allegheny County

Nancy K. Niklaus, license no. RN289837L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, had her professional nursing license suspended for at least three years, retroactive to October 23, 2007, 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. (01-30-08)

The license of Marla B. Rupp, aka Marla Linsenbigler, license no. PN098563L of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was indefinitely suspended for a period of no less than three years, because Rupp violated the Act in that she committed fraud or deceit in securing her admission to practice nursing by providing false information upon her license renewal applications, and is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients. (01-14-08)

Armstrong County

Barbara Moloczniak Rusz, LPN, a/k/a Barbara M. Rusz Fabry, license no. PN100633L, of Apollo, Armstrong County, was suspended for at least one year, retroactive to November 29, 2007, because she violated an order granting reinstatement of her license on probation while she participated in a treatment and monitoring program approved by the Board. (01-14-08)

Bradford County

Teri Brady, unlicensed, of Rome, Bradford County, was denied licensure to practice as a practical nurse based on her license in Massachusetts being suspended or

revoked or was otherwise disciplined by the proper licensing authority in that state. (01-23-08)

Bucks County

Jennifer J. Ruth, license no. RN535686 of Newtown, Bucks County, had her license suspended for a period of three years, stayed in favor of three years probation subject to terms and conditions, because Ms. Ruth violated the Professional Nursing Law in that she is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental or physical illness or condition or physiological dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. Ms. Ruth last practiced in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. (01-14-08)

Centre County

Kenna Ruth Lucas, license no. PN080865L, of Centre County, paid a civil penalty of \$1,000 because Ms. Lucas violated the Practical Nursing Law in that she practiced practical nursing without a valid, current license from July 1, 2006 until on or about August 6, 2007. Lucas last practiced in Centre County. (01-15-08)

Clinton County

Stacey Ann Fields, license no. PN258456L, of Renovo, Clinton County, had her nursing license indefinitely suspended, for at least five years, based on her having pled guilty to a felony count of Conspiracy to Deliver a Controlled Substance. (01-23-08)

Columbia County

Maribeth V. Endress, RN, license no. RN286848L of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, was suspended for a period of two years, which was stayed in favor of probation; she was also ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 because she has been guilty of immoral or unprofessional conduct; failed to administer a drug ordered for a patient in the dosage and manner prescribed; and failed to document and maintain accurate records. (01-14-08)

Cumberland County

Kimberly Ann White, RN, license number RN549157, of New Cumberland, Cumberland County, was suspended for two years, because she received accelerated rehabilitative disposition of a felony charge. The entire period of suspension was stayed in favor of probation. (01-18-08)

Delaware County

Lorraine S. Goldsborough, license no. RN222957L of Chester, Delaware County, was suspended indefinitely for no fewer than four years, with such suspension immediately stayed in favor of no fewer than four years of probation because she violated the Act in that she is 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. (01-14-08)

Martin Wynne, RN, license number RN528235L, of Wallingford, Delaware County,

was suspended retroactive to January 8, 2008, based upon his out-of-state conviction that would be a felony under the Drug Act. (01-14-08)

Joanne Brown, license no. PN042497L, of Media, Delaware County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and was issued a reprimand for her continued practice of nursing after her license had expired. (01-23-08)

Joan Durbano, license no. RN199667L, of Aldan, Delaware County, had her nursing license suspended, for at least three years, retroactive to November 29, 2007, based on findings that she is unable to practice 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. (01-31-08)

Erie County

Gregory Scott Luczak, unlicensed, of Erie, Erie County, had his application to sit for the practical nurse licensure examination granted. Upon passing the examination, Mr. Luczak's license will be placed on probation for one year, based on his guilty plea to a felony under the drug act and his having demonstrated significant progress in personal rehabilitation since the conviction such that licensure should not be expected to create a substantial risk of harm to the health and safety of patients or the public or a substantial risk of further criminal violations. (01-15-08)

Fayette County

Lori J. Mancini, license no. RN501779L, of Uniontown, Fayette County, was indefinitely suspended for no fewer than three (3) years, such suspension immediately stayed in favor of no less than three (3) years of probation, because she is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment and violated an Order of the Board. (01-14-07)

Forest County

Craig G. Hebets, license no. PN104012L, of Tionesta, Forest County, had his nursing license indefinitely suspended based on his having pled guilty to a crime of moral turpitude. (01-15-08)

Franklin County

Carrie Ann Morris, license no. RN562918 and PN260833L, of Mercersburg, Franklin County, had her professional and practical nursing licenses revoked based on Ms. Morris having had her license suspended or revoked, or received other disciplinary action by the proper licensing authority in another state and that she willfully failed to report the Maryland Board's actions to the Board on the biennial registration application or within ninety days of final disposition, whichever is sooner. (01-18-08)

Lackawanna County

Jaime L. Calianno, license no. PN260496L, of Olyphant, Lackawanna County, had her nursing license suspended, for at least three years, retroactive to November 30, 2007, based on findings that she is unable to practice 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. (01-31-08)

Luzerne County

Mary E. DeSpirito, license no. PN098138L, of Hazleton, Luzerne County, had her nursing license suspended for at least three months, followed by one year of probation based on her guilty plea to a crime of moral turpitude and an act of unprofessional conduct. (01-23-08)

Mercer County

Debra E. Collins, license no. PN086557L of Sandy Lake, Mercer County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000.00 because she practiced practical nursing without a valid current license. (01-14-08)

Montgomery County

Kathleen L. Grande, license no. RN510923L of Ambler, Montgomery County, had her license suspended for a period of five years, stayed in favor of five years probation subject to terms and conditions, because Ms. Grande violated the Professional Nursing Law in that she is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental or physical illness or condition or physiological dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. Ms. Grande last practiced in Montgomery County. (01-14-08)

Teresa A. McCormick, license no. RN526152L, of Colleagueville, Montgomery County, had her nursing license suspended for at least three years, retroactive to October 18, 2007, 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. (01-15-08)

Kimberly A. Porter, license no. RN512069L, of Hatboro, Montgomery County, was suspended pursuant to the Order of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County dated February 8, 2008, which the court issued under section 4355 of the Domestic Relations Code. The suspension is effective immediately. (01-16-08)

Northumberland County

Dianne M. Garancosky, license no. PN105301L, of Shamokin, Northumberland County, had her nursing license indefinitely suspended, retroactive to November 26, 2007, based on findings that she is unable to practice 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. (01-23-08)

Philadelphia County

Edmund Billig, license no. PN252581L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, had his nursing license indefinitely suspended, retroactive to February 10, 2005, based on findings that he violated a lawful disciplinary order of the board. (01-23-08)

Schuylkill County

Stephanie A. Darzinikas, license no. RN548865, of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, had her nursing license suspended for at least three years, retroactive to October 23, 2007, based on findings that she is unable to practice 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. (01-10-08)

Sullivan County

Lesley A. Schmeltz, LPN, license number PN262069, of Muncy Valley, Sullivan County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to October 18, 2007, because she violated an order by which disciplinary action was deferred while she participated in a treatment and monitoring program approved by the Board. (01-14-08)

Washington County

Darla J. Goff, license no. PN103267L, of Washington, Washington County, had her nursing license suspended, for at least three years, retroactive to November 30, 2007, based on findings that she is unable to practice 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. (01-31-08)

Wayne County

Lisa A. Theobald, license no. RN290441L of Hawley, Wayne County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$900.00 because she practiced professional nursing without a valid current license. (01-14-08)

Westmoreland County

Terry R. Ribnicky, license no. RN261615L of Greensburg, Westmoreland County, had her license suspended for four years. After one year of active suspension, the remainder three years of suspension will be stayed in favor of three years probation subject to terms and conditions because Ms. Ribnicky violated the Professional Nursing Law in that respondent is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental or physical illness or condition or physiological dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. Ms. Ribnicky last practiced in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. (01-14-08)

York County

Amie M. Keller, license no. RN560636 of Hanover, York County, had her license suspended for a period of three years, stayed in favor of three years probation subject to terms and conditions, because Ms. Keller violated the Professional Nursing Law in that she is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental or physical illness or condition or physiological dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. Ms. Keller last practiced in York County. (01-14-08)

Stacey M. Walker, license no. PN265852 of Stewartstown, York County, was indefinitely suspended for no fewer than three years, such suspension immediately stayed in favor of no fewer than three years of probation, because Walker is addicted to alcohol or is addicted to hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination or has become mentally incompetent. (01-14-08)

Out of State

Connie Lynn Moore, license no. RN547277, of Peoria, IL, had her Pennsylvania nursing license suspended for at least three years, retroactive to November 29, 2007, based on findings that she is unable to practice 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. (01-10-08)

Pamela Fisher, license no. RN193580L, of Albuquerque, NM, had her nursing license suspended for at least three years, retroactive to May 10, 2007, said suspension stayed in favor of probation, based on findings that she violated the terms and conditions of her VRP Agreement. (01-14-08)

Susan Murray, RN, license no. RN346866L of Southampton, NJ, was indefinitely suspended for no less than four years from the entrance of an order by the Board accepting a consent agreement because Murray is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental incompetence. (01-14-08)

Bonnie D. Pukas, license no. RN142794L of Haddonfield, NJ, has permanently, voluntarily surrendered her license because she was convicted, or plead guilty, or entered a plea of nolo contendere, or has been found guilty by a judge or jury, of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude in the courts of this Commonwealth, the United States or any other state, territory, possession or country; Respondent has been guilty of immoral or unprofessional conduct and she committed fraud or deceit in the practice of nursing, or in securing her admission to such practice or nursing school. (01-14-08)

David M. Glatts, license no. RN239420L, of Fredericksburg, VA, had his Pennsylvania nursing license revoked based findings that he possessed, acquired or distributed a controlled substance for other than an acceptable medical purpose, he committed fraud or deceit in the practice of nursing, he engaged in unprofessional conduct, and he 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, so long as such dependence shall continue. (01-15-08)

Steven L. Greco, license no. RN349649L, of East Liverpool, OH, had his nursing license revoked based on disciplinary action imposed upon him by the proper licensing authority in Ohio, his false statement on his license renewal application that he had not had disciplinary action taken against him in another jurisdiction, his immoral or unprofessional conduct, his apparent inability to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of physiological or psychological dependence on narcotic drugs and his acting in such a manner as to present an immediate and clear danger to the public health and safety. (01-15-08)

Alexandria Farquharson Brown, license no. RN308244L and certificate no. UP005143C, of Sicklerville, NJ, had her nursing license and nurse practitioner certificate revoked based on findings that she practiced or attempted to offer to

practice nursing without having at the time of doing so a valid, unexpired, unrevoked and unsuspended license, she committed fraud or deceit in the practice of nursing or in securing her admission to such practice, she has been guilty of immoral or unprofessional conduct, she engaged in the practice of professional nursing or used the title "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" while her nursing license was suspended and she violated a lawful disciplinary order of the Board which suspended her license to practice nursing by practicing nursing after the effective date of the Board order. (01-23-08)

Brandi R. Goden, license no. RN528780L, of Pacific, MO, had her nursing license suspended, for at least three years, retroactive to September 10, 2007, based on findings that she is unable to practice 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. (01-31-08)

Thomas J. Wesner, RN, license number RN526258L, of Egg Harbor Township, NJ, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to July 23, 2007, because he violated an agreement by which disciplinary action was deferred while he participated in a treatment and monitoring program approved by the State Board of Nursing. (01-07-08)

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Washington (1 action); Westmoreland (1 action); and York (1 action). Nine actions involved Pennsylvania licenses with out-of-state addresses.

Allegheny County

Keith T. Gwillim, license no. RN572046, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was suspended for no less than five years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than five years of probation, because Gwillim is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (11-29-07)

Eileen E. Covell, license no. RN514428L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, had her license indefinitely suspended, retroactive to Oct. 23, 2007, based on findings that she is unable to practice 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. (12-05-07)

Jessika R. Guardino, license no. RN542756, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, had her license indefinitely suspended, retroactive to Oct. 23, 2007, based on findings that she is unable to practice 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. (12-05-07)

Krisa Lynne Gamble, license no. PN251925L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, had her license suspended for at least one year based on her guilty plea to a crime of moral turpitude. (12-20-07)

Bradford County

Diana Buck McCaughey, license no. PN107168L, of Towanda, Bradford County, had her license suspended for one year, based on findings that she was convicted of a felony. (10-22-07)

Bucks County

Stacey L. Hendricks, license no. RN535999, of Feasterville, Bucks County, had her license reinstated and immediately placed on probation for at least one year based on findings that she is fit to resume the practice of nursing. (11-16-07)

Butler County

Diane M. Jamison, license no. RN289799L, of Butler, Butler County, was denied reinstatement of her license based on her failing to present substantial credible evidence that she can resume the competent practice of nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients and failing to show three years of continued and sustained recovery. (12-05-07)

Cambria County

Stacie Charee Luther, license no. PN256498L, of Emeigh, Cambria County, had her license indefinitely suspended retroactive to Feb. 12, 2007, based on findings that she is addicted to alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs, which

tend to impair judgment or coordination. (10-25-07)

Carbon County

Brooke Gettig, license no. RN565574, of Weatherly, Carbon County, had her license suspended, for at least three years, retroactive to June 21, 2007, based on findings that she is unable to practice 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. (12-05-07)

Chester County

Ann Didomizio-Pyle, license no. RN505288L, of Oxford, Chester County, had her license suspended for at least three years based on findings that she failed to comply with the terms of her probation. (09-12-07)

Beth Simasek Conway, license no. RN261867L, of West Chester, Chester County, had her license suspended, for at least three years, retroactive to Sept. 10, 2007, based on findings that she is unable to practice 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. (12-05-07)

Columbia County

Douglas G. Carl, license no. RN510727L, of Catawissa, Columbia County, was suspended indefinitely for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation, because he 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. (11-29-07)

Delaware County

Roseann F. Nelson, license no. RN356945L, of Havertown, Delaware County, had her license suspended for at least three years, retroactive to Oct. 19, 2007, 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. (12-18-07)

Erie County

Kimberly D. Coleman, license no. PN257901L, of Erie, Erie County, had her license indefinitely suspended, retroactive to Oct. 23, 2007, based on findings that she is unable to practice 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. (12-05-07)

Greene County

Charl Williams Glendenning, license no. PN263691, of Graysville, Greene County, had her license 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. (09-12-07)

Lackawanna County

Keli Jean Lorenzetti, license no. PN089165L, of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation, because she is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (11-29-07)

Luzerne County

Christina Lamoreaux, license no. RN507604L, of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, had her license indefinitely suspended retroactive to April 24, 2007, 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. (10-22-07)

Janet Wilcox Ungarsky, license no. RN333426L, of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to Sept. 10, 2007, because she violated an agreement by which disciplinary action was deferred while she participated in a board-approved treatment program. (11-27-07)

Bridget Ann Banik, license no. PN254351L, of Wapwallopen, Luzerne County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty and had her license indefinitely suspended based on findings that she violated a board order. (12-20-07)

Linda L. Dion, license no. PN066113L, of West Hazleton, Luzerne County, had her license suspended, for at least three years, retroactive to Oct. 19, 2007, based on findings that she is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental or physical illness. (12-20-07)

McKean County

Cammy L. Engman, license no. PN257342L, of Kane, McKean County, was assessed a \$975 civil penalty because she practiced nursing while her license was expired. (11-29-07)

Montgomery County

Patricia A. Jessup, license no. RN250382L, of Pottstown, Montgomery County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to May 9, 2007, 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. (10-10-07)

Phyllis Keyser, license no. PN094585L, of Souderton, Montgomery County, had her license indefinitely suspended retroactive to March 22, 2007, based on findings that she is addicted to alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (10-22-07)

Ann Z. Pruskowski, license no. RN240155L, of Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery County, had a public reprimand placed on her board record, and was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because Pruskowski practiced professional nursing on an

expired license. (11-29-07)

Christopher A. Davis, license no. RN511093L, of Schwenksville, Montgomery County, had his license indefinitely suspended, retroactive to Oct. 23, 2007, based on findings that he is unable to practice 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. (12-05-07)

Philadelphia County

Michelle Mitchell Little Josey, license no. RN308697L, of Philadelphia County, had her license indefinitely suspended based on disciplinary action imposed upon her license by the proper licensing authority of North Carolina. (10-29-07)

Gail M. Johnston, license no. PN270033, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was suspended for no less than two years, stayed in favor of no less than two years of probation, and was ordered to complete continuing professional education hours because Johnston engaged in unprofessional conduct by failing to conform to a quality standard of care in the practice of nursing. (11-29-07)

Ellen M. Trobovic, license no. RN318222L, of Philadelphia County, had her license suspended for three years, stayed in favor of three years probation, because she is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental or physical illness or condition or physiological dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (11-29-07)

Scott P. Varga, license no. RN580461, of Philadelphia County, was suspended for no less than four years because Varga: committed fraud and deceit in the practice of nursing and in securing his admission to practice nursing; engaged in immoral or unprofessional conduct; and repeatedly engaged in the practice of professional nursing without holding a professional nursing license. (11-29-07)

George B. Trabi, license no. PN255493L, of Philadelphia County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to April 2, 2007, because he violated a board order by which disciplinary action was deferred while he participated in a board-approved treatment and monitoring program. (12-10-07)

Venango County

Toni DeLucia, license no. RN230978L, of Oil City, Venango County, had her license reinstated and placed on probation for five years based on her compliance with the terms of previous board orders for the reinstatement of her license to practice nursing. (09-24-07)

Washington County

Judy H. Devenney, license no. RN327745L, of Washington, Washington County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because she practiced professional nursing without a valid, current license. (11-29-07)

Westmoreland County

Pamela Silvis Baughman, license no. RN271643L, of North Huntingdon, Westmoreland County, had her license reinstated and placed on probation for three years based on compliance with the conditions for reinstatement of her license to practice as a registered nurse. (09-24-07)

York County

Amaris L. Danchick, license no. PN271499, of Dillsburg, York County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and her license is suspended for one year, stayed in favor of one year probation, because Danchick failed to document and maintain accurate records. (11-29-07)

Out of State

Jami Smith Burford, license no. RN245721L, of Fayetteville, N.C., had her license placed on probation based on disciplinary action taken against her license to practice in North Carolina. (09-21-07)

Jeffrey Messinger, license no. RN346635L, of Stratford, Conn., had his license indefinitely suspended retroactive to May 15, 2007, based on findings that he 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. (10-22-07)

Ellen Foster Hughes, a.k.a. Ellen Hughes Finnerty, license no. RN246374L, of Pasadena, Calif., had her license suspended for three years, stayed in favor of three years probation, said probation to be effective from Jan. 7, 2007, and subject to terms and conditions. (11-29-07)

Linda H. Johnsen, license no. RN355132L, of Marlton, N.J., was assessed a \$1,400 civil penalty and a public reprimand was placed on her permanent board record because she practiced professional nursing under a lapsed, invalid, expired, revoked or suspended license. (11-29-07)

Lori Buckley Peterle, license no. RN302208L, certificate no. TP003750B, of Nokomis, Fla., was indefinitely suspended because she is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment and violated a lawful order of the board. (11-29-07)

Elizabeth Rowand, license no. RN532476, of Leesburg, Va., was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years because Rowand is unable to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety by reason of mental or physical illness or conduction or physiological or psychological dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment and coordination. (11-29-07)

Alea L. Burger, license no. RN573566, of Hagerstown, Md., had her license indefinitely suspended, retroactive to Oct. 23, 2007, based on findings that she is unable to practice 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. (12-05-07)

Karryn M. Meeker, license no. RN354387L, of Everett, Wash., was indefinitely suspended based upon disciplinary action taken by the proper licensing authority of another state. (12-05-07)

Probyn S. Allen, license no. RN341796L, of Woodstown, N.J., had his license suspended for one year and was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty based on findings that he committed fraud or deceit in the practice of nursing, or in securing his admission to such practice, had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of New Jersey. (12-11-07)

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