



PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

STATE BOARD OF NURSING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS November 2007

Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortés and Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner of the Department's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, announced 13 disciplinary actions taken by the State Board of Nursing.

Actions were taken against individuals or firms in the following counties: Allegheny (1 action); Beaver (1 action); Chester (1 action); Lancaster (1 action); Lawrence (1 action); Luzerne (1 action); Montgomery (1 action); Philadelphia (1 action); Schuylkill (1 action); Washington (1 action); and Westmoreland (1 action). Two actions involved Pennsylvania licenses with out-of-state addresses.

Allegheny County

Susan Hann Eshleman, license no. RN243767L of Glenshaw, Allegheny County, was reprimanded and assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because she practiced while her license was expired. (10-18-07)

Beaver County

Carrie A. Forbes, license no. PN260790L of Beaver County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty, ordered to complete five hours of continuing education in ethics and five hours of risk management, and her license was suspended for no less than one year, stayed in favor of no less than one year probation, for engaging in fraud or deceit in the practice of nursing when she altered patient records or other related documents. (10-18-07)

Chester County

Doris Weinert, license no. RN149675L, of West Chester, Chester County, was reprimanded and assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty for practicing on an expired license. (10-18-07)

Lancaster County

Misty Dawn Duane, license no. RN357419L of Columbia, Lancaster 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. (10-18-07)

Lawrence County

Lisa Ann Flannery, license no. PN083453L, of New Castle, Lawrence 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. (10-18-07)

Luzerne County

Christina Lamoreaux, license no. RN507604L, of Dallas, Luzerne County, was indefinitely suspended, which may be stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation upon petition, 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. (10-18-07)

Montgomery County

Roxanne Schularick, unlicensed, of Lansdale, Montgomery County, was assessed a \$1,250 civil penalty and ordered to cease and desist from engaging in, or offering to engage in, the profession of nursing in Pennsylvania, unless the board has licensed her to do so. Schularick used, in connection with her name, the letter LPN when completing an employment application for Abington Memorial Hospital which implied that she was a licensed practical nurse. (10-18-07)

Philadelphia County

Michael A. Sweeney, license no. RN207248L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation, because Sweeney is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (10-18-07)

Schuylkill County

Rebecca J. Higgins, license no. RN508005L of Seltzer, Schuylkill County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years and six months, with the first six months to be served as active suspension, with credit given since her suspension of June 21, 2007 and with the active suspension to end on Dec. 21, 2007, at which time the remaining suspension shall be immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Higgins is unable to practice 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 has violated a lawful disciplinary order of the board. (10-18-07)

Washington County

Diane S. Nation, license no. RN242723L, of McDonald, Washington County, was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty and reprimanded for practicing on an expired license. (10-18-07)

Westmoreland County

Cheryl L. Polliard, aka Cheryl L. Cowan, license nos. RN330366L and PN103759L of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, because she violated a lawful disciplinary order of the board. (10-18-07)

Out of State

Dina Deflavis, unlicensed, of National Park, N.J., was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and ordered to cease and desist from engaging in, or offering to engage in, the profession of nursing in Pennsylvania unless the board has licensed her to do so. Deflavis engaged in the practice of practical nursing while employed at Brighten at Broomall, Pa. (10-18-07)

Bea M. Travisano, license no. RN220474L, of Marlton, N.J., was assessed a \$1,400 civil penalty and reprimanded for practicing under a lapsed, invalid, expired, revoked or suspended license. (10-18-07)

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A complete list of sanctions is available online at

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