



**PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**STATE BOARD OF NURSING
DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS
2nd Quarter 2006**

Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortés and Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner of the Department's of Professional and Occupational Affairs, today announced 67 disciplinary actions taken by the following State Board of Nursing.

Actions were taken against individuals or firms in the following counties: Allegheny (12 actions); Beaver (1 action); Berks (3 actions); Bucks (5 actions); Butler (1 action); Cambria (1 action); Chester (1 action); Clarion (1 action); Columbia (1 action); Crawford (1 action); Cumberland (1 action); Dauphin (1 action); Delaware (2 actions); Elk (1 action); Fayette (3 actions); Lackawanna (3 actions); Lancaster (1 action); Lebanon (3 actions); Luzerne (2 actions); Lycoming (2 actions); Monroe (1 action); Montgomery (4 actions); Northampton (1 action); Philadelphia (4 actions); Warren (1 action); Washington (1 action); and Westmoreland (3 actions). Six actions involved Pennsylvania licensees with out-of-state addresses.

Allegheny County

Patrice Donovan Dady, license no. PN-106726-L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was indefinitely suspended retroactive to December 27, 2005, 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.

Tracy Lynn Orsulak, R.N., license no. RN-342314-L, of North Versailles, Allegheny County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to December 6, 2005, based on findings Orsulak 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. (03-03-06)

Lauren L. Davis, license no. PN-106734-L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was indefinitely suspended, retroactive to December 27, 2005, based on findings that

Davis is unable to practice practical nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients. (03-06-06)

Allyson Alexander, license no. RN-272746-L, of North Versailles, Allegheny County, was denied reinstatement of her professional nursing license. Alexander failed to prove that she is fit to practice. (03-08-06)

Kelly L. Kociban, license no. PN-257668-L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, had her nursing license reprimanded and received a \$1,000 civil penalty for practicing practical nursing with a lapsed license. (03-09-06)

Monica Locus Vaught, license no. RN-279079-L, of McKees Rocks, Allegheny County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than four years, *nunc pro tunc* to July 29, 2005, based on findings Locus Vaught is unable to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of addiction to alcohol or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (03-09-06)

George F. Tilley, license nos. PN-2500401 and RN-527571-L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was denied reinstatement to practice nursing based on his failure to provide evidence to support reinstatement. (03-09-06)

Jason E. Zalice, R.N., license no. RN-519958-L, of Bethel Park, Allegheny County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to July 28, 2005, based on findings Zalice is unable to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of addiction to alcohol or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (03-09-06)

Beth Brodmerkel Beeler, license no. RN-301124-L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was suspended. Beeler failed to comply with the terms of the Voluntary Recovery Program of the Professional Health Monitoring Unit of the Professional Health Monitoring Programs. (03-17-06)

Lawrence T. McGregor, license no. RN-332013-L, of Coraopolis, Allegheny County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to July 28, 2005, based on findings that he 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. (03-23-06)

Margaret Lorraine Dunegan, license no. RN509803L, of Verona, Allegheny County, was automatically suspended, retroactive to March 21, 2006, based on her conviction of a felony under the controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act (Drug Act). (04-12-06)

Mary Porter Mifflin, license no. PN-103018-L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, such suspension 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. (05-22-06)

Beaver County

Leslie K. Ward, R.N., license no. RN-535922 of Rochester, Beaver County, was suspended of her nursing license for one year, with the suspension stayed in favor of probation for one year. Ward was also assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and a public reprimand was placed upon her permanent board record because Ward has been guilty of immoral or unprofessional conduct. (05-22-06)

Berks County

Connie Leininger Hafer, license no. PN-097318-L, of Mohnton, Berks County, had her practical nursing license revoked. Hafer pled guilty to a crime of moral turpitude. (03-07-06)

Leonard T. DeBellis, RN, license no. RN-511214-L, of Bechtelsville, Berks County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to July 29, 2004, based on findings that he 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. (04-13-06)

Patricia Marshall Hancock, license no. RN-500979-L of Robesonia, Berks County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, because Hancock 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. (05-22-06)

Bucks County

Edmund K. Gibbons, license no. PN-091787-L, of Richlandtown, Bucks County, was suspended, with the suspension stayed in lieu of probation until such time as he successfully completes his criminal probation, subject to terms and conditions. Gibbons has been convicted or has pleaded guilty to a felony crime in Pennsylvania. (03-07-06)

Pamela DeLuca, license no. RN-288679-L, of Warminster, Bucks County, was actively suspended for at least three years, retroactive to January 19, 2006, based on her failure to comply with the terms of the Voluntary Recovery Program of the Professional Health Monitoring Programs. (03-10-06)

Connie Marie Hawk, license no. RN-508729-L, of Bensalem, Bucks County, was actively suspended for at least three years, retroactive to January 19, 2006,

based on her failure to comply with the terms of the Voluntary Recovery Program of the Professional Health Monitoring Programs. (03-10-06)

Maurietta Rizer, RN, a/k/a Maurietta Sureth, license number RN-215761-L, of Levittown, Bucks County, was suspended for at least one year based upon her criminal convictions. The entire period of suspension was stayed in favor of probation. (4-12-06)

Roseann F. Nelson, RN, license no. RN-356945-L of Doylestown, Bucks County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, with the suspension immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Nelson is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (5-22-06)

Butler County

Patricia Heinzman, license no. PN-053168-L of Slippery Rock, Butler County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years. Heinzman pleaded guilty of a felony in a court of this commonwealth to a crime of moral turpitude and was convicted of a misdemeanor which relates to the profession. (05-22-06)

Cambria County

Sandra Strum Leamer, L.P.N., license no. PN-091957-L, of Northern Cambria, Cambria County. Leamer failed to report that her license was revoked by another state. (02-01-06)

Chester County

Beth M. Gibson, license no. RN-290324-L, of Elverson, Chester County, was actively suspended for at least three years, retroactive to January 19, 2006, based on her failure to comply with the terms of the Voluntary Recovery Program of the Professional Health Monitoring Unit of the Professional Health Monitoring Programs. (05-05-06)

Clarion County

William Leroy McSwain, no. TGPN012498, of Sligo, Clarion County, was immediately and temporarily suspended for no more than 180 days on the grounds that his continued practice within the commonwealth may make him an immediate and clear danger to the public health and safety. (05-22-06)

Columbia County

Lesley A. Schmeltz, LPN, license no. PN-262069-L of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years and three

months, retroactive to April 1, 2006. Schmeltz is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (05-22-06)

Crawford County

Ruby Jo Montgomery, license no. PN-077677-L, of Meadville, Crawford County, was granted reinstatement to practice nursing subject to an evaluation by an approved chemical dependency treatment provider to assess Montgomery's fitness to practice nursing. Upon reinstatement, her license shall be placed on probation for a period of no less than three years to be monitored by the board. (02-01-06)

Cumberland County

Sally Kalina, license no. PN-047569-L, of Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, had her nursing license reprimanded and received a \$1,000 civil penalty for practicing nursing without a valid, unexpired license. (03-23-06)

Dauphin County

Sherri Lebo Smith, license no. RN-271268-L, of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, such suspension 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 and received accelerated rehabilitative disposition for a felony criminal charge. (05/22/06)

Delaware County

Jennifer Ostrow Herbert, license no. RN-522211-L, of Aston, Delaware County was suspended for a period of three years, retroactive to May 27, 2005. Herbert practiced while her license was suspended and misappropriated drugs from an employer. (03-07-06)

Maria Dellacamera Sharkey, license no. RN-320415-L of Media, Delaware County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, with the suspension immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation, and the probation subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the order. Sharkey is unable to practice the profession of nursing 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. (05-22-06)

Elk County

Brian Hasselman, license no. RN-515877-L, of St. Mary's, Elk County, was reinstated and his license suspended for three years, with said suspension being stayed in favor of probation, subject to terms and conditions. Hasselman demonstrated that he is able to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety. (03-07-06)

Fayette County

Laurie A. Valdiserri, license no. PN-105971-L, of Belle Vernon, Fayette County, was granted reinstatement to practice nursing subject to an evaluation by an approved chemical dependency treatment provider to assess her fitness to practice nursing. Upon reinstatement, her license shall be placed on probation for a period of three years, monitored by the board. (03-09-06)

Heidi Valent Frederick, license no. RN-315515-L, of Belle Vernon, Fayette County, was actively suspended for at least three years, retroactive to March 2, 2006, based on her failure to comply with the terms of the Voluntary Recovery Program of the Professional Health Monitoring Unit of the Professional Health Monitoring Programs. (05-05-06)

Frank Georgio, Jr, license no. RN-542373-L of New Salem, Fayette County, agreed to a public reprimand against his license because he received discipline against his nursing license in the state of Massachusetts. (05-22-06)

Lackawanna County

Christine Stanczyk Swift, L.P.N., license no. PN-102080-L, of Peckville, Lackawanna County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to December 6, 2005, based upon her violation of the agreement by which disciplinary action was deferred while she participated in a treatment program approved by the board. (02-14-06)

Andrea M. Bobersky, license no. RN-315151-L, of Scranton, Lackawanna County, was indefinitely suspended based on her no contest plea to a crime of moral turpitude. (03-07-06)

B. Paul Manno, license no. RN-316920-L, of Scranton, Lackawanna County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to August 1, 2005, based on findings Manno is unable to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of addiction to alcohol or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (03-23-06)

Lancaster County

Sheri L. Heckler, license no. PN-253655-L, of Lancaster, Lancaster County, was granted reinstatement of her practical nurse license, subject to her compliance with the continued competency provision of the board's regulations at 49 Pa. Code §21.156a, and upon reinstatement of her license to practice nursing, that license shall immediately be placed on probation for at least three years, subject to monitoring by the Professional Health Monitoring Program. Heckler was found able to resume the practice of practical nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients. (03-08-06)

Lebanon County

Margaret Whitman Purcell, L.P.N., license no. PN-099558-L, of Cleona, Lebanon County, was revoked. Purcell practiced on a suspended license. (02-01-06)

Colette Rupponer Rivera, license no. PN-258743-L, of Lebanon, Lebanon County, was suspended for three years, retroactive to May 24, 2005, based on findings Rivera 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. (03-09-06)

Barbara R. Achenbach, license no. PN-105835-L, of Lebanon, Lebanon County, was suspended for two years and thirty days, with the first 30 days' active suspension and the remaining two years stayed in favor of probation. Achenbach was convicted or has pleaded guilty to crimes of moral turpitude in a criminal court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. (03-14-06)

Luzerne County

Donna M. Olson, license no. RN-255094-L, of Pittston, Luzerne County, was indefinitely suspended retroactive to January 16, 2006, based on findings that Olson 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. (03-07-06)

Michelle Sura Stemrich, license no. RN-286803-L of Wapwallopen, Luzerne County, agreed to a public reprimand and paid a \$1,000 civil penalty because she practiced nursing on an expired license. (05-22-06)

Lycoming County

Kathleen M. Yoxheimer, license no. RN-514742-L of Williamsport, Lycoming County, was suspended for no less than three years, with the suspension immediately stayed in favor of no less than three of probation. Yoxheimer is

unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (05-22-06)

Danielle B. Parlante, license no. PN-106011-L of Williamsport, Lycoming County, was suspended for three years because she is not able to practice practical nursing safely due to illness. (05-22/23-06)

Monroe County

Shelley Irwin DeAngelis, license no. RN-343851-L, of Effort, Monroe County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, such suspension to be immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. DeAngelis is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (05-22-06)

Montgomery County

Elayne Rhoads, RN, CRNP, license numbers RN-290891-L and SP-003325-C, of Lafayette Hill, Montgomery County, was indefinitely suspended. Rhoads failed to submit to a mental and physical examination. (3-07-06)

Cynthia L. Bohn, a.k.a. Cynthia Lou Bohn-Van Alstine, license no. RN-308006-L, of Norristown, Montgomery County, and Sacramento, CA, was indefinitely suspended following disciplinary action by a licensing authority in another state. (03-14-06)

Lisa Elizabeth Miller, license no. RN-278927-L, of Ambler, Montgomery County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to January 19, 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. (03-15-06)

Debra L. Stabler, license no. RN-246357-L, of Bala Cynwyd, Montgomery County, was automatically suspended for one year based on her guilty plea to a misdemeanor of knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled or counterfeit substance. (06-27-06)

Northampton County

William Ernest Webster, III, license no. RN-565325L, of Bethlehem, Northampton County, agreed to the revocation of his professional nursing license because he has acted in such a manner as to present an immediate and clear danger to the public health and safety, engaged in conduct defined as a sexual violation or sexual impropriety in the course of a professional relationship, and is guilty of immoral and unprofessional conduct. (05-22-06)

Philadelphia County

Joyce Mosley, license no. RN-204840-L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was revoked based on her criminal convictions for aggravated assault, a felony; and simple assault, possession of instruments of crime, and recklessly endangering another person, misdemeanor crimes of moral turpitude, in a court of this commonwealth. (03-07-06)

Kathleen Byrne Trottnow, license no. RN-308735-L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to January 20, 2005, based upon her violations of the agreement by which disciplinary action was deferred while she participated in a treatment program approved by the board. (03-07-06)

Darian K. Jacobs, license no. PN151498L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was suspended by the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas on March 21, 2006. The court issued the suspension, which was effective immediately, under section 4355 of the Domestic Relations Code. (04-05-06)

Katherine A. Williams, license no. RN327974L of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty and a public reprimand was placed on Williams' permanent board record. Williams practiced as a professional nurse on an expired license thereby practicing nursing without a current, valid, unexpired license. (05-22-06)

Warren County

Agatha T. Kiser, license no. RN-282305-L of Russell, Warren County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, with such suspension immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation retroactive to July 13, 2005. Kiser is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients. (05-22-06)

Washington County

Joan Creely, unlicensed, of Washington, Washington County, was denied admission to sit for the registered nurse re-examination based on findings that she is not of good moral character and is unable to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients. (03-06-06)

Westmoreland County

Teresa Keene Brown, license no. RN517524-L, of Ligonier, Westmoreland County, was granted reinstatement of her professional nursing license and immediately placed on probation for a period of 30 months, subject to terms and

conditions. Brown presented substantial credible evidence that she is able to resume the practice of professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients. (03-07-06)

Michelle H. Cicco, license no. RN-524020-L, of Irwin, Westmoreland County, was indefinitely suspended, retroactive to March 2, 2006, based on findings that she is unable to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of addiction to alcohol or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (04-07-06)

Cheryl L. Cowan, license no. RN-330366-L, of Latrobe, Westmoreland County was placed on probation for at least one year subject to monitoring by the board. (04-12-06)

Out of State

Abbey Kristina Argiro, license no. RN-536556-L, of Poland, OH, was automatically suspended, retroactive to February 23, 2006, based on her conviction of a felony under the controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act (Drug Act). (03-29-06)

Narda Cole Carroll, license no. PN-152294-L, of Wheeling, WV, was revoked following disciplinary action taken against her license by another state. (03-08-06)

Donna Marie Walls, license no. RN-502707-L, of Woodbury, NJ, was levied a \$1,000 civil penalty for practicing professional nursing without a current and valid license. (03-17-06)

Octavia Cooper, license no. RN322666L, of Sickerville, NJ, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty based on findings she repeatedly practiced as a professional nurse on an expired license. (04-12-06)

Alexandria Farquharson Brown, license no. RN-308244-L and certificate no. UP-005143-C, of Sickerville, NJ, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, with the suspension stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Brown 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 had discipline against her nursing license in another state. (05-22-06)

Dana Burcham, license no. RN-540941 of Brandon, Mississippi, has agreed to voluntarily and permanently surrender her nursing license, because she had disciplinary action taken against her license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (05-2&23-06)

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