

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING March 17-18, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing was called to order by President Doreen Begley, MS, RN, at 9:05 a.m. on March 17, 2010, at Tamarack Junction, 13101 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89511

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Doreen Begley, MS, RN, President  
Sandra Halley, Consumer Member  
Tish Smyer, DNSc, RN, Vice President  
Kelly Espinoza, MSN, RN, Secretary  
Carrie McMurray, CNA, Member  
Belen Gabato, MS, RN, Member  
Rick Carrauthers, LPN, Member

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director  
Chris Sansom, BSN, RN, Director of Operations  
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel  
Dean Estes, Director of Finance and Technology  
Marianne Kadlic, Executive Assistant  
Roseann Colosimo, PhD, MSN, RN, Education Consultant (3/17)  
Amy Clark, BSN, RN, Application Coordinator (3/17)  
Kathleen Reynolds, BHS, RN, Compliance Coordinator  
Linda Aure, BSN, RN-BC, Senior Investigator (3/18)  
Keith Marcher, Sr. DAG, Board Counsel

### **CALL TO ORDER – 9:05 a.m.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Tracy L. Singh, President of Nevada Nurses Association, gave public comment expressing her association's appreciation for the collaborative working relationship between NNA and the NSBN, specifically mentioning testimony that was given by Board staff at a recent regulation hearing regarding medical assistants. She also spoke to a national movement towards requiring all nurses to have a Bachelors in Nursing within ten years and challenged the Board to begin to consider their stance in this area of professional nursing.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, identified as items A.1., B.1, D.2.a.-t., D.3.a & b., D.7.a-e., D.8.a. & d., F.1.a. R.Carrauthers recused himself on D.2.k. and B.Gabato recused herself on D.3.b. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION**

A. BOARD GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Approval of minutes of Board meeting, January 13-15, 2010. Approved under the consent agenda.
2. Conference and seminar report: D. Scott and D. Begley attended and discussed the highlights of NCSBN's Institute of Regulatory Excellence (IRE) meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. F. Olmstead and D. Scott attended the Federation of Association of Regulatory Boards (FARB) in Las Vegas and discussed the highlights of the conference. D. Scott, D. Begley, K. Espinoza, and C. McMurray attended the NCSBN 2010 Mid-Year Meeting in Chicago and reported on the highlights of the meeting.
3. Review statistics and trends: C. Sansom presented information and responded to Board member questions regarding statistics and trends regarding scope of practice inquiries.
4. Progress report on FY09/10 Goals and Objectives: C. Sansom reported on recent progress related to achievement of Board goals and objectives since the last reporting period.
5. Financial statements (quarterly report): D. Scott and D. Estes presented the first quarter financial report, answering questions from the Board members.
6. Review, discussion and action regarding May 2010 Board meeting schedule date change from May 12-14 to May 19-21, 2010: It was moved and seconded the Board approve to change the date of the meeting to May 19-21, 2010. MOTION CARRIED.

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7. Review, discussion and action regarding hearing for proposed regulations: F. Olmstead presented the proposed regulation changes, outlining the regulatory process in promulgating regulations. He compared and contrasted the original wording of the proposed regulations and the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) wording, including the transcript from the public workshops to solicit comments from the public. It was moved and seconded the Board approved the proposed regulations as revised. MOTION CARRIED.

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- Section 1. NAC 632.192 Expiration and renewal of license or certificate
- Section 2. NAC 632.226 Employment as school nurse: Duties; delegation of nursing care; requirements for administering medication to pupils
- Section 3. NAC 632.260 Qualifications for certificate of recognition; practice by student
- Section 4. NAC 632.260 Qualifications for certificate of recognition; practice by student
- Section 5. NAC 632.265 Certificate of recognition: Submission of application and other documents; temporary certificate
- Section 6. NAC 632.291 Certificate of recognition: Requirements for renewal; issuance of temporary certificate
- Section 7. NAC 632.450 Procedures delegable to licensed practical nurses
- Section 8. NAC 632.195 Duplicate license or certificate
- Section 9.

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8. Review, discussion, and action regarding proposed Fingerprint on Renewal Policy: It was moved and seconded the Board approve the policy as revised on the record. MOTION CARRIED.
9. Review and discussion regarding February 11, 2010 memorandum from the Governor: D. Scott reported on the recommendations and mandates sent to the NSBN by the Governor, including an Executive Order by the Governor Establishing Innovative Work Schedules. Board staff reported the status on renegotiating both office site leases. The Board directed that the offices should remain open Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm to serve the public's needs for nursing regulation.
10. Review, discussion, and action regarding proposed revision to application Eligibility Screening Question #1: It was moved and seconded the Board revise Eligibility Screening Question #1 to read, "Has your occupational or professional license or privilege to practice, registration or certificate of any level ever had any disciplinary action taken or initiated against it in any

jurisdiction, or have you participated or are you currently participating in a non-disciplinary program? (Does not include driver’s license or car registration). MOTION CARRIED.

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B. LICENSURE PROGRAMS

1. Ratification of staff site survey of fully approved at Truckee Meadows Community College Nursing Program. Approved under the consent agenda.

C. CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

1. Review, discussion, and action regarding proposed advisory opinion, Qualifications for Certified Nursing Assistant Hours of Employment for Renewal of Certificate: It was moved and seconded the Board approve the proposed advisory opinion as revised on the record.

ACTION

MOTION CARRIED.

D. DISCIPLINE PROGRAMS

1. Applications (initial and renewal in question)

a. Anderson, Hester, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for certification and the Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (5) controlled substances and/or alcohol. MOTION CARRIED.

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b. Ferrari, Katherine, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board continue this item to the next meeting in Las Vegas currently scheduled for May 2010. MOTION CARRIED.

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c. Removed

d. Brereton, Michelle, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the applications for temporary RN refresher license and permanent RN licensure upon successful completion of all licensure requirements. MOTION CARRIED.

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e. Church, Robin, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure and issue an Order of Probation for two years for violation of NRS 632.320 (2) criminal convictions, (5) controlled substances and/or alcohol, and (12) action in another state, and order the disciplinary action become part of the applicant’s permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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f. Cunningham, Courtney, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board close the meeting to consider the character, alleged misconduct, or professional competence of the applicant. It was moved and seconded to reopen the meeting. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for certification. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

g. Removed

h. Hernandez, Gregoria, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for certification and the Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (2) criminal convictions and (5) controlled substances and/or alcohol. MOTION CARRIED.

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i. Howard, Tamara, LPN applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure. MOTION CARRIED.

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j. Huerta, Angela, CNA020509: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the renewal application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (1) fraudulent application, (2) criminal convictions, and (7) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation, and order the denial become part of the applicant’s permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate

- ACTION agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION k. Jones, Tarin, CNA017766: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the renewal application for certification. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION l. Lewis, Geraldine, RN35085: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the reinstatement application for licensure. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION m. Linder, Nancy, RN22722: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the reinstatement application for licensure and the Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.320 (2) criminal convictions, (5) controlled substances and/or alcohol, and (12) previous disciplinary action. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION n. Loffer, Margherita, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for certification. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION o. Lopez, Andrea, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (5) controlled substances and or alcohol and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION p. Morrissey, Lori, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for certification. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION q. Removed
- ACTION r. Rowden, Jevon, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for certification and that she complete all court ordered requirements and submit documentation to the Board within six months or the application is automatically denied without further proceedings. The denial would become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION s. Woods-Peters, Sandra, RN applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure and issue an Order of Probation for four years for violation of NRS 632.320 (2) criminal convictions, and (5) controlled substances and/or alcohol, and order the disciplinary action become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION t. Peoples, Lucille, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (2) criminal convictions, (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (33) abuse of patient, and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION u. Frank, Debra, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the applications for temporary RN refresher license and permanent RN licensure upon successful completion of all licensure requirements. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION v. Franks, Lisa, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (2) criminal conviction and (14) violation of a Board order, and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION w. Lanier, Glynis, LPN applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION x. Prickett, Kristin, RN38397: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the reinstatement application for licensure and the Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.320 (5) controlled substances and/or alcohol, and (12) previous disciplinary action. MOTION CARRIED.

y. Reyes, Maria, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (2) criminal convictions, and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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z. Moore, Pamela, LPN applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the application for licensure for violation of NRS 632.320 (1) fraudulent application and (2) criminal convictions, and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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2. Settlement agreements

- a. Boyd, Annette, CNA011989: Agreement for Reprimand for violation of NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (22) patient abandonment, and (27) customary standards of nursing practice. Approved under the consent agenda.
- b. Dixon, Tanisha, CNA014233: Agreement for Reprimand for violation of NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (11) positive drug screen as a condition of employment. Approved under the consent agenda.
- c. Galante, Sharon, RN31439: Agreement for Fine of \$50.00 for violation of NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation. Approved under the consent agenda.
- d. Pardo, Roman, CNA020521: Voluntary Surrender of Certificate in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action for violation of NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (29) sexual contact with a client. Approved under the consent agenda.
- e. Redburn, Brigitte, CNA018087: Agreement for Fine of \$50.00, and classes for violation of NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation. Approved under the consent agenda.
- f. Taligatos, Steven, RN55837: Agreement for Reprimand for violation of NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (22) patient abandonment. Approved under the consent agenda.
- g. Kearney, Timothy, RN34896: Agreement for Reprimand for violation of NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (20) inaccurate recording, falsifying, and (22) patient abandonment. Approved under the consent agenda.
- h. Amador, Lily, CNA024296: Voluntary Surrender of Certificate in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action for violation of NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (22) patient abandonment. Approved under the consent agenda.
- i. Moore, Bridgett, CNA024750: Voluntary Surrender of Certificate in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action for violation of NRS 632.320 (2) criminal conviction, and (5) controlled substances and/or alcohol. Approved under the consent agenda.
- j. Aselin, Sally, RN55196: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct and (9) impaired practice. Approved under the consent agenda.
- k. Bernardo, Stuart, RN41409, APN000731: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (5) controlled substances and/or alcohol and (11) falsified information to obtain controlled substances. Approved under the consent agenda. R. Carruthers recused himself.
- l. Hutto, Stephanie, RN47565: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (5) controlled substances and/or alcohol, (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (18) diversion of equipment or drugs, and (27) customary standards of practice. Approved under the consent agenda.
- m. Kenney, Susan, RN41810: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (5)

controlled substances and/or alcohol, (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (18) diversion of equipment or drugs. Approved under the consent agenda.

- n. Lamury, Linda, RN37701: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (5) controlled substances and/or alcohol, (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (9) impaired practice. Approved under the consent agenda.
- o. Pheasant, Sandra, RN54973: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (5) controlled substances and/or alcohol, (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (11) positive drug screen as a condition of employment. Approved under the consent agenda.
- p. Herrick, Jahn, RN43546: Agreement for Reprimand for violation of NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (2) practicing beyond scope, and (24) failing to collaborate with health care team. Approved under the consent agenda.
- q. Bastida, Ivan, CNA022982: Voluntary Surrender of Certificate in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action for violation of NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (23) exploitation of patient. Approved under the consent agenda.
- r. McGregor, Daniel, CNA013043: Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (33) abuse of a patient. Approved under the consent agenda.
- s. Lara, Amy, RN63456: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct, (11) falsified information to obtain controlled substances, and NAC 632.890 (21) obtain, possess, furnish prescription drugs without authorization. Approved under the consent agenda.
- t. Adkins, Elizabeth, TRN326918: Voluntary Surrender of License in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action for violation of NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (18) diversion of equipment or drugs. Approved under the consent agenda.

3. Successful completion of probation

- a. Mueller, Brita, RN35124: Termination of monitoring accepted under the Consent Agenda.
- b. Labrado, Mercy, RN47156: Termination of probation accepted under the Consent Agenda.  
B. Gabato recused herself

4. Reinstatement of licensure/certification

- a. Lemich, Boja, RN14845, APN000550: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the APN reinstatement application and the Agreement for Probation Addendum for violation of NRS 632.320 (5) controlled substances and/or alcohol and (7) unprofessional conduct. MOTION CARRIED.

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5. Formal administrative hearings

- a. Shanahan, Judy, RN60270: Respondent was present with counsel. It was moved and seconded the Board close the complaint. MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Bardini, Sally, LPN09687: Respondent was represented by counsel. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct, (11) falsified information to obtain controlled substances, and NAC 632.890 (21) obtain, possess, furnish prescription drugs without authorization and (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation. MOTION CARRIED.
- c. Basallo, Mauro, RN12576: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board close the complaint. MOTION CARRIED.
- d. Benson, Stephen, LPN09366: Respondent was not present. Pursuant to NAC 632.923, it was moved and seconded the Board find the allegations of the complaint to be true, and

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find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (2) criminal convictions, (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.320 (37) practicing without an active license. It was moved and seconded the Board revoke the respondent's license. Respondent may not apply for reinstatement for five years. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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e. Dickey, Stacey, CNA024395: Respondent was not present. Pursuant to NAC 632.923 it was moved and seconded the Board find the allegations of the complaint to be true, and find the Respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (14) failing to comply with Board order. It was moved and seconded the Board revoke the Respondent's certificate. Respondent may not apply for reinstatement for a period of three years. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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f. Flint, Julianne, CNA022934: Respondent was not present. Pursuant to NAC 632.923 it was moved and seconded the Board find the allegations of the complaint to be true, and find the Respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (2) criminal conviction. It was moved and seconded the Board revoke the respondent's certificate. Respondent may not apply for reinstatement for a period of five years. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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g. Lefler, Dianne, RN28146: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Agreement for Fine of \$600 for violation of NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation. MOTION CARRIED.

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h. McReynolds, Kimberly, RN61669: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Voluntary Surrender of Certificate in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action for violating NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct and (12) action in another state, and NAC 632.890 (36) failing to comply with Board order. MOTION CARRIED.

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i. Murray, Orlando, RN61733: Respondent was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Stipulation of Facts and Liability and find the respondent guilty of violation of NRS 632.320 (12) action in another state. It was moved and seconded the Board close the meeting to consider the character, alleged misconduct, or professional competence of the applicant. It was moved and seconded to reopen the meeting. It was moved and seconded the Board close the complaint. MOTION CARRIED.

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j. Nason, Lorretta, RN42961: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (9) impaired practice, and (16) failing to properly document controlled substances. MOTION CARRIED.

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k. Parsons, Lori, RN61912: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Voluntary Surrender of License in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action for violation of NRS 632.320 (5) controlled substances and/or alcohol, (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (10) positive drug screen on duty and (18) diversion of equipment or drugs. MOTION CARRIED.

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l. Presley, Angela, RN60653: Respondent was not present. Pursuant to NAC 632.923 it was moved and seconded the Board find the allegations of the complaint to be true, and find the Respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC

632.890 (11) positive drug screen as condition of employment. It was moved and seconded the Board revoke the respondent's license. Respondent may not apply for reinstatement for a period of one year. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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m. Rea, Mark, RN25683, APN00274: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the voluntary surrender of license for violation of NRS 632.320 (2) criminal conviction. MOTION CARRIED.

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n. Simpson, Shannon, LPN13960: Respondent was present with counsel. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Agreement for Reprimand, Fine of \$600, and Nevada Nurse Practice Act course to be completed within twelve months as stated on the record for violation of NRS 632.320 (1) fraudulent application, (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (20) inaccurate recording, falsifying, and (37) practicing without an active license. MOTION CARRIED.

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o. Smart, Gene, RN42511: Respondent was present with counsel. It was moved and seconded the Board find the Respondent not guilty. MOTION CARRIED.

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p. Terrell, Lynn, RN10185: Respondent was represented by counsel. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Agreement for Reprimand, and the Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (1) fraudulent application, (7) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (16) failing to properly document controlled substances. MOTION CARRIED.

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q. Goldin, Justin, RN54468: Respondent was represented by counsel. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Temporary Voluntary Surrender of License Pending Hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

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6. Board-directed investigations-no business

7. Ratification of staff denials – NRS 632.320 (1) fraudulent application

a. Aguilar, Karla, CNA applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board ratify the staff denial of application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (1) fraudulent application and (2) criminal convictions, and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. Accepted under the consent agenda.

b. Removed

c. Chason, Gregory, CNA applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board ratify the staff denial of the application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (1) fraudulent application and (2) criminal convictions, and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. Accepted under the consent agenda.

d. Peterson, Kurt, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board ratify the staff denial of the application for licensure for violation of NRS 632.320 (1) fraudulent application and (12) action in another state, and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. Accepted under the consent agenda.

e. Valera, Louie, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board ratify the staff denial of the application for licensure for violation of NRS 632.320 (1) fraudulent application, (2) criminal convictions, and (5) controlled substances and/or



alcohol, and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. Accepted under the consent agenda

8. Ratification of staff denials – NRS 632.320 (2) convictions

a. Alvarez, Jose, CNA applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board ratify the staff denial of the application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (2) criminal convictions and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. Accepted under the consent agenda.

b. Amaya, Valerie, CNA applicant: Applicant was present to appeal staff denial. It was moved and seconded the Board overturn the staff denial and accept the application for certification. MOTION CARRIED.

c. Jones, Franklin, RN applicant: Applicant was present to appeal staff denial. It was moved and seconded the Board overturn the staff denial and accept the application for licensure. MOTION CARRIED.

d. Nablo, Marci, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board ratify the staff denial of the application for licensure for violation of NRS 632.320 (2) criminal convictions, (5) controlled substances and/or alcohol, and (12) action in another state, and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

e. Stephens, Jeremy, CNA applicant: Applicant was present to appeal staff denial. It was moved and seconded the Board overturn the staff denial, accept the application for certification, and order an evaluation by the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC). Applicant must follow all DAC recommendations within six months or the application is automatically denied without further proceedings. MOTION CARRIED.

f. Wigaard, Jenna, CNA applicant: Applicant was present to appeal staff denial. It was moved and seconded the Board ratify the staff denial of the application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (2) criminal convictions and (5) controlled substances and/or alcohol and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Special Action

a. Newbry, Desiree, CNA024605: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board grant the request for reconsideration. It was moved and seconded the Board issue an Order for Monitoring for one year for violation of NRS 632.320 (5) controlled substances and/or alcohol. MOTION CARRIED. S. Halley recused.

b. Higgins, Melissa, RN46154: Respondent was present. It was moved and seconded that the Board grant the request for reconsideration. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the request for early termination of the Agreement for Monitoring. MOTION CARRIED.

c. Amy Clark, BSN, RN, Application Coordinator conducted a presentation and answered Board questions regarding "Alcohol and Alcohol Related Arrests."

E. EDUCATION

1. Review, discussion, and action regarding the University of Southern Nevada (USN) Nursing Program application for full approval: Dr. Mable Smith, Dean of Nursing stated she approved of Dr. Smyer being part of NSBN discussion and vote. R. Colosimo presented that the two requirements for full approval, an 80% pass rate and nursing programmatic accreditation had been met. USN had an 82% pass rate for 2009 and has National League for Nursing Accrediting

Commission (NLNAC) accreditation. D. Begley and Dr. Smyer congratulated Dr. Smith and Mary Chalfant, Clinical Coordinator. It was moved and seconded that NSBN grant full approval to the University of Southern Nevada nursing program. MOTION CARRIED.

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2. Review and discussion regarding fully approved nursing program annual reports:

- College of Southern Nevada
- Great Basin College
- Nevada State College
- Touro University
- Truckee Meadows Community College
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- University of Nevada, Reno
- Western Nevada College

R. Colosimo noted the fully approved schools have 1948 nursing students currently enrolled. In 2009, 367 Bachelors of Science in Nursing, 305 Associate of Science in Nursing and 28 Practical Nursing students graduated from fully approved Nevada nursing schools. Sixty-five nurses received their Masters of Science in Nursing in Nevada and 8 received their Doctorate of Nursing Practice or doctorate in nursing. All schools except one have a pass rate above 80%, and many have a 90% pass rate or above. All schools received letters noting their achievements and some received suggestions for future patient safety work in nursing education.

3. Review, discussion, and action regarding Apollo College-Las Vegas Nursing Program related to failure to meet provisional status requirements: Dr. Doug Turner, Program Director, approved of Dr. Smyer participating in discussion and voting. R. Colosimo stated she surveyed Apollo at their request for improvements on February 24- 25, 2010. Some changes cited were adherence to medication calculation exam policy, improved syllabi and proper faculty meetings. She noted students were pleased with receiving an appropriate pharmacology course. D. Begley commented that it appears that the program's history of turnover of poorly qualified administrators led to the program's difficulties. Dr. Turner brought a handout summary of more improvements which he reviewed with the Board members. Dr. Smyer expressed concern for the long history of problems since 2006. R. Carrathers expressed concern about the continued low NCLEX scores. D. Begley stated that Apollo could return with more progress at any time. It was moved and seconded that Apollo be granted an extension of provisional Board approval status for two years and be permitted to admit 24 students in April and thereafter. MOTION CARRIED.

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4. Review, discussion, and action regarding Touro University Nursing Program related to failure to meet full approval status requirements for 2009: Dr. Laura Fillmore, Assistant Dean, presented the changes in utilizing an RN predictor package throughout program. She stated they expected good outcomes for the graduates in June. R. Colosimo reminded that for 2010 they must be above 80 % first time NCLEX pass rate to maintain full Board approval. It was moved and seconded that the Board accept the action plan to improve NCLEX scores. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

5. Review, discussion, and action regarding Everest College application to provide an associate degree nursing program in Nevada: R. Colosimo informed the Board that Everest College had hired a program director, Dr. Dina Faucher and had completed their application with Commission for Post-secondary Education so they were eligible for candidacy for provisional Board approval. K. Espinosa asked what concerns the school had about new graduates not finding jobs and the difficulty of clinical placements. Dr. Faucher stated the program would not graduate students for two years and hopefully the economy will improve over that time. Dr. Faucher provided information to the Board members regarding potential faculty and potential clinical sites. D. Begley asked if students could transfer their credits. David Fritz, Campus President, responded that their current programs had an articulation agreement with University of Phoenix only. R. Colosimo

cautioned that clinical placements especially in specialty areas would be difficult and require much work. It was moved and seconded that Everest College Nursing program be advanced to candidate for provisional approval. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

6. Review, discussion, and action regarding proposed revision to “Refresher Course Guidelines” policy and procedure: R. Colosimo reported that, with the downturn in economy, many nurses are seeking refresher courses and that hospitals are reluctant to preceptor many refresher students in acute care settings. The Education Advisory Committee passed the proposal; which will permit the Board’s Education Consultant to approve outpatient, long term care, sub acute and same day surgery centers as preceptor sites for refresher students. D. Begley stated she thought this was good and will be helpful to many during the economic downturn. K. Espinosa stated she agreed this was a much needed option. It was moved and seconded that the proposed revision to the refresher policy be approved as written. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

7. Review, discussion, and action regarding request for campus site change for Kaplan College Nursing Program: R. Colosimo stated that her onsite survey of the facility showed that the new site is an improvement over the previous campus—more dedicated labs and classrooms for nursing. It was moved and seconded that campus site change be approved for Kaplan College. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

8. Review, discussion, and action regarding the Kaplan College application for a 1+1 nursing program: Sheila Burke, Regional Nursing Dean, approved of Dr. Smyer participating in discussion and voting. R. Colosimo informed the NSBN that Kaplan had hired Katherine Cylke, to be Program Director and was in process with the Commission on Post-secondary Education so could be approved for candidate for provisional Board approval. D. Begley asked K. Cylke for a summary of her experiences. K. Cylke summarized 30 years in nursing and stated her research for her nursing doctorate was on transition of new graduates. R. Colosimo cautioned about difficulties of clinical placement and faculty acquisition. R. Carruthers asked about the planned enrollment of 500. S. Burke stated that the program would only admit one class in 2010 and two classes in 2011 and have committed to admit only the number of students for which there are sufficient clinicals and faculty. R. Colosimo stated that Kaplan had revised its application, clearly stating this reduction in student numbers. K. Espinosa expressed concern as a Chief Nurse that current hiring of new graduates was very difficult. D. Begley asked if students could transfer their credits should they want to articulate to another program. S. Burke responded they have a CCNE approved BSN and highly encourage students to continue. It was moved and seconded that Kaplan College be approved for candidacy for provisional Board approval. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

9. Review, discussion, and action regarding University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Nursing Program request for a curriculum change: Dr. Nancy York, Undergraduate Coordinator, presented the curriculum changes to the Board which was based on work by faculty over the past year. CCNE’s new BSN standards are integrated into the new curriculum, along with Quality for Safety in Nursing Education standards for a better outcome for nursing students. It was moved and seconded that the curriculum change for UNLV be approved. T. Smyer recused herself. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

10. Review, discussion, and action regarding the appointment and re-appointment of members for Education Advisory Committee: R. Colosimo thanked D. Begley for the recruitment of a UNR student Christine Young. Christine Young, who was in attendance at the Board meeting, introduced herself and her gave a short history of her experience, including being a NAP at Saint Mary’s Medical Center. K. Espinosa asked what employment opportunities are available for the senior level nursing students as they graduate this spring. C. Young stated that employment opportunities are limited and many graduates are looking out of state to obtain work. It was moved and seconded that Jennifer Richards RN33079 be appointed to the committee, Christine Young be

appointed as ad hoc student member, and Judith Cordia, RN40497, be re-appointed to the committee. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

- 11. Review, discussion, and action regarding ITT Technical Institute application for an associate degree program in nursing: R. Colosimo informed the Board that a qualified program director had been hired, Dr. Peggy Schuber, and the Commission on Post-secondary Education application was complete. D. Begley asked Dr. Schuber to share her qualifications. Dr. Schuber has been teaching in accredited programs for 5 years. K. Espinosa asked about her views of the issues of new graduate hiring and the shortage of clinical placements. Dr. Schuber responded that she attended the consortium meeting and was concerned but believed they would find placements. It was moved and seconded that ITT Technical Institute be approved for candidacy for provisional approval.

ACTION

MOTION CARRIED.

- 12. Review, discussion and action on the proposed curriculum change for the Kaplan Practical Nursing Program: R. Colosimo informed the Board that a letter was received from Mary Doherty, Director of Regulations and Quality, stating that the National League of Nursing (NLN) consultant Dr. Vivian Yates advised that 710 hours in the Practical Nursing program was excessive and 500 was more the norm. The letter also explained the restructure of the 24-credit first quarter. The program's NCLEX scores, although not for a full quarter, show 13 out of 15 graduates have passed NCLEX on their first attempt giving the program a tentative 86% first time pass rate. Seven more students need to take the NCLEX. Lily Gonzales, LPN Program Director, stated she was very pleased with the preliminary NCLEX pass rate. It was moved and seconded that the curriculum change for Kaplan College be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

F. NURSING PRACTICE:

- 1. Applications in question regarding NRS 632.307
  - a. Phillips, Yolanda, CNA015924: It was moved and seconded the Board accept the renewal application for certification and issue a certificate with limitations pursuant to NRS 632.307. Accepted under consent agenda
- 2. Review, discussion, and action regarding the proposed revision to the School Nurse Advisory Opinion: D. Scott presented this agenda item, recommending a slight change on the grid of the School Nurse Advisory Opinion to all a qualified person to vent a g-tube in an emergency situation and to allow an LPN to inflate the balloon as part of the insertion of a Foley catheter for maintaining the patency of a gastrostomy tube opening. It was moved and seconded the Board approve the revisions to the School Nurse Advisory Opinion as proposed. MOTION CARRIED.
- 3. Review, discussion, and action regarding the appointment for the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee member: It was moved and seconded the Board appoint Arthur C. Savignac, RN58181, CRNA000326 to the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m. on March 18, 2010.