



## **PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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

Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortés and Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner of the Department's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, announced 40 disciplinary actions taken by the State Board of Nursing.

Actions were taken against individuals or firms in the following counties: Allegheny (5 actions); Armstrong (2 actions); Blair (3 actions); Bucks (2 actions); Butler (1 action); Chester (1 action); Clearfield (1 action); Cumberland (1 action); Erie (2 actions); Fayette (2 actions); Franklin (1 action); Lackawanna (1 action); Lebanon (1 action); Luzerne (1 action); Montgomery (2 actions); Northampton (1 action); Philadelphia (1 action); Schuylkill (1 action); Susquehanna (1 action); Venango (1 action); Washington (1 action); and York (3 actions). Five actions involved Pennsylvania licenses with out-of-state addresses.

#### **Allegheny County**

Anita L. Gleason, license no. RN502101L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was actively suspended for at least three years, retroactive to July 13, 2006, based on her failure to comply with the terms of the Voluntary Recovery Program of the Professional Health Monitoring Programs (PHMP). (09-07-06)

Mary Ann Miele, license no. RN304360L, of Allison Park, Allegheny County, was suspended for three years, the first six months to be served as active suspension with the remaining 30 months stayed in favor of probation. Miele committed fraud or deceit in the profession. (03-06-07)

Stacy L. Smith, license no. RN521546L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to Aug. 24, 2006. Smith violated an agreement by which disciplinary action was deferred while she participated in a board-approved treatment program. (05-03-07)

Barbara Diven, license no. RN128271L of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and her license was publicly reprimanded. Diven practiced on an expired license. (05-07-07)

Bette Yunker Conroy, license no. RN299996L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, agreed to an indefinite suspension of her nursing license for no less than 15 months, which may be stayed in favor of probation after three months of active suspension, and to complete 24 hours of continuing education. Conroy engaged in unprofessional conduct by failing to conform to a quality standard of the profession; failed to document and maintain accurate records; and engaged in an area of highly specialized practice without adequate knowledge of and skills in the practice area involved. (05-08-07)

### **Armstrong County**

Nina Magagnotti Recupero, a/k/a Nina Ann Recupero, license no. PN091986L, of Kittanning, Armstrong County, was suspended for up to one year retroactive to Feb. 8, 2007, based upon her misdemeanor conviction under the Drug Act. (3-09-07)

Melody K. Slater, license no. PN262330, of Ford City, Armstrong County, was revoked and assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty because she committed unprofessional conduct and misappropriated drugs, presented an immediate and clear danger to the public health and safety and was convicted of crimes. (05-10-07)

### **Blair County**

Wilfred C. Hoover, license no. RN510710L, of Roaring Spring, Blair County, was assessed a \$250 civil penalty based on his having received Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition in the disposition of felony charges for receiving stolen property. (04-06-07)

Dennis A. Kerr, license no. RN527788L, of Altoona, Blair County, had his license placed on probation for one year and was assessed a \$500 civil penalty based on his having pled guilty to simple assault and disorderly conduct. (04-06-07)

Amanda Fickes, license no. RN564300, of Altoona, Blair County, had her license suspended for a period of three years, stayed in favor of three years probation subject to terms and conditions. Fickes is unable to practice the profession 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. Fickes last practiced in Tyrone, Blair County. (05-07-07)

### **Bucks County**

Melody G. Kozar, license no. RN348498L of New Hope, Bucks County, was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty and received a public reprimand. Kozar practiced on a lapsed license from April 30, 2002 through May 12, 2006. (05-07-07)

Patricia Anne Pessa, license nos. PN071039L and RN503122L of Levittown, Bucks County, agreed to an indefinite suspension for no less than one year, immediately stayed in favor of probation, paid a \$1,000 civil penalty, and agreed to complete eight hours of continuing education. Pessa engaged in unprofessional conduct by failing to conform to a quality standard of the profession; misappropriated property from an employer or patient; and used a controlled substance for other than an acceptable medical purpose. (05-08-07)

### **Butler County**

Kenneth Goliat, license no. RN204854L, of Butler, Butler County, had his license indefinitely suspended for failure to submit to a mental and physical examination. (04-04-07)

### **Chester County**

Elizabeth A. Moog, license no. RN334239L, of West Chester, Chester County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than two years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than two years of probation, with credit since May 22, 2006. Moog 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 Moog violated a lawful disciplinary board order. (05-07-07)

### **Clearfield County**

Brandy Bell Witherite, license no. PN105047L, of Clearfield, Clearfield County, was revoked based upon her criminal convictions. (05-10-07)

### **Cumberland County**

Geraldine Drayer, license no. RN188900L, of Wormleysburg, Cumberland County, was indefinitely suspended because she is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment and has been guilty of unprofessional conduct. (05-08-07)

### **Erie County**

Crystal Ocamb Corritore, license no. RN322679L, of Erie, Erie County, had her license publicly reprimanded and indefinitely suspended, immediately stayed in favor of probation until such time as the board is provided with written documentation that she has worked as a nurse in Pennsylvania for two years while her license has been on probation or, alternatively, until the board is provided with written documentation that the Florida State Board of Nursing has reinstated her license to practice nursing without restriction in that state, based on findings she had disciplinary action taken against her license by the proper licensing authority in Florida. (02-26-07)

Brenda Leo Mazzeo, license no. RN260711L and CRNP certificate no. SP006971B, of North East, Erie County, had her license indefinitely suspended because she is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients due to alcohol dependence. (04-06-07)

### **Fayette County**

Lori J. Mancini, license no. RN501779L, of Smithfield, Fayette County, 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. (05-08-07)

Vaughana L. Valente, license no. RN308735L, of Brownsville, Fayette County, was suspended for at least three years because she committed fraud or deceit in the practice of nursing, committed unprofessional conduct and violated board regulations by failing to document and maintain accurate records, falsifying or knowingly making incorrect entries into patient records, and misappropriating money from an employer or patient. (05-10-07)

### **Franklin County**

Lucinda D. Clippinger, license no. PN051707L, of Chambersburg, Franklin County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to July 17, 2006, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation, retroactive to July 17, 2006. Clippinger is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (05-07-07)

### **Lackawanna County**

Margaret S. Derr, license no. PN093441L of Taylor, Lackawanna County, had her license indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Derr was unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (05-07-07)

### **Lebanon County**

Kathleen Mitchell, license no. PN267868, of Palmyra, Lebanon County, was suspended retroactive to April 18, 2007, based upon her felony conviction under the Drug Act. (05-10-07)

### **Luzerne County**

Darla Jean Balzano, license no. RN580543, of Huntington Mills, Luzerne County, was suspended for one year, stayed in favor of probation subject to terms and conditions including the completion of continuing education and payment of a \$1,000 civil penalty. Balzano aided and abetted, or attempted to aid and abet, nursing assistants in performing functions for which a nursing license is required. (05-07-07)

**Montgomery County**

Geralyn M. Conolly, license no. RN235823L of Roslyn, Montgomery County, was suspended for no less than three years. Conolly is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental illness or condition. (05-07-07)

Josef Mazurek Luba, license no. RN554158 of Harleysville, Montgomery County, had his license indefinitely suspended for no less than three years. Luba was unable to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (05-07-07)

**Northampton County**

Lynda Pinch Moore, license no. PN100585L, of Northampton, Northampton County, was denied reinstatement of her license to practice nursing based on her failure to provide documentation that her N.J. license had been reinstated to unrestricted status. (05-16-07)

**Philadelphia County**

Michelle L. D'Ambrosio, license no. RN538501L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, had her license indefinitely suspended for violating the terms of the Voluntary Recovery Program. (04-06-07)

**Schuylkill County**

Lisa Szuminski Caputo, license no. PN096128L, of Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, was placed on a six-month period of probation based on her violation of the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program (PHMP). (02-22-07)

**Susquehanna County**

Janet Conklin, license no. RN204120L of New Milford, Susquehanna County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to March 23, 2006, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation, retroactive to March 23, 2006. Conklin was unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental incompetence. (05-07-07)

**Venango County**

Kelli Lynne Galkowski, license no. RN524410L of Pleasantville, Venango County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than five years, retroactive to the filing of her Petition for Appropriate Relief on Feb. 13, 2007. Galkowski 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. (05-07-07)

**Washington County**

Jennifer Bergenstein McPeek, license no. RN315105L, of McMurray, Washington County, had her license revoked for being convicted of welfare fraud, a crime of moral turpitude, and obtaining the renewal of her license by fraud or misrepresentation. (04-04-07)

**York County**

Kara Marie Phillips, license no. PN252545L, of York, York 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"). (03-21-07)

Lori Hoopengardner Jordan, license no. RN530078L, of Dillsburg, York County, had her license suspended for at least six months, stayed upon completion of nursing education coursework. Jordan was also assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty based on having engaged in unprofessional conduct by failing to conform to an ethical standard of the profession to safeguard the patient's dignity, right to privacy and confidentiality. (04-12-07)

Nichole D. Shellenberger, license no. PN261387L of York, York County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because she practiced on an expired license. (05-07-07)

**Out of State**

Aurrellia Bradshaw Fryer, license no. RN315986L, of Winston-Salem, N.C., had her license placed on probation and must complete nursing education coursework with a minimum of eight contact hours related to medication administration and documentation, based on findings she had disciplinary action taken against her license by the proper licensing authority in another state. (02-28-07)

Michelle Josey, license no. RN308697L, of Concord, N.C., formerly of Philadelphia County, had her license suspended for her conviction of a felony. (03-06-07)

Carroll J. Youngdale Clark, license no. RN540094L, of Hornell, N.Y., had her PA license indefinitely suspended until there is an evaluation to determine her ability to practice as a professional nurse with reasonable skill and safety. (04-04-07)

Charmane M. Garner, license no. RN358137L, of Cordova, Tenn., had her PA license indefinitely suspended due to disciplinary action in another state. (04-04-07)

Alexandria Farquharson Brown, license no. RN308244L and certificate no. UP005143C, of Sicklerville, N.J., was indefinitely suspended for at least three years, retroactive to Nov. 13, 2006. Brown 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. (05-04-07)

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