

# PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

# STATE BOARD OF NURSING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS July 2007

Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortés and Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner of the Department's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, announced 45 disciplinary actions taken by the State Board of Nursing.

Actions were taken against individuals or firms in the following counties: Allegheny (3 actions); Armstrong (1 action); Bucks (2 actions); Cambria (1 action); Chester (1 action); Dauphin (1 action); Erie (2 actions); Fayette (3 actions); Huntingdon (1 action); Lackawanna (1 action); Lancaster (1 action); Lehigh (3 actions); Luzerne (4 actions); Montgomery (3 actions); Northumberland (1 action); Philadelphia (2 actions); Pike (1 action); Tioga (2 actions); Washington (1 action); Westmoreland (1 action); and York (3 actions). Seven actions involved Pennsylvania licenses with out-of-state addresses.

#### **Allegheny/Washington Counties**

Lori Ann Bowers, license no. PN253580L, of McDonald, Washington and Allegheny counties, had her license automatically suspended based on findings she pled guilty to one count of intentional possession of controlled substances by persons not registered, a misdemeanor violation under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (01-23-07)

#### **Allegheny County**

Donna Simpson Viglione, license no. RN517783L, of Monroeville, Allegheny County, was suspended retroactive to March 7, 2006, based upon her felony conviction under the Drug Act. (5-29-07)

Justin James Reid, license no. PN265623, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to May 8, 2007, because he violated an agreement by which disciplinary action was deferred while he participated in a treatment program approved by the board. (6-18-07)

#### **Armstrong County**

Stephen R. Dilick, license no. RN505488L, of Ford City, Armstrong County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than 3.5 years from the entering of the order accepting this agreement. Dilick is unable to practice with reasonable skill and

safety by reason of mental or physical illness or conduction or physiological or psychological dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment and coordination. (06-21-07)

#### **Bucks County**

Michele Torgerson Euster, license no. RN503137L, of Dublin, Bucks County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to March 30, 2007, based on her violation of the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program consent agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (05-31-07)

Jade Thoms Incelli, license no. RN284272L, of Levittown, Bucks County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than one year, retroactive to Feb. 17, 2007, immediately stayed in favor of no less than one year of probation. Incelli is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (06-21-07)

# **Cambria County**

Jeanmary Blair, license no. RN302534L, of Patton, Cambria County, was indefinitely suspended for at least three years, retroactive to March 29, 2007, based on findings that she is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of addiction to alcohol or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (05-18-07)

#### **Chester County**

Steve W. Patrick, license no. PN067082L, of West Chester, Chester County, had his license suspended indefinitely and for no less than three years, retroactive to April 3, 2006, stayed in favor of probation subject to monitoring by the Disciplinary Monitoring Unit, based on findings that he violated the terms of his Voluntary Recovery Program agreement. (05-11-07)

#### **Dauphin County**

Brent W. Killian, license no. RN518710L, of Hummelstown, Dauphin County, was suspended for no less than six years, no less than three of which are to be active suspension. Killian has been guilty of unprofessional conduct and failed to document and maintain accurate records. (06-21-07)

#### **Erie County**

Carla Hamilton Gambill, license no. PN264185, of Erie, Erie County, was suspended, based upon her felony conviction under the Drug Act. (05-16-07)

Kimberly Denise Middleton, license no. RN549253, of Corry, Erie County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Middleton is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (06-21-07)

#### **Fayette County**

Cynthia L. Andrews, license no. RN335141L, of Uniontown, Fayette County, was denied reinstatement of her professional nursing license because she is unable to practice 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. (06-28-07)

Ron W. Klink, license no. PN151016L, of Point Marion, Fayette County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and a public reprimand was placed on Klink's permanent board record. Klink was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state, specifically before the West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses; and failed to report disciplinary action taken in another state either within 90 days of final disposition or on the application for renewal of his commonwealth license, whichever was sooner. (06-21-07)

Barbara Rusz Fabry, license no. PN100633L, of Uniontown, Fayette County, had her license reinstated to probationary status based on Fabry proving she has met the conditions of a previous board order. (05-14-07)

# **Huntingdon County**

Elisha D. Showers, license no. PN262662, of Petersburg, Huntingdon County, was suspended for two years and assessed a \$500 civil penalty because she received alternative disposition in lieu of felony charges. The entire period of suspension was stayed in favor of probation. (5-15-07)

#### **Lackawanna County**

Joellen Hodorovich, license no. RN22883L, of Archbald, Lackawanna County, had her license suspended for three years, stayed in favor of three years probation subject to terms and conditions. Hodorovich 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. Hodorovich last practiced in Scranton, Lackawanna County. (06-07-07)

#### **Lancaster County**

Danielle Diane Milliron, license no. PN267707, of Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to March 29, 2007, 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. (05-21-07)

#### Lehigh County

Stacey L. Reamer, license no. RN355701L, of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to Oct. 26, 2004, because she

violated a board order by which disciplinary action was deferred while she participated in a board-approved treatment program. (4-04-07)

Lisa Ann Comstock, license no. RN263910L, of Macungie, Lehigh County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to March 30, 2007, based on her violation of the terms of her Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (06-01-07)

Amy Coldren Marker, license no. RN527459L of Allentown, Lehigh County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and a public reprimand was placed on her permanent record. Marker practiced with her employer from Nov. 1, 2003 through Oct. 27, 2005 with a license that expired on Nov. 1, 2003. (06-21-07)

#### **Luzerne County**

Carla Booth Schumacher, license no. PN080513L, of Pittston, Luzerne County, was suspended for two years based upon her criminal convictions. The entire period of suspension was stayed in favor of probation. (5-15-07)

Linda L. Dion, license no. PN066113L of West Hazelton, Luzerne County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Dion is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (06-21-07)

Cheryl Donnelly, license no. RN232805L of Laflin, Luzerne County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Donnelly is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (06-21-07)

Sallyann Shupp, license no. RN176688L, of Drums, Luzerne County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because Shupp practiced on an expired license thereby practicing nursing without a current, valid, unexpired license. (06-21-07)

#### **Montgomery County**

Keri B. Poulicakos, license no. PN256778L, of Pennsburg, Montgomery County, had her license suspended for at least two years, retroactive to July 3, 2006, for having been convicted of a misdemeanor that relates to the profession; having pled guilty to a crime involving moral turpitude; having misappropriated equipment, materials, property, drugs or money from an employer or patient; having been guilty of unprofessional conduct; having committed fraud or deceit in the practice of practical nursing; and being dependent upon alcohol or hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. (05-11-07)

Brenda Magee, license no. PN065605L, of Lansdale, Montgomery County, had her license suspended for one year, stayed in favor of one year probation subject to terms and conditions; was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty; and was ordered to take eight contact hours of continuing education in Nursing Law & Ethics. Magee solicited, borrowed or misappropriated money materials or property from a patient or the patient's family. (06-21-07)

Kathryn M. Sakautzki, license no. RN276109L of Glendale, Montgomery County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and a public reprimand was placed on both her certified registered nurse practitioner and her registered nurse licenses. Sakautzki's prescriptive authority shall not be granted for a period of two years from Oct. 18, 2006 (the date upon which she stopped writing prescriptions). Sakautzki willfully or repeatedly violated the provisions of the act and the regulations of the board by having written prescriptions on prescription pads signed in blank by a physician and/or writing prescriptions when she did not have a collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician, nor did she have prescriptive authority granted by the board in that Sakautzki engaged in professional conduct by having failed to conform to an ethical or quality standard of the profession. (06-21-07)

# **Northumberland County**

Laura Herrold Eichner, license no. RN518849L, of Sunbury, Northumberland County, had her license revoked, 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. (05-11-07)

#### **Philadelphia County**

Joseph T. Mullins, license no. RN271422L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was placed on probation to run concurrent with his criminal probation in Bucks County, and assessed a \$500 civil penalty. Mullins was convicted, or has plead guilty, or entered a plea of *nolo contendere*, or has been found guilty by a judge or jury, of a crime of moral turpitude in the courts of this commonwealth, the United States or any other state, territory, possession or country. (06-21-07)

Susan Skubis, a/k/a Susan M. Fuscello, license no. PN097615L, of Philadelphia County, was suspended for at least five 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. After six months of active suspension, the balance of suspension was stayed in favor of probation. (6-19-07)

# **Pike County**

Lisa M. Guensch, license no. RN353055L of Milford, Pike County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation retroactive to the filing of her petition for appropriate relief on March 29, 2007. Guensch is unable to practice nursing with

reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (06-21-07)

# **Tioga County**

Amanda J. Edler, license no. PN267404, of Wellsboro, Tioga County, had her license suspended for three years, stayed in favor of probation subject to monitoring by the Disciplinary Monitoring Unit, for being guilty of unprofessional conduct; being addicted to alcohol or hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination; having misappropriated equipment, materials, property, drugs or money from an employer or patient; having falsified or knowingly made incorrect entries into a patient's record and having received an accelerated rehabilitative disposition in the disposition of felony charges. (05-14-07)

Mary L. Bocca, license no. RN230048L, of Knoxville, Tioga County, was indefinitely suspended 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. (06-21-07)

# **Washington County**

Darla J. Goff, license no. PN103267L, of Washington, Washington County, was indefinitely suspended for no than three years, immediately stayed in favor of probation. Goff is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (06-21-07)

### **Westmoreland County**

Sheila Lennox Siegel, license no. RN293897L, of Greensburg, Westmoreland County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to Aug. 24, 2006, because she violated a board order by which disciplinary action was deferred while she participated in a board-approved treatment program. (6-25-07)

# **York County**

John David Bricker, license no. RN335222L, of York, York County, was indefinitely suspended for at least three years, 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. (05-11-07)

Evette D. Owens, license no. PN104331L, of Red Lion, York County, was suspended for at least three years, retroactive to March 29, 2007, 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. (05-21-07)

Kara Marie Phillips, license no. RN252545L, of York, York County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than four years, retroactive to the filing of her petition for automatic suspension on Feb. 9, 2007. Phillips is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (06-21-07)

#### **Out of State**

Conrad T. Fraider, license no. OS004049L, of Saint Augustine, Fla., was temporarily suspended, pending a hearing, based on the Pa. State Board of Osteopathic Medicine's Probable Cause Screening Committee's finding of probable cause that Fraider presents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety. Specifically, a physical and mental examination found Fraider unsafe to practice osteopathic medicine with the requisite skill and safety and, in addition, Fraider developed sexual relationships and lived with several patients; prescribed numerous controlled substances to patients when not seeing them in the course of his professional practice; prescribed controlled substances to patients under false names; and was observed smoking crack cocaine by a patient. (02-27-07)

Nancy Recard Hough, of Waverly, N.Y., license no. RN350797L, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty for having practiced professional nursing without a valid, current license. (05-11-07)

Mark P. Evans, license no. RN356227L of Randolph, N.Y. was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Evans is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (06-21-07)

Kathleen M. Fitzgerald, license no. RN358334L of Delran, N.J., was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty and a public reprimand was placed on her permanent board record because Fitzgerald practiced as a professional nurse on an expired license thereby practicing nursing without a current, valid, unexpired license. (06-21-07)

Maryann D. Steelman, license no. RN222634L, of Las Vegas, Nev., was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because she had her license to practice nursing disciplined in Nev. (06-21-07)

Donna R. Williamson, license no. RN548410L, of Morgantown, W.Va., was reprimanded and assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and ordered to complete continuing education because she committed fraud or deceit in the practice of nursing and committed unprofessional conduct. (6-28-07)

Charles G. Winfield, license no. RN307230L, of Fresno, Calif., was suspended indefinitely based upon disciplinary action in another jurisdiction. (06-25-07)

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