

Nevada State Board of NURSING

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2011

The Nevada State Board of Nursing Board Meeting was called to order by President Doreen Begley MS, RN, at 8:49 a.m. on Monday, July 18, 2011, teleconferenced at Nevada State Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way #300, Reno, NV 89502 and 2500 W. Sahara Ave., Suite 207, Las Vegas NV 89102.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Doreen Begley, MS, RN, President
Kelly Espinoza, MSN, RN, Secretary
Rick Carrauthers, LPN Member
Sandra Halley, Consumer Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director
Chris Sansom, BSN, RN, Director of Operations
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Ryan Mann, Application Coordinator
Dean Estes, Accountant/Technology Officer
Cyndie Souza, Management Assistant
Roseann Colosimo, PhD, MSN, RN, Education Consultant
General Chief Deputy Attorney Keith Marcher, Board Counsel

CALL TO ORDER – 8:49 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. BOARD GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Review, discussion and action regarding designation of delegates for NCSBN Delegate Assembly: It was moved and seconded to select C. Sansom and T. Smyer as delegates and D. Begley as an alternate for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's Delegate Assembly. MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

D. DISCIPLINE PROGRAMS - Formal administrative hearing

1. Peterson, Diane, RN14944: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board grant a continuance of this matter to the next regularly scheduled meeting in Reno currently scheduled for November 2011. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

E. EDUCATION

1. Review, discussion and action regarding Touro University School of Nursing request for admission privileges: R. Colosimo informed the Board that Touro University's G-4 National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass rate for the second quarter and year to date is 82% for 40 students. S. Michael provided reports from L. Caputi showing that teaching methods of the faculty were improving and Touro University was working on compliance with Standard four for the Commission on

Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation visit. D. Begley referred to the history of admission requirements and policies not being followed. Dr. Mills and Dr. Michael stated, on the record, that this would no longer occur under their administration. R. Caruthers asked what support was being given to the seven students that had failed the NCLEX. Dr. Michael explained that those students are welcome to participate in a review but was unsure if they actually chose to. Dr. Mills will follow-up on those students and provide that information to the Board. K. Espinosa asked how many quarters Touro University had been above 80% in last few years. R. Colosimo responded that 2 out of 8 quarters at most and she then explained that to reach full approval they had to be at a flat 80%. D. Begley and K. Espinosa felt that reduced admissions should be considered until a full pattern of success had been established. R. Colosimo explained that with no admissions for 2011 it may be difficult to maintain quality faculty. R. Caruthers stated he would not want admissions to go below 40 because of concerns for the quality of the faculty. R. Colosimo stated that she reminded Touro University there are a defined number of students that will take NCLEX until the end of the year and the Board makes decisions on full year scores. With that said, the Board may be acting in 2012 on 3 years below 80% if their scores did not improve. Touro staff confirmed that they understood this and thanked the Board for their work with Touro University during this time. It was moved and seconded that Touro University be permitted to admit 56 students in November, 2011. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

2. Review and discussion of the 2011 second quarter G-4 NCLEX scores: R. Colosimo stated that all schools except one were above 80%. R. Colosimo noted that Truckee Meadows Community College, Great Basin College and University of Nevada, Las Vegas all had a 100% first time NCLEX pass rate for the quarter. Touro University scored 82%. Board members commented that they were pleased with the high pass rates achieved by our Nevada schools.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m. on July 18, 2011.