



**PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**STATE BOARD OF NURSING
DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS
May 2007**

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

Actions were taken against individuals or firms in the following counties: Beaver (1 action); Dauphin (2 actions); Delaware (1 action); Lackawanna (1 action); and Lehigh (1 action).

Beaver County

Robin Ruth Nugent, also known as Robin Buchanan Hoffman, license no. PN096077L, of Aliquippa, Beaver County, had her license indefinitely suspended for at least one year, stayed in favor of probation. Nugent/Hoffman was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and must complete an ethics of nursing practice course. Nugent/Hoffman engaged in fraud or deceit in the practice of nursing and then failed to document and maintain accurate records. (03-06-07)

Dauphin County

China L. Scott, license no. PN258643L, of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, was revoked and assessed a \$2,500 civil penalty based upon her criminal convictions and false statements made on application for licensure. (03-30-07)

Sherri Lebo Smith, license no. RN271268L, of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to Sept. 16, 2006, because she violated a board order by which disciplinary action was deferred while she participated in a board-approved treatment program. After one year of active suspension, the remaining period of suspension is stayed in favor of probation. (04-04-07)

Delaware County

Mary Jane Skurka, license no. RN273415L, of Drexel Hill, Delaware County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to Nov. 13, 2006, because she violated a board order by which disciplinary action was deferred while she participated in a board-approved treatment program. (04-04-07)

Lackawanna County

Leslie C. Klapatch, license no. PN069905L, of Scranton, Lackawanna County, had her license suspended for three years, stayed in favor of probation subject to monitoring by the Disciplinary Monitoring Unit of the Professional Health Monitoring Programs. Klapatch is addicted to alcohol and has been alcohol dependent for a significant period of time. (03-19-07)

Lehigh County

Joanne Mikkelsen Wolk, license no. RN279380L, of Alburtis, Lehigh County, was indefinitely suspended based upon her failure to submit to a mental and physical examination. (03-30-07)

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A complete list of sanctions is available online at

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