



PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

STATE BOARD OF NURSING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS 4th Quarter 2006

Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortés and Basil L. Merenda, Acting Deputy Secretary for Regulatory Programs and Commissioner of the Department's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs announced 78 disciplinary actions taken by the following State Board of Nursing.

Actions were taken against individuals or firms in the following counties: Allegheny (4 action); Beaver (1 action); Blair (1 action); Bucks (2 actions); Butler (3 actions); Cambria (1 action); Centre (2 actions); Chester (2 actions); Clearfield (1 action); Cumberland (1 action); Delaware (1 action); Elk (1 action); Erie (3 actions); Huntingdon (1 action); Greene (3 actions); Indiana (1 action); Lackawanna (1 action); Lancaster (1 action); Lawrence (1 action); Lehigh (1 action); Luzerne (3 actions); Mercer (1 action); Mifflin (1 action); Montgomery (2 actions); Northampton (1 action); Northumberland (3 actions); Philadelphia (7 actions); Schuylkill (4 actions); Susquehanna (1 action); Washington (1 action); Westmoreland (4 actions); and York (1 action). A total of 16 actions involved Pennsylvania licensees with out-of-state addresses.

Allegheny County

Kelley L. Kociban of Pittsburgh, license no. PN-257668-L, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and reprimanded for practicing on an expired license. (05-09-06)

Linda Dietrich of Pittsburgh, license no. RN-510057L, was indefinitely suspended retroactive to Aug. 22, 2006, based on findings 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. (10-16-06)

Lorene Taylor of Monroeville, license no. RN-318232L, was suspended by the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas on Aug. 21, 2006. The court issued the suspension, which was effective immediately, under section 4355 of the Domestic Relations Code. (10-26-06)

Sandra S. Winghart of Allison Park, license no. RN-326106-L, had her license indefinitely suspended for no less than five years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than five years of probation, to be subject to terms and conditions. Winghart is addicted to alcohol or is addicted to hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgement or coordination. (11-13-14)

Beaver County

Nancy Sell Hartman of New Brighton, license no. PN-087380-L, had her license indefinitely suspended retroactive to Oct. 10, 2006, 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. (11-14-06)

Blair County

Vicki A. Lightner-Kane of Duncansville, license no. RN-530071-L, had her license revoked for fraud or deceit in the practice of nursing and unprofessional conduct. (10-12-06)

Bradford County

Katherine Rose Nichols of Warren Center, license no. RN-551113-L, was indefinitely suspended retroactive to May 31, 2006, 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. (10-11-06)

Bucks County

Debra M. Cimino of Yardley, license no. RN-300892-L, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and reprimanded because Cimino practiced as a professional nurse on an expired license thereby practicing nursing without a current, valid, unexpired license. (11-13-06)

Carl B. Showers of Levittown, license no. PN-152161-L, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty based upon his criminal conviction. (11-22-06)

Butler County

Cynthia Lineman Minto of Butler, license no. RN-303947-L, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to May 22, 2006, based on findings that she is unable to practice practical nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of addiction to alcohol or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (10-12-06)

Linda Kay Augustine of Butler, license no. RN-500999-L, was indefinitely suspended for no less than two years, retroactive to Aug. 24, 2006, based on her failure to comply with the terms of the Voluntary Recovery Program of the Professional Health Monitoring Programs. (10-25-06)

Cambria County

Judy F. Sherry of Nicktown, license no. PN-105850-L, was suspended indefinitely because Sherry engaged in unprofessional conduct by administering five times the prescribed dose of morphine to a patient by reason of Sherry being unable to properly calculate the correct dosage. (11-13-06)

Centre County

Sue E. Love of Bellefonte, license no. RN-226730-L, agreed to an indefinite suspension for no less than one year, stayed in favor of probation, and was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty. Love must also complete eight hours of continuing education. Love has engaged in unprofessional conduct by failing to conform to a quality standard of the profession and failed to document and maintain accurate records. (11-13-06)

Joanne C. Williams of Lemont, license no. PN-253919-L, was suspended for one year, immediately stayed in favor of one year of probation, subject to terms and conditions including the payment of a \$1,000 civil penalty. Williams misappropriated one Ultram, an analgesic pain medication, from a patient's medication pack and gave it to a coworker for pain relief. (11-13-06)

Chester County

Amy Mink Bromberg of Honey Brook, license no. RN-540562-L, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years and three months; after three months of active suspension, upon petition, the suspension may be stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Bromberg is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment, engaged in unprofessional conduct, and has pleaded guilty to a crime. (11-13-06)

Daniel M. Hamilton of Honey Brook, license no. RN-503349-L, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation, because he is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (11-13-06)

Clearfield County

Jennifer Lynn Wilson Campolong of Clearfield, license no. RN-522195-L, certificate no. SP-007523, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because she practiced as a certified nurse practitioner with prescriptive authority without filing her collaborative agreement with the board. (11-13-06)

Cumberland County

Sandra S. Frederick of Boiling Springs, license nos. PN-252611-L and RN-523935-L, was reinstated subject to a two-year period of probation based on findings she is able to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients and has completed at least three years of rehabilitation and continuous sustained recovery in accordance with the board's June 1, 2004 final order. (10-25-06)

Delaware County

Kimberly Pupo Burnley of Folsom, license no. RN-330117-L, was indefinitely suspended retroactive to July 17, 2006, 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. (10-16-06)

Elk County

Kelly J. Newlon of Ridgway, license no. PN-260817-L, was indefinitely suspended retroactive to April 19, 2006, based on findings that she is unable to practice practical 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. (08-31-06)

Erie County

Melinda J. Moffit of Erie, license no. PN-105823-L, had her license suspended for no less than three years retroactive to May 24, 2006, for violating the terms of the Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement. (09-22-06)

Tracy K. Tome of Girard, license no. DN-000358, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty based upon her criminal conviction. (10-11-06)

Carly Jo Graziano of Erie, license no. RN-522270-L, was suspended, retroactive to Aug. 24, 2006 for no less than three years, based on findings that she is unable to practice the profession of nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients. (10-12-06)

Greene County

Paul A. Miller of Waynesburg, license no. RN-530491-L, had his professional nursing license automatically suspended based on findings he was convicted of a misdemeanor under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (09-18-06)

Diana L. Chambers of Waynesburg, license no. PN-098832-L, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation, to be subject to terms and conditions. Chambers 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. (11-13-06)

Ann Latham Huebschman of Waynesburg, license no. RN-138171-L, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Aug. 24, 2006, based on findings that she is unable to practice practical nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of addiction to alcohol or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (11-16-06)

Huntingdon County

Lori Hinkle Gutshall of Huntingdon, license no. RN-277212-L, was suspended, retroactive to Aug. 24, 2006 for no less than three years based on findings that she is unable to practice the profession of nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients. (10-12-06)

Indiana County

Wanda Pearce Huey of Rossiter, license no. PN-262768-L, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Aug. 24, 2006, based on her violation of the terms and conditions of the Voluntary Recovery Program. (10-02-06)

Lackawanna County

Margaret Pribula Kresge of Scranton, license no. PN-106304-L, had her license suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Aug. 24, 2006, for violating terms of the Voluntary Recovery Program. (09-29-06)

Lancaster County

Carolyn Biedinger Onderdonk of Lancaster, license no. RN-344502-L, 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 disciplinary order of the Board. (11-13-06)

Lawrence County

Laurie A. Hill of Ellwood City, license no. PN-258809-L, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Aug. 24, 2006, based on findings that she is unable to practice practical nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of addiction to alcohol or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (10-17-06)

Lehigh County

Mary J. Kyra of Allentown, license no. RN-172462-L, was 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. (10-11-06)

Luzerne County

William J. Martin of Hunlock Creek, license no. RN-243815-L, had his license indefinitely suspended retroactive to June 29, 2006, 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. (10-11-06)

Marilyn S. Shenosky of McAdoo Heights, license no. PN-048479-L, was suspended retroactive to July 7, 2006, based upon her felony conviction under the Drug Act. (10-25-06)

Janet W. Ungarsky of Wilkes Barre, license no. RN-333426-L, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years probation. Ungarsky is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (11-13-06)

Mercer County

Donna Smouse Moonda of Hermitage, license no. RN-249753-L, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to July 29, 2005, based on findings that she is unable to practice practical nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of addiction to alcohol or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (11-08-06)

Mifflin County

Jennifer Lee Sunday of Lewistown, license no. PN-267627, was indefinitely suspended based upon her failure to submit to a mental and physical examination. (11-15-06)

Montgomery County

Lauri M. Byer of Horsham, license no. RN-358846-L, was reinstated subject to the completion of a board-approved professional nursing refresher course, and suspended for three years, stayed in favor of probation subject to monitoring by the Professional Health Monitoring Program, based on findings she is able to resume practice as a professional nurse with reasonable skill and safety to patients. (06-30-06)

Pamela D. Hangey of Pottstown, license no. RN-194422-L, was indefinitely suspended retroactive to Aug. 25, 2006, 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. (10-11-06)

Northampton County

Kathryn I. Bidy of Easton, license no. RN-219009-L, had her professional nursing license placed on inactive status based on her failure to comply with the terms of the Voluntary Recovery Program of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (11-15-06)

Northumberland County

Joseph Hovanes of Atlas, license no. RN-183572-L, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to March 7, 2006, 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. (09-12-06)

Stacy Lynn Hutnick of Mount Carmel, license no. PN-267657, was automatically suspended for up to one year based on her guilty plea to seven misdemeanor counts of knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance in violation of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (11-03-06)

Stacy Lynn Hutnick of Mount Carmel, license no. PN-267657, 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. (11-13-06)

Philadelphia County

Melinda DuClos of Carson City, NV or Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, unlicensed, was denied a license based on discipline of her Nevada nursing license and the allegation of impairment associated with that raises concerns that she is not fit to practice nursing. (09-12-06)

Kathleen M. Lulejian of Philadelphia, license no. RN-259538-L, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to March 7, 2006, 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. (09-12-06)

David Allen Heffner of Philadelphia, license no. RN-555840-L, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and had his license suspended until at least Aug. 5, 2008, stayed in favor of probation subject to terms and conditions imposed by the board. (09-29-06)

Elaine M. Wright of Philadelphia, license no. RN-271827-L, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to Aug. 25, 2006, based upon her violations of the board order by which disciplinary action was deferred while she participated in a board-approved treatment program. (10-10-06)

Chanelle M. Washington of Philadelphia, license no. RN-523801-L, was suspended for a minimum of two years for having received alternative disposition of a felony charge and disciplinary action in another jurisdiction. The entire period of suspension was stayed in favor of probation. (10-11-06)

Fawn R. Rittenhouse of Philadelphia, license no. RN-312365-L, had her license indefinitely suspended for no less than four years, retroactive to the filing of a Petition for Appropriate Relief on July 14, 2006, which originally suspended Rittenhouse's license. Rittenhouse is unable to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental incompetence. (11-13-14)

Andrew Muraresku of Philadelphia was granted permission to sit for the professional nurse examination and upon his successful completion of the examination, shall be issued a professional nursing license which shall be immediately placed on probation for three years subject to monitoring by the Professional Health Monitoring Programs. The action is based on applicant's criminal convictions and findings he is able to practice as a professional nurse with reasonable skill and safety to patients, subject to monitoring by the board. (11-14-06)

Schuylkill County

Melissa M. Donlen of St. Clair, license no. PN255148L, was actively suspended for at least three years, retroactive to July 17, 2006, based on her failure to comply with the terms of the Voluntary Recovery Program of the Professional Health Monitoring Programs. (09-07-06)

Donna M. Knapp of Pine Grove, license no. PN-259641-L, was suspended for six months and ordered to complete a continuing education course in medication administration or its equivalent within six months of the effective date of the order. Knapp is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits or other causes; guilty of unprofessional conduct or such conduct as to require a suspension or revocation in the public interest; and failing to document and maintain accurate records. (10-12-06)

Sheila D. Fishburn of Ashland, license no. RN524688L, was actively suspended for at least three years, retroactive to Feb. 28, 2005, based on her failure to comply with the terms of the Voluntary Recovery Program of the Professional Health Monitoring Programs. (10-16-06)

Debra L. Schane of Cumbola, license no. RN-291063-L, was revoked and assessed a \$1,500 civil penalty based upon her criminal convictions. (11-15-06)

Susquehanna County

Jan Lee of Montrose, license no. RN-244511-L was assessed a \$1,000 civil

penalty, a public reprimand placed on Lee's permanent board record, and Lee must complete an ethics course totaling at least eight hours within six months. Lee committed fraud or deceit in the practice of nursing. (11-13-06)

Washington County

Phyllis Spinnenweber of Canonsburg, license no. RN-190255-L, was indefinitely suspended based upon her failure to submit to a mental and physical examination. (10-12-06)

Westmoreland County

Linda Prince Lanish of Wexford, license no. RN-305338-L, had her license suspended for a period of not less than three years retroactive to April 10, 2006, based on findings she violated the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program consent agreement and order. (08-31-06)

Margaret Stadterman of Lower Burrell, license no. RN-197615-L, was revoked and assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty based upon her criminal convictions. (10-12-06)

David B. Speranza of Avonmore, license no. RN-547046-L, was suspended retroactive to Sept. 27, 2006, based upon his felony conviction under the Drug Act. (10-23-06)

Kevin J. Carney of New Kensington, license no. PN-253874-L, was suspended by the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas on April 17, 2006. The court issued the suspension, which was effective immediately, under section 4355 of the Domestic Relations Code. (10-27-06)

York County

Nancy Owens of York, license no. RN-193704-L, was indefinitely suspended for no less than 18 months, retroactive to Owens' suspension date of March 2, 2006, immediately stayed in favor of no less than 18 months of probation. Owens 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. (11-13-06)

Out of State

Steve Planey of Canfield, OH, license no. RN-318669-L, had his license revoked based on findings his nursing license had been revoked by the OH State Board of Nursing. (08-31-06)

Andrew Hayden of New Castle, DE, unlicensed, was denied licensure as a professional nurse by endorsement based on findings he is unable to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental and 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. (09-07-06)

Mary Ann (Luther) Brunelli of San Antonio, FL, license no. RN-502355-L, had her license actively suspended for at least three years, retroactive to May 22, 2006, based on her failure to comply with the terms of the Voluntary Recovery Program of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (09-19-06)

Jenna Cramer of Cuyahoga Falls, OH, license no. RN546747, was actively suspended for at least three years, retroactive to May 22, 2006, based on her failure to comply with the terms of the Voluntary Recovery Program of the Professional Health Monitoring Programs. (09-19-06)

Barbara J. Francis of Cypress, TX, license no. PN-256588-L, was suspended by the Chester County Court of Common Pleas on Aug. 31, 2006. The court issued the suspension, which was effective immediately, under section 4355 of the Domestic Relations Code. (09-27-06)

Charlene K. Maraffi of Covington, LA, license no. RN-238569-L, had her license placed on probation until she provides documentary evidence that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing has reinstated her license to practice professional nursing without restriction in Louisiana. (09-28-06)

Kathleen Reilly Mayer of Apopka, FL, license no. RN-312136-L, had her license placed on probation concurrent with her monitoring by Florida's Intervention Project for Nurses. (09-28-06)

Dale P. Merritt of Savannah, GA, was denied application for professional nursing license by endorsement based on findings that he pled guilty to a crime of moral turpitude, had disciplinary action taken against his nursing licenses by the proper licensing authority in other states, committed fraud or deceit in securing his admission to the practice of nursing in Pennsylvania, and does not possess the good moral character required for licensure. (10-12-06)

Ruth Ellen Hibbard of Vestal, NY, license no. RN-549744-L, had her license revoked based on having pled guilty to and being convicted of a felony in the courts of another state and disciplinary action taken against her license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-16-06)

William T. Boyce of Rio Grande, NJ, license no. RN-537758-L, was actively suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to April 10, 2006, based on his failure to comply with the terms of the Voluntary Recovery Program of the Professional Health Monitoring Programs. (10-20-06)

Annette L. Racz of Burghill, OH, license no. RN-553231 was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less

than three years of probation, to be subject to terms and conditions. Racz 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. (11-13-06)

William A. Lewis of Kenner, LA, license no. RN-216954-L, had his license suspended, stayed in favor of probation, based on disciplinary action taken by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing. (11-14-06)

Sandra H. Scheer of Prescott Valley, AZ, license no. RN-332852-L, was indefinitely suspended based upon disciplinary action in another state. The entire period of suspension was stayed in favor of probation. (11-15-06)

Maryanne T. Tascione of Mesa, AZ, license no. RN-226017-L, was indefinitely suspended based upon disciplinary action in another state. The entire period of suspension was stayed in favor of probation. (11-15-06)

Susan E. Smith of Cornelius, NC, license no. RN-284028-L, was assessed a \$300 civil penalty based upon disciplinary action in another jurisdiction. (11-22-06)

Thomas C. Zackey of Berlin, NJ, license no. PN-150732-L, was suspended for one year based upon his disciplinary action in another jurisdiction. The entire period of suspension was stayed in favor of probation. (11-22-06)

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