

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

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MINUTES CNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, February 2, 2012

The committee meeting was called to order on February 2, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. by Chris Sansom, MSN, RN, Director of Operations via videoconference at the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 2500 W. Sahara Ave, #207, Las Vegas, and the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, #300, Reno, Nevada.

The CNA Advisory Committee advises and reports to the Board on matters related to Certified Nursing Assistants.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Sansom, RN, Director of Operations, Chair
Jennifer Snidow, CNA, Board Member Liaison
Mary Brann, RN Marie Fish-Dewitt, RN
Rhonda Meyer, RN Elizabeth Mongeau, RN
Branden Murphy, CNA Carla Wright, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Barbara Cavanagh, RN Teresa Stricker, LASW

OTHERS PRESENT

Doreen Begley, MS, RN, Board Member
Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, NSBN
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel, NSBN
Cindy Peterson, RN, Investigator, NSBN
Patty Towler, Sr. Certification Specialist, NSBN
Sarah Wheeler, Management Assistant, NSBN
Mary Eaton, RN, Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC)
Amber Joiner, Nevada State Medical Association

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of October 20, 2011 CNA Advisory Committee meeting approved as written.
- B. OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Report on Board meeting outcomes: C. Sansom gave highlights of the board meetings including the appointment of Jennifer Snidow, CNA, as the Board Member Liaison to the committee; four new CNA training programs, and one biannual survey were approved by the Board; the Board removed approval for Royal Allied Health Institute’s CNA training program and directed them to refund the current students fees. The College of Southern Nevada (CSN) has stepped up and made arrangements for Royal students to finish their program at CSN; the Board’s NursingNews Magazine will no longer be mailed to each individual licensee/certificate holder in the state, but will be e-published on the Board’s website and will be bulk mailed to large facilities and schools in addition to be mailed to specific stakeholders, i.e. legislators.
- C. NEW BUSINESS**
1. Review and discussion regarding proposed practice decision regarding: Guidelines for a CNA to deliver medications prepared and packaged by Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) Central Pharmacy that are designated as Keep on Person medications to inmates in lock down units. Mary Eaton, RN, Chief Nursing Officer, from the Nevada Department of Corrections was present to review this item and answer questions. The committee expressed concerns regarding CNAs delivering medications. C. Sansom reviewed the language in the proposed practice decision that clearly limits this procedure to lock down units within the NDOC and will not apply to any other setting where a CNA may work. A revision was proposed to section 2 to clarify that the CNA “must be aware of emergency contingency planning.” It was moved and seconded the CNA Committee recommend the Board approve the proposed practice decision as revised.
 2. Program reports from Prometric: C. Sansom and P. Towler provided the quarterly report from October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, discussed the pass rates and answered member questions. The program reports indicate that some of the programs have low pass rates, but also have small numbers of students taking the exams. D. Scott and S. Wheeler discussed the Board’s review process of training programs and the role of the Education Consultant in this area. Prometric has also recently released an on-line National Interactive Practice Exam available to trainees on their website.
 3. Review, discussion and action regarding CNA training program applications
 - a. Milan Institute: Jean Rydahl, Corporate Director of Education for Milan presented information to the committee regarding the proposed training program. Ms. Rydahl provided an overview of the program and answered member questions. Committee members expressed support for the how the course itself, and the financial costs have been structured for the proposed program.

4. Discussion regarding legislative and media issues: F. Olmstead presented information to the committee regarding the proposed regulation changes that have been presented at workshops and public hearings, and are now in the legislative committee process. The proposed regulations include those regarding Medication Aides – Certified who will become part of this committee’s charge when codified.
5. Suggested items for future CNA agendas:
 - Prometric reports
 - Board meeting outcomes
 - Legislative and media issues
 - CNA training program applications
 - Suggested items for future CNA agendas

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.