



**MINUTES OF THE
ADVANCED PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

February 24th, 2004

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Advanced Practice Advisory Committee was called to order on February 24, 2004 by Associate Executive Director, Donald Rennie. The meeting began at 9:05 a.m. via videoconference at CCSN, Cheyenne Campus, Conference Room A2638, 3200 E. Cheyenne Blvd, Las Vegas, Nevada and TMCC Meadowood Center, 5270 Neil Road, South Building, Room 104, Reno, Nevada, and Great Basin College, 1500 College Parkway, GTA Building, Room 124, Elko, Nevada.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Donald Rennie, MSN, RN, AED, Licensure and Certification
Sheri Aikin, MS, RN, APN
Amy Booth, MSN, RN, APN
Tricia Brown, MSN, RN, APN
Martha Drohobyczer, MSN, APN, CNM
Richard Null, MS, RN
Phyllis Suiter, MS, RN, APN

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MS, RN, APN
Fred Olmstead, JD, General Counsel
Neena Laxalt, Legislative Lobbyist, NNA
Stephanie Atwood, Nursing Student, UNLV

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: M. Drohobyczer requested, at a future meeting, the committee review the use of the APN certification title when an APN is not employed.

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of August 4, 2003, were approved.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Discussion concerning APNs using national certification credentials in lieu of “APN”:** A brief overview and history of the issue was presented and a review of discussions of the previous committee meeting was provided. It was noted telephonic queries to other boards of nursing did not result in any additional information than previously reported. Discussion ensued with a clarification that NAC 632.020 defines advanced practitioner of nursing. It was moved and seconded an APN should be identified by the title as defined in regulation and the additional identification of professional and/or educational credentials could be used if deemed appropriate by the APN. MOTION CARRIED.
2. **Discussion of NAC 632.257 (3): documenting 1000 hours of active practice to meet the requirement for obtaining prescribing privileges:** A review of the issue was presented. It was noted the Board tabled the draft concept and wording changes presented in September, 2003. The board further requested additional information from the APN community and additional recommendations from the committee. A survey of 100 APNs was conducted in fall 2003. 41 acceptable responses were received and the results were tabulated by Charles Bonney, senior nursing student at Orvis School of Nursing. Survey results were discussed. It was moved and seconded to recommend elimination of the 1000 hour requirement effective on June 1, 2005 to coincide with the master’s degree requirement as stipulated in NAC 632.515 (2.b.). MOTION CARRIED.
3. **Discussion of requirement to submit a list of drugs to the board (NAC 632.257 (2.b.):** A brief history and review of the issue was presented. Current regulation requires a drug list to be submitted by APNs seeking certification by endorsement. The list may be presented in a format of individual drugs or by drug categories. Discussion ensued. It was noted that many drugs have approval for multiple categories and it is the responsibility of the APN to possess the appropriate knowledge related to the drugs prescribed. It was moved and seconded to recommend removal of this section of the regulation. MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Discussion of proposed Board of Pharmacy removal of 180 day prescribing limitation:** The Board of Pharmacy recently amended NAC 639.879 (2.b.) “Scope of authority to dispense” to allow APNs (who have dispensing privileges) to dispense amounts not to exceed a 365-day supply if authorized by the collaboration physician.
5. **Highlights of Board meetings from November 2003 and January 2004:** November 2003 board meeting: •Election of officers was held with the following results: President-Patty Shutt, LPN, Vice President-Mary Ann Lambert, MSN, RN, and Secretary-Helen Vos, MS, RN. •Newly appointed board members were David

Burgio, MSN, RN, APN, as RN Member and Joe Cortez, as Consumer Member. •All CNA related fees were increased to the maximum allowed by statute. •The Nursing Practice Advisory Committee presented a draft practice decision related to SANE which the board reviewed and requested the proposed decision be agendaized for the March 2004 meeting so individuals from northern Nevada could give public testimony. January 2004 meeting: •Board committee liaison appointments were made as follows: D. Burgio - Advanced Practice Advisory Committee; D. Perkins – CNA Advisory Committee; C. Bible – Disability Advisory Committee; M.A. Lambert—Education Advisory Committee; and H. Vos – Nursing Practice Advisory Committee. •A policy change was approved related to the auditing of CE for RN/LPN licensure renewal. •A presentation by the Chancellor of the UCCSN system related to nursing faculty education requirements as identified in NAC 632.670. •Discussion related to draft SANE practice decision continued.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. NAC 632.265- Discussion of collaboration specialty: Discussion ensued concerning issues related to the specialty of APNs and their collaborating physicians. These issues included the requirements of the regulation and the crossover in specialties that is currently occurring in advanced nursing practice specialties. The board's Guidelines for Selection of APN Collaborating Physicians was presented and discussed. It was moved and seconded to review these guidelines for possible revision and acceptance by the Board. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.