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CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES  
February 5, 2020  
3:30 p.m.

This electronic meeting of the Iowa Board of Nursing was held in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.8. The Code states that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means only if circumstances are such that a meeting in person is impossible or impractical and access is provided to the public. An in-person meeting of the Board to handle this limited agenda was impractical due to the schedules of the Board members and the resources of the Board. This electronic meeting originated in the conference room of the Iowa Board of Nursing office, 400 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite B, Des Moines, IA, and public access to the meeting was provided at this location. The agenda was posted on the Board's Website and sent electronically to those individuals subscribing to GovDelivery.

Board in Attendance

Gwen Suntken, RN, Chairperson  
Nancy Kramer, RN, Vice Chairperson  
Kathryn Dolter, RN, PhD  
Sue Putnam, LPN  
B.J. Hoffman

Board Members Excused

Mark Odden, ARNP

Staff

Kathy Weinberg, RN, Executive Director  
Laura Hudson, RN, Associate Director CE/Workforce  
Jimmy Reyes, RN, Associate Director Education/Practice  
Doug Bartels, Associate Director Enforcement  
Bill Hansen, Enforcement  
Lucas Bee, Enforcement  
Kathleen Beebout, RN, Enforcement  
Diane Burkert, RN, Enforcement  
Taunya Cunningham, RN, Enforcement  
Eric Holsapple, Enforcement  
Anne Ryan, RN, Enforcement  
Rhonda Ruby, INAP Program Manager  
Michele Royer, INAP Case Manager  
Tessa Register, Assistant Attorney General  
Tracey Westby, Enforcement Secretary

Gwen Suntken called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

On a motion by BJ Hoffman, the Board voted to adopt the agenda.

Kathy Weinberg, Executive Director, reminded the Board Members the next Conference Call is March 11, 2020 and the next Board meeting is April 8-10, 2020 to let her know if anyone will be absent. She reported that individuals have applied for the Board Member positions and the new Board Members should be announced March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Update on Federal Forfeiture of Nursing Licenses: AAG Register informed the Board of a recent license forfeiture by the United States. Following a criminal conviction, the federal government ordered the nurse-defendant to forfeit his nursing license to the federal government. The nurse's attorney disputed whether the federal government had the authority to forfeit a state-issued license, but the federal judge held that the Board is free to issue the nurse a new license in the future. AAG Register stated that as long as the license is forfeited, the Board cannot reinstate that license. AAG Register stated at this time the Board does not need to take any action and that AAG Register will be working with Board staff to come up with a procedure on how to classify and track forfeited licenses. Investigator Holsapple questioned if there was any way to notify the Board when the Federal Government takes ownership of a license. AAG stated we could ask the Federal Government to notify the Board when this occurs, but they don't have to tell us. She also stated the information is available through PACER, which she can access.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

### **Closed Session**

3:40 p.m. On a motion by Nancy Kramer, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to move into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential; Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d), to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings; and pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(f), to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case conducted according to the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 17A.

### **Open Session**

On a motion by Kathryn Dolter at 4:04 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session.

On a motion by Kathryn Dolter, the Board voted to approve the Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreements, and Final Orders on the following cases:

- 18-500 Tasha Warnke
- 19-016 Katie Boll
- 19-115 Kelli Deutmeyer
- 19-268 Melissa Nelson
- 19-460 Mary Rasmussen

On a motion by Nancy Kramer, the Board voted to approve the Stipulation and Order for Licensure Reinstatement on the following cases

- 19-468 Andrea Althaus

On a motion by Nancy Kramer, the Board voted close the following cases:

- 16-702 19-188 19-370 19-485
- 18-222 19-221 19-393 19-505
- 18-379 19-222 19-398 19-506
- 18-453 19-224 19-435 19-507
- 18-544 19-234 19-464 19-508
- 18-590 19-260 19-469
- 19-180 19-348 19-484

4:06 p.m. On a motion by Kathryn Dolter, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.