



## **PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

### **STATE BOARD OF NURSING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS January 2007**

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 60 disciplinary actions taken by the following State Board of Nursing.

Actions were taken against individuals or firms in the following counties: Allegheny (4 actions); Armstrong (1 action); Bradford (1 action); Bucks (3 actions); Cambria (1 action); Carbon (1 action); Centre (1 action); Chester (3 actions); Cumberland (1 action); Delaware (4 actions); Erie (1 action); Fayette (2 actions); Forest (1 action); Huntingdon (1 action); Indiana (1 action); Lackawanna (2 actions); Lancaster (2 actions); Lawrence (2 actions); Lebanon (1 action); Lehigh (1 action); Lycoming (1 action); Monroe (2 actions); Montgomery (5 actions); Montour (2 actions); Northampton (1 action); Philadelphia (3 actions); Schuylkill (1 action); Wayne (1 action); Westmoreland (1 action); and York (3 actions). A total of 6 actions involved Pennsylvania licensees with out-of-state addresses.

#### **Allegheny County**

Sarah Wilks, license nos. RN522574L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was indefinitely suspended based upon her failure to submit to a mental and physical examination. (10-12-06)

Angela Wagner, license no. PN250370L of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Aug. 24, 2006. Wagner 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)

Paul Joseph Pociask, Jr., license no. RN558336, of Bethel Park, Allegheny County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Oct. 10, 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. (11-28-06)

Laura Deluca McBain, license nos. RN324405L & PN097018L of Oakdale, Allegheny County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed on license no. RN324405L in favor of no less than three years of probation. McBain is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol or mental impairment. (01-04-07)

### **Armstrong County**

Melody K. Slater, license no. PN262330, of Ford City, Armstrong County, was temporarily suspended of her nursing license based upon evidence that she is a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety. Slater is accused of, and currently facing criminal charges for, the theft of narcotics from patients at two different facilities. (11-13-06)

### **Bradford County**

Sharon Johnson Myers, license no. PN095372L, of Wysox, Bradford County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to March 23, 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. (11-28-06)

### **Bucks County**

Suzanne White Centanni, license no. PN261185-L, of Quakertown, Bucks County, had the suspension of her license reinstated to probationary status to run concurrent with the remainder of her criminal probation. (12-01-06)

John J. Hendry, Jr., license no. PN264699L, of Levittown, Bucks County, 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. (01-04-07)

Pamela B. Rose, license no. RN294538L of Warrington, Bucks County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because Rose practiced professional nursing while unlicensed. (01-04-06)

### **Cambria County**

Colleen Ashcom, license no. RN252619L, of Johnstown, Cambria County, was automatically suspended based on findings that she pled guilty to a felony under the PA Drug Act for knowingly and intentionally obtaining possession of Hydromorphone (Dilaudid), a Schedule II controlled substance, by misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception or subterfuge. (11-20-06)

**Carbon County**

Rita P. Rickert, license no. PN058219L, of Albrightsville, Carbon County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to Oct. 5, 2006, based upon her violations of an agreement by which disciplinary action was deferred while she participated in a treatment program approved by the board. (12-01-06)

**Centre County**

Shelley Turner Bryan, license no. RN522849L of Osceola Mills, Centre County, was indefinitely suspended from the practice of nursing, because Bryan possessed, used, acquired or distributed a controlled substance or caution legend drug for other than an acceptable medical purpose and engaged in immoral or unprofessional conduct. (01-04-07)

**Chester County**

Karen E. Batty, license no. RN313610L, of Downingtown, Chester County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Oct. 11, 2006, based on her violation of the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (11-30-06)

Linda Utz Doyle, license no. RN325879L, of West Chester, Chester County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Oct. 10, 2006, based on her violation of the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (11-30-06)

Kathleen J. Kerr, license no. PN103013L of Downingtown, Chester County, was suspended for no less than two years. Kerr is addicted to alcohol or is addicted to hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination; and Kerr has been guilty of immoral or unprofessional conduct in that she forged prescriptions for narcotics and other medications without a valid prescription. (01-04-07)

**Cumberland County**

Lashawn R. Sheaffer, license no. PN262945, of Carlisle, Cumberland County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation, subject to terms and conditions of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. Sheaffer has a recent history of drug abuse and addiction and is psychologically and physically dependent upon the narcotic Vicodin. (01-04-07)

**Delaware County**

Anne Marie Campbell, license no. PN069675L, of Havertown, Delaware County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty based on her willful or repeated practice of practical nursing without a valid current license. (10-16-06)

Natalie L. Ryan, license no. RN534170L, of Havertown, Delaware County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to Oct. 6, 2006, because she violated an agreement by which disciplinary action was deferred while she participated in a board-approved treatment program. (12-19-06)

Wilhelmina V. Dixon, license no. PN251937L, of Lansdowne, Delaware County, had a public reprimand placed on her permanent board record, and was assessed a \$500 civil penalty. Dixon pled guilty in a court of competent jurisdiction in this commonwealth of a crime involving moral turpitude. (01-04-07)

Sandra Grabuski, license no. RN213753L of Wayne, Delaware County, had her license indefinitely suspended for no less than three years and six months. After no less than six months of active suspension, Grabuski may petition the board for a stay of suspension in favor of no less than three years of probation, subject to terms and conditions. Grabuski is unable to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety 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 and coordination. (01-04-06)

#### **Erie County**

Kelly E. Maclsaac, license no. PN152592L, of Erie, Erie County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Oct. 10, 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. (11-28-06)

#### **Fayette County**

John F. High, license no. RN303092L, of Uniontown, Fayette County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and had his professional nursing license revoked based on findings he failed to carry out nursing care actions which promote, maintain, and restore the well-being of individuals, was guilty of immoral or unprofessional conduct when he failed to respect and consider the patient's right to freedom from psychological and physical abuse, and failed to document and maintain accurate records. (11-27-06)

Jeanne H. Hamer, license no. RN331101L of Belle Vernon, Fayette County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Hamer is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (01-04-07)

#### **Forest County**

Craig G. Hebets, license no. PN104012L, of Tionesta, Forest County, was automatically suspended based on his guilty plea to a misdemeanor in violation

of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act ("Drug Act"). (12-11-06)

### **Huntingdon County**

Charles Backenstose, license no. BL051334L, of Huntingdon, Huntingdon County, was suspended by the Chester County Court of Common Pleas on Nov. 13, 2006. The court issued the suspension, which was effective immediately, under section 4355 of the Domestic Relations Code. (11-27-06)

### **Indiana County**

Bonnie Geletka, license no. PN106850L, of Indiana, Indiana County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to July 13, 2006, based on her violation of the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (11-20-06)

### **Lackawanna County**

Kimberly Farina, license no. RN330715L, of Archbald, Lackawanna County, had her license to practice professional nursing reprimanded and was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty based on findings she was convicted of a crime of moral turpitude in a court of this commonwealth. (11-15-06)

Donna Villella, license no. RN213262L, of Carbondale, Lackawanna County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to Oct. 5, 2006, based upon her violations of an agreement by which disciplinary action was deferred while she participated in a treatment program approved by the State Board of Nursing. (12-01-06)

### **Lancaster County**

Debe Louise Oxley, license no. RN556338, of Manheim, Lancaster County, was suspended for one year, stayed in favor of no less than one year of probation, subject to conditions. Oxley was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and ordered to complete a specific continuing education course in the ethics of nursing practice, because Oxley demonstrated unprofessional conduct. (01-04-07)

Lori Walker Stoner, license no. PN080070L of Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Stoner is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (01-04-07)

### **Lawrence County**

Tammy Marie McLaren, license no. PN253012L, of New Castle, Lawrence County, was automatically suspended based on her guilty plea to misdemeanors in violation of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act ("Drug Act"). (12-11-06)

Debbie W. Campbell, license no. RN295392L of New Castle, Lawrence County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years and three months, retroactive to Nov. 14, 2006. Campbell was unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs and alcohol, or mental incompetence. (01-04&05-06)

### **Lebanon County**

Carisa D. Zidik, license no. RN500599L, of Newmanstown, Lebanon County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to Oct. 6, 2006, based upon her violations of an agreement by which disciplinary action was deferred while she participated in a treatment program approved by the State Board of Nursing. (11-28-06)

### **Lehigh County**

Virginia Stover, license no. RN170875L, of Slatington, Lehigh County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to Nov. 13, 2006, based upon her violations of an agreement by which disciplinary action was deferred while she participated in a board-approved treatment program. (12-4-06)

### **Lycoming County**

William M. Ayers, license no. RN269965L, of Jersey Shore, Lycoming County, 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. (11-27-06)

### **Monroe County**

Shelley Irwin DeAngelis, license no. RN353851L, of Effort, Monroe County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Oct. 6, 2006, based on her violation of the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (11-20-06)

Melinda Lamberson Reynolds, license nos. PN100970L and RN528947L, of Pocono Summit, Monroe County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Reynolds is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (01-04-07)

### **Montgomery County**

Susan Ginnow Preston, license no. RN271513L, of Montgomeryville, Montgomery County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Oct. 12, 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. (11-28-06)

Robin McGettigan Farr, license no. PN085914L, of Abington, Montgomery County, was suspended for no less than five years, retroactive to Oct. 10, 2006, based on her violation of the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (11-30-06)

Jean M. Gilson, license no. PN267318L, of Telford, Montgomery County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Gilson is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (01-04-07)

Gina L. Kurz, license no. RN316787L of Pottstown, Montgomery County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Kurz was unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental incompetence. (01-4-07)

Patricia H. Stretton, license no. RN284187L, of Willow Grove, Montgomery County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Stretton is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (01-04-06)

#### **Montour County**

Corinea A. Bradley, license no. PN256212L, of Danville, Montour County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Oct. 10, 2006, based on her violation of the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (11-20-06)

Dana M. Kruleski, license no. RN529567L, of Danville, Montour County, was automatically suspended based on her guilty plea to a misdemeanor in violation of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act ("Drug Act"). (11-03-06)

#### **Northampton County**

Linette B. Pacchioli, license no. RN278388L of Easton, Northampton County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because Pacchioli engaged in the practice of nursing while her license was lapsed. (01-04-07)

#### **Philadelphia County**

Melissa A. Meizis, license no. PN258333L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was indefinitely suspended, based on findings 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. (11-29-06)

Kathleen Slingerland, license no. RN304498L of Philadelphia, Philadelphia 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 fourth in her Consent Agreement and Order. Slingerland 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. (11-13-06)

Adrienne G. Gray, license no. RN320165L of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, is indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation, subject to terms and conditions. Gray 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, and in that Gray has violated a lawful disciplinary order of the board. (01-04-07)

### **Schuylkill County**

Alice M. (Sidella) Bradford, license no. PN102035L of Pottsville, Schuylkill County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and her license was suspended for a period of one year, stayed immediately in favor of one year probation, subject to terms and conditions. Bradford has been guilty of immoral or unprofessional conduct. (01-04-06)

### **Wayne County**

Kathleen Flaherty-Behlke, license no. PN081810L, of Honesdale, Wayne County, was denied reinstatement of her professional nursing license based on her failure to provide documentary record of her treatment and rehabilitation and current status of recovery. (10-03-06)

### **Westmoreland County**

Diane Bundy Headrick, license no. RN518325L, of Greensburg, Westmoreland County, had her license revoked based on findings she received Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition in the disposition of felony charges, misappropriated equipment, materials, property, drugs or money from an employer or patient, possessed, used, acquired or distributed a controlled substance or caution legend drug for other than an acceptable medical purpose, engaged in immoral or unprofessional conduct, and committed fraud or deceit in the practice of nursing. (11-15-06)

### **York County**

Lucretia B. Heist, license no. PN032870L, of York, York County, was publicly reprimanded and was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty because Heist practiced on a lapsed license. (01-01-07)



Jennifer L. Freeman, license no. PN530889L of York, York County, had her license revoked, retroactive to March 2, 2006, because Freeman pleaded guilty to a felony or a crime of moral turpitude in the courts of the commonwealth. (01-04-06)

Wendy Carter Grubbs, license no. RN336456L of York, York County, was suspended for a period of one year, stayed in favor of probation, subject to terms and conditions. Grubbs was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and ordered to complete, prior to the end of the period of probation, a continuing education course in documentation. Grubbs demonstrated unprofessional conduct. (01-04-07)

### **Out of State**

David M. Glatts, license no. RN239420L, of Fredericksburg, VA, was temporarily suspended, pending a hearing, based on the finding that Glatts presents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety. Glatts was indicted with one count each of burglary and theft of controlled substances from an employing hospital in NJ, was charged with a felony count of acquisition or possession of controlled substances from a hospital in PA, was terminated from three employing hospitals for unresolved situations involving missing controlled substances from two of the hospitals and for failing to disclose such terminations to a third hospital and for admitting to the use of controlled substances for recreational purposes.

Susan Pietrocarlo, license no. RN208769L, of Aliso Viejo, CA, had her professional nursing license indefinitely suspended, stayed in favor of probation until Pietrocarlo's license to practice professional nursing has been reinstated without restriction in CA. (11-29-06)

Megan Jo Viltro, license no. RN558852, of Steubenville, OH, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to Oct. 5, 2006, based upon her violations of an agreement by which disciplinary action was deferred while she participated in a board-approved treatment program. (11-30-06)

Elizabeth M. McCue Beal, license no. PN262943-L, of Yorkville, OH, was automatically suspended based on her conviction of a felony under the controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act (Drug Act). (12-05-06)

Courtney Michelle Feather, license no. RN565160 of Wintersville, OH, was actively suspended for two weeks, with the remainder of six months on probation, and was required to complete a course in nursing ethics. Feather engaged in unprofessional conduct by departing from or failing to conform to an ethical or quality standard of the profession. (01-04-07)

Carolyn Ann Warden, license no. RN538975L of Barryville, NY, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty and also received a public reprimand because she practiced nursing on an expired license. (01-04-07)

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