



**MINUTES OF THE  
ADVANCED PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**August 16th, 2006**

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*(Final minutes will be available on the Board's website <http://www.nevadanursingboard.org> after ratification by the committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting).*

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Advanced Practice Advisory Committee was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, APN, Executive Director, at 2:03 p.m., via videoconference at the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Ste. 201, Reno, Nevada, 89502, and the Board of Nursing, 2500 W. Sahara, #207, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Debra Scott, MS, RN, APN, Committee Chair  
David Burgio, MS, RN, APN, Board Liaison  
Amy E. Booth, MSN, RN, APN  
Tricia Brown, MSN, RN, APN  
George H. Cox, MS, RN, CRNA  
Martha Drohobyczer, MSN, RN, APN, CNM  
Jeanette DiChiro, MSN, RN, APN  
Phyllis Suiter, MA, RN, APN

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel, NSBN  
James Cooper, CRNA  
Gina Kronenberg, President, Nevada Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Catherine Hadey, NSC Student  
Betty Ann Peters, NSC Student  
Dan Laird, MD, Anesthesiologist  
Jon Zucker, MD

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES— May 9, 2006:** The minutes of the May 9, 2006, meeting were approved as written.

**B. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Report from Board Annual Business meeting: D. Scott and D. Burgio discussed highlights of the annual meeting, including the legislative issues which may affect healthcare, and specifically, nursing and advanced practice.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding Guidelines For Protocols For APNs: P. Suiter presented her recommended format for information that might be distributed to new APN applicants in Nevada. The proposed language is attached. The committee requested that Ms. Suiter submit an example of protocols which would clarify the format for new applicants. She stated that she would email the draft to D. Scott who would then distribute to the members of the committee for review (attached). This information is a tool for new applicants and will not need to be forwarded to the Board for approval.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion regarding CRNA scope of practice: J. Cooper, CRNA, gave a short review of CRNA scope of practice in Nevada's rural regions. He stated that 65% of anesthesia nationwide is administered by CRNAs—nearly 100% of rural anesthesia is administered by CRNAs. He described the delivery of anesthesia services in Elko, Nevada. He stated that Nevada's governor has not "opted out" of the federal CMS reimbursement requirement of supervision for CRNAs, but that an opt-out would be consistent with Nevada state law. D. Scott read a letter submitted by Christopher H. Ward, M.D., who supports the Nevada opt-out of the physician supervision requirement. D. Laird, past president of the state anesthesiologist association, disagreed with some of J. Cooper's assumptions regarding the legality of the opt-out. He stated that his position is that an opt-out is inconsistent with state law. Further input was given by G. Cox, CRNA, a committee member who clarified that requiring supervision of CRNAs was a reimbursement issue rather than a scope of practice issue. F. Olmstead reminded the attendees of the importance of keeping discussion within the agenda item. D. Scott thanked all parties for the lively discussion and reiterated that this was only a discussion and that the Nevada State Board of Nursing had no intention of initiating either legislation or enlisting the help of the governor in pursuing an opt-out for Nevada.
2. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: M. Drohobyczer, committee member, suggested more accurate wording for the definition of "nurse midwife" in regulation to read "nurse midwife means a registered professional nurse who has completed an organized formal program of training in the area of pregnancy, childbirth, the postpartum period, care of the newborn and the family planning, gynecological, and primary health needs of women." This item will be on the committee's next agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.