



PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

STATE BOARD OF NURSING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS February 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 16 disciplinary actions taken by the following State Board of Nursing.

Actions were taken against individuals or firms in the following counties: Bucks (1 action); Columbia (1 action); Delaware (1 action); Erie (1 action); Luzerne (4 actions); Northampton (1 action); Somerset (1 action); Warren (1 action); Washington (1 action); Wayne (1 action); and Westmoreland (1 action). Two actions involved Pennsylvania licensees with out-of-state addresses.

Bucks County

Stacey Hendricks, license no. RN535999, of Feasterville, Bucks County, was denied reinstatement of her professional nursing license based on her failure to prove that she is fit to practice. (11-15-06)

Columbia County

Lesley A. Schmeltz, license no. PN262069L, of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, was reinstated based upon a finding that she is able to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients. (01-09-07)

Delaware County

Patricia Mabie, license nos. RN303567L and PN091025L, of Thornton, Delaware County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Oct. 11, 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. (12-14-06)

Erie County

Kimberly Rene Zaffuto, license nos. RN300851L, of Erie, Erie County, was indefinitely suspended based upon her failure to submit to a mental and physical examination. (01-05-07)

Luzerne County

Lorraine A. Kozloski, license no. PN256102L, of Pittston, Luzerne County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Oct. 11, 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. (12-14-06)

Tracey A. Mensinger, license no. PN098436L, of Freeland, Luzerne County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Dec. 6, 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. (12-14-06)

Shannon Switzer, license no. RN532143, of Ashley, Luzerne County, was suspended for one year and assessed a \$500 civil penalty for committing fraud or deceit in the practice of nursing and engaging in unprofessional conduct. The entire period of suspension was stayed in favor of probation. (01-12-07)

Lois Disque Warner, license no. RN166218L, of Mountain Top, Luzerne County, was suspended for up to one year, retroactive to Nov. 30, 2006, based upon her misdemeanor conviction under the Drug Act. (01-03-07)

Northampton County

Mark S. Walker, license no. RN224364L, of Bethlehem, Northampton County, was suspended for a minimum of 18 months because he violated regulations of the board by undertaking a specific practice without the necessary qualifications and by failing to safeguard a patient from an incompetent, abusive or illegal practice. After serving six months of active suspension, the balance of the period of suspension may be stayed in favor of probation. (01-05-07)

Somerset County

Robert B. Wojcicki, license no. RN248002L, of Windber, Somerset County, was suspended indefinitely because he is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients due to drug use. (01-05-07)

Warren County

Laura Kathleen Johnson, license no. PN081723L, of Clarendon, Warren County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Oct. 11, 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. (12-14-06)

Washington County

Mary Lynn Tarbuck, license no. RN257260L, of Washington, Washington County, was denied reinstatement. (01-9-07)

Wayne County

Colleen Marie Schultz, license no. PN252026L, of Lakewood, Wayne County, was suspended for one year, based upon her criminal conviction. The entire period of suspension was stayed in favor of probation. (01-09-07)

Westmoreland County

Joyce Czerniak Jones, license no. RN331388L, of Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County, had her license indefinitely suspended for no less than six months, during which she must complete a course relating to nursing ethics and professional responsibility, and after which she may petition the board to have her license reinstated to probationary status for two years. Jones committed immoral or unprofessional conduct by failing to respect and consider, while providing nursing care, an individual's right to freedom from psychological and physical abuse, failed to act to safeguard a patient from the incompetent, abusive or illegal practice of any individual, and failed to document and maintain accurate records. (11-20-06)

Out of State

Diane A. Riccio, license no. RN555131, of Flemington, NJ, was reprimanded based upon her disciplinary action in another jurisdiction. (01-09-07)

Allan C. White, license no. RN550357L, of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, was indefinitely suspended, based upon disciplinary action in another state. (01-05-07)

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