



**MINUTES OF THE  
ADVANCED PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**February 13th, 2007**

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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 2:05 p.m., via videoconference at the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, #201, Reno, Nevada, 89502, and the Board of Nursing, 2500 W. Sahara, #207, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89102.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, APN, Executive Director, Chair  
Tricia Brown, MSN, RN, APN  
Phyllis Suiter, MA, RN, APN  
Amy E. Booth, MSN, RN, APN  
Susan VanBeuge, MSN, RN, APN  
George H. Cox, MS, RN, CRNA  
Ron Wing, CRNA  
Jeanette DiChiro, MSN, RN, APN

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

David Burgio, MS, RN, APN, Board Liaison

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Fred Olmstead, Board General Counsel  
Martha Drohobyczer, MSN, RN, APN, CNM

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** D. Scott congratulated M. Drohobyczer on her appointment to the office of president-elect of Nevada Nurses Association, District 3. The committee members introduced themselves to the newest member of the committee, R. Wing.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**— November 7, 2006: The minutes of the November 7, 2006 meeting of the APN Advisory Committee were approved as written.

## **B. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Report from the November 2006 and January 2007 Board meetings: D. Scott reviewed the minutes of the last two Board meetings.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding Guidelines For Protocols For APNs: P. Suiter reviewed the six-page document, which was provided to the committee members for review. The document is a synthesis of the previous "Guidelines for Protocols" document and the "Example of a Process Protocol" document previously reviewed by the committee. D. Scott also submitted a document, which could be used to guide new advanced practitioners of nursing in Nevada in the process of creating their protocols. After a careful review of all of the documents, the committee recommended that the updates be made to P. Suiter's document and be utilized when nurses apply for a certificate of recognition as an advanced practitioner of nursing in Nevada.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding 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": M. Drohobyczer presented this agenda item. She reported that the majority of nurse midwifery programs today include training in all of the classic midwifery areas, but also include the primary health needs of women. She stated that the current definition in regulation would better define nurse midwife if this phrase were added. The proposed language for the regulation revision is:  
NAC 632.0605 "Nurse midwife" defined. "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, ~~and the~~ gynecological needs of women, *and the primary health needs of women.*  
After an enlightening discussion, the committee members voted to recommend the Board adopt this proposed regulatory change in concept and wording at its May 2007 meeting in Las Vegas. M. Drohobyczer stated that she intends to testify at that meeting in support of the proposed concept and wording.
4. Review, discussion and action regarding guidelines for filling out FMLA forms and disabled placards: P. Suiter presented this agenda item, stating that the issue of FMLA forms is not a problem. She further reported her conversation with a representative from the Department of Motor Vehicles who stated that the DMV wants to remain neutral in the issue of who has the authority to sign documentation for disabled placards. It was stated that if APNs want authority to have this within their scope of practice, it would be up to the APNs to approach the legislature. The committee decided to go no further with this issue at this time.

## **C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review, discussion and action regarding time of day of committee meetings: D. Scott informed the committee that some of the members were having difficulty attending the committee meetings due to the time of the meeting.

The members agreed to start the meetings one hour later on the prescheduled days. In the future, the APN Advisory Committee meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m.

2. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: The members recommended that the committee be given a legislative update at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.