

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE February 23, 2010

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, FRE, Executive Director, at 3:04 p.m. via videoconference at the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, #300, Reno, Nevada, 89502, and the Board of Nursing, 2500 W. Sahara, #207, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89102.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, Chair
Doreen Begley, MS, RN, Board Liaison
George Cox, CRNA, DNP, MHS
Kate Sheppard, PhD, RN, APN-BC (via telephone)
Susan VanBeuge, DNP, APN, FWP-BC

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Burgio, MS, RN, APN
Rhigel Jay Tan, MSN, RN, APN

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Operations Supervisor
B.J. Reyes, APN
Paul Kapsar, APN
Joy Reineck, CNM, APN
Valerie Stout, CNM, APN
Steve Williams, Exec. Dir. Huntridge Tech Clinic
Diane McGinnis, DNP, APN, NP-C, Nevada Nurses Association

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by D. Scott, committee chair.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May and November 2009: It was moved and seconded to approve the May and November 2009 meeting minutes for the APN Advisory Committee as corrected.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report from the January 2010 Board meeting: D. Scott reported the highlights of the January Board meeting, including the Board's decision to send Nevada's licensure data to the NCSBN's national database, Nursys.
2. Review, discussion, and action regarding outcome of the regulation workshop on February 23, 2010: F. Olmstead and D. Scott discussed the Board's regulation workshop that was held this morning describing some of the comments and questions that were addressed at the workshop. There was no opposition to the Board adding a requirement for national certification for APNs who graduate from a program to prepare an individual for the role of

an advanced practitioner of nursing after June 1, 2014. D. McGinnis also commented on the workshop discussion.

3. Legislative update: F. Olmstead and D. Scott updated the committee members on issues related to the work that is being done in preparation for submitting legislation to allow autonomous practice for APNs.
4. Review, discussion, and action regarding National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN), a national organization that advances quality in the provision of care to patients and families facing life-limiting illness through certification of health professionals. This was an information only agenda item.
5. Scheduling of APNAC meetings for 2010 dates: February 23, May 25, August 24, and November 9, 2010. It was moved and seconded the committee approve the dates listed as the scheduled meetings for the APNAC for 2010.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review, discussion, and action regarding to the nurse practitioner (NP) community's feedback about the Nurse Practitioners module of the AMA Scope of Practice Data Series: This was an information only agenda item.
2. Review and discussion regarding update on NIAA position on APNs scope of practice for sports physicals: F. Olmstead reported that he had researched if there has been any further developments in changing the regulation which doesn't provide for APNs to do sports physicals. He reported that the NIAA claims to have sent out a letter when the regulations were proposed and only heard a response from the physicians. The NSBN did not receive a letter at that time, but have since sent its own letter to inform the NIAA that performing sports physicals is within the scope of practice for APNs. Several of the attendees to the meeting expressed their intent to attend the next NIAA Board meeting.
3. Review and discussion regarding publications the "Scope of Practice, Standards and Competencies of the Advanced Practice Nurse": D. Scott presented this agenda item just to inform the committee of this resource published by the International Council of Nurses (ICN). It is available on their website, www.icn.org.
4. Review and discussion regarding the Pearson Report: D. Scott distributed the preliminary report to the committee members which compares advanced nursing practice in all 50 states. She highlighted the Nevada section of the report, stating that the information in the report is accurate.
5. Review and discussion on California Medical Association's legal maneuvering against the Governor of California regarding California's Opt-out of the Medicare re-imburement requirement to have medical supervision of CRNAs: G. Cox presented this agenda item which describes a suit pending in California against their governor relating to supervision for reimbursement for Medicare services. He described the process by which the governor of a state may "opt out" of requiring that supervision and stated that 14 state governors have taken this option. He emphasized the congruence of this issue with the APNs' bid for autonomous practice since CRNAs historically have the highest degree of autonomy of any advanced practice nurses.
6. Suggestions for agenda items for the next meeting: The items for next meeting should include an update for the NIAA sports physicals issue and a legislative update regarding the special session and future legislative plans.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.