

# PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

# STATE BOARD OF NURSING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS April 2007

Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortés and Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner of the Department's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs announced 27 disciplinary actions taken by the following State Board of Nursing.

Actions were taken against individuals or firms in the following counties: Allegheny (3 actions); Armstrong (2 action); Beaver (1 action); Berks (1 action); Centre (1 action); Cumberland (1 action); Fayette (1 action); Fulton (1 action); Greene (1 action); Lackawanna (1 action); Luzerne (1 action); Northampton (1 action); Philadelphia (4 actions); and Washington (1 action). Seven actions involved Pennsylvania licensees with out-of-state addresses.

# **Allegheny County**

Kathleen M. Leo, license, no. RN517779L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was suspended for a period of no less than three years, because Leo is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of addiction to narcotic drugs and in that she possessed, used, acquired or distributed a controlled substance or caution legend drug for other than an acceptable medical purpose when she acquired fentanyl, a controlled substance, in 2005 and 2006. (03-29-07)

Lori L. Guyaux, license no. PN258989L, of North Versailles, Allegheny County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to Aug. 1, 2005, based on her violation of the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (03-07-07)

Shelly L. Wright, license no. RN249784L of Springdale, Allegheny County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, because she is unable to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of metal or physical illness or condition or physiological dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (03-29-07)

#### **Armstrong County**

Karen J. Blanciak, license no. PN101624L, of Apollo, Armstrong County, was indefinitely suspended retroactive to Dec. 28, 2006, based on findings she 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 on alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (02-22-07)

Sylvia Marino, license no. RN293668L of Leechburg, Armstrong County, had her license suspended for a period of three years, stayed in favor of three years probation to begin retroactively on June 28, 2004, subject to terms and conditions. Marino 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. Watson last practiced in Mars, Butler County. (03-29-07)

# **Beaver County**

Lisa A. Grimm Gruber, license no. RN306656L, of Freedom, Beaver County, had her license actively suspended for no less than 18 months, retroactive to July 13, 2006, after which 18 months she shall be placed in the Professional Health Monitoring Program/Disciplinary Monitoring Unit, based on her failure to comply with the terms of the Voluntary Recovery Program of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (02-26-07)

#### **Berks County**

Carol Sabatucci Zogas, license no. RN277113L of Reading, Berks County, had her license 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. Zogas was unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (03-29-07)

# **Centre County**

Douglas A. Johnson, of State College, Centre County, license no. PN100369L, was granted reinstatement to practice nursing subject to the successful completion of reactivation requirements set forth in 49 Pa. Code § 21.156a and a recent copy of his criminal record from the Pennsylvania State Police. Upon reinstatement, his license shall be placed on probation for a period of five years, monitored by the board. (02-28-07)

#### **Cumberland County**

Maryanne Bulo, license no. RN127572L, of Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, was suspended for at least three years retroactive to Oct. 12, 2006, based on her violation of the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (02-09-07)

#### **Fayette County**

Jennifer L. Harvey, license no. RN324988L, of Grindstone, Fayette County, had her license indefinitely suspended, based on findings she 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, she possessed, used, acquired or distributed a controlled substance or caution legend drug for other than an acceptable medical purpose, she falsified or knowingly made incorrect entries into patient records, and is guilty of immoral or unprofessional conduct in the departure from or failure to conform to ethical and/or quality standards of the profession concerning medication administration and dispensing and record keeping. (02-26-07)

#### **Fulton County**

Sonya Benedick Peck, license no. PN082129L of McConnellsburg, Fulton County, was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty and had a public reprimand placed on her permanent board record. Peck practiced as a licensed practical nurse on an expired license. (03-29-07)

# **Greene County**

Vincent M. Cirota, license no. RN517006L of Clarksville, Greene County, was suspended for no less than three years because Cirota is unable to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental or physical illness. (03-29-07)

# Lackawanna County

Anita C. Boer, license no. RN354920L, of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, was indefinitely suspended retroactive to Dec. 18, 2006, based on findings she 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 on alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (02-22-07)

#### **Luzerne County**

Richard Fedor, license no. RN207074L, of Hudson, Luzerne County, was indefinitely suspended retroactive to Jan. 17, 2007, based on findings he 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 on alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (02-22-07)

#### **Northampton County**

Victoria A. Heim's license, no. RN258496L, of Nazareth, Northampton County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than five years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than five years of probation, subject to terms and conditions. Heim 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. (03-29-07)

#### Philadelphia County

John C. Green, license no. RN344621L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, had his license to practice professional nursing reinstated subject to a one-year probation and monitoring by the Professional Health Monitoring Program, based on findings he is fit and competent to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients. (01-12-07)

Erin M. Donohoe, license no. RN309089L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was suspended for no less than three years retroactive to Jan. 4, 2007, based on her violation of the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (03-07-07)

Megan J. Moore, license no. RN576101 of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty, received 90 days active suspension and one year probation because Moore engaged in the practice of professional nursing while not properly licensed. (03-29-07)

Marla A. McIntosh, license no. PN151677L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, had her practical nursing license placed on probation for at least two years and until her criminal probation is completed, based on having been convicted of a felony. (02-22-07)

#### **Washington County**

Edward A. Driskill, license no. PN101273L of Washington, Washington County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and a public reprimand was placed on his permanent board record because Driskill practiced as a licensed practical nurse on an expired license. (03-29-07)

#### **Out of State**

Denise M. Bradley, license no. PN275771, of Copenhagen, NY, was granted a professional nursing license and immediately placed on probationary status to run concurrent with the remainder of her criminal probation. (2-12-07)

Lynette Eisaman, license no. RN230986L, of Wheeling, W. Va., was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to May 23, 2006, based on her violation of the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (03-07-07)

Robert T. Lang, license no. RN356464L of Rancho Cordova, Calif. permanently, voluntarily surrendered his license, because Lang voluntarily surrendered his license to practice nursing to the proper licensing authority of another state. (03-29-07)

Paul D. Morrow, license no. RN246632L, of Cherry Hill, NJ, is suspended for no less than three years because Morrow is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental illness and/or physiological or psychological dependence upon narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (03-29-07)

Wendy Bea Lewark, license no. PN270354, of Cocoa, Fla., had her license indefinitely suspended retroactive to Dec. 18, 2006, based on findings that she is addicted to alcohol or is addicted to hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. She last practiced in Hermitage, Mercer County. (02-15-07)

Cynthia F. Maczuga, of Bear, Del., license no. PN091028L, was assessed a public reprimand based on disciplinary action taken against her license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (02-22-07)

Hugh J. Menter, license no. RN341502L, of Voorhees, NJ, had his nursing license suspended for at least three years, retroactive to July 13, 2006, because he violated a board order by which disciplinary action was deferred while he participated in a board-approved treatment program. (03-07-07)

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