

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**May 11th, 2004**

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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 on May 11, 2004 by Associate Executive Director, Donald Rennie, MSN, RN. The meeting began at 2:00 p.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

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Donald Rennie, MSN, RN, AED, Licensure and Certification  
David Burgio, MSN, RN, APN, Board Liaison  
Amy Booth, MSN, RN, APN  
Tricia Brown, MSN, RN, APN  
Phyllis Suiter, MS, RN, APN

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Martha Drohobyczer, MSN, APN, CNM  
Richard Null, MS, RN

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Debra Scott, MS, RN, APN  
Neena Laxalt. Legislative Lobbyist, NNA

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.
- B. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No person appeared to offer comments.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The committee minutes of February 24, 2004 were approved as written.

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Discussions of actions taken at Nevada State Board of Nursing meeting of March 2004: The board approved the Education Advisory Committee's proposed concept and wording changes to the education regulations related to faculty education requirements, accreditation, provisional approval, administrator duties and program composition. The Board approved the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee's proposed concept and wording changes to NAC 632.257 (2.b.) related to the 1000 hours requirement for prescriptive privileges. Curriculum changes were approved for Community College of Southern Nevada RN and PN programs, Nevada State College and Truckee Meadows Community College nursing programs. Practice decisions were approved related to Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners and activities not considered "providing patient care". Board members and staff reported on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Mid-Year meeting, which covered topics as the global issues of nursing and the federal visa screening requirement for certain Trade NAFTA nurses currently working in the United States. The board approved the NCSBN proposed revisions to the NCLEX-PN test plan to be implemented in Spring 2005.

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion, Recommendations and Actions regarding APNs writing prescriptions for disabled persons related to NRS 482.3831 – NRS 482.384: In these statutes, a licensed physician is identified as the practitioner authorized to complete applications for DMV permits for persons with permanent disabilities. The committee discussed various avenues to pursue in obtaining DMV consideration as an authorized practitioner. The committee recommended the Executive Director write a letter to the Director of the DMV requesting APNs also be considered as authorized practitioners based upon their ability to prescribe. The committee further recommended the Board Counsel discuss this issue with the Deputy Attorney General for the DMV.
2. Discussion, Recommendations and Actions related to the use of the title of APN when not employed: Currently APNs are encouraged to place their certificate on inactive status when not employed or no collaborating physician agreement is in effect. The committee discussed the continued use of the title APN when not actively employed. The committee concluded it would be appropriate to continue to use the title APN when not employed. The committee further concluded it would be a violation of the Nurse Practice Act to practice as an APN when not currently certified, not employed, or when a physician collaboration agreement was not in effect. The committee also

requested the Board Counsel further research this issue and report his findings at the next committee meeting

3. Discussion, Recommendations and Actions related to the “Guidelines for Selection of APN Collaborating Physician”: APNs are required by NAC 632. 265 (1.b), to have a collaborating physician whose scope of practice includes the medical specialty of the APN. Guidelines were developed by the committee in 2000 to assist the APN in the selection of the appropriate collaborating physician. A potential collaborating physician may have multiple medical specialties, including that of the APN, although no longer be practicing in the particular specialty of the APN. The committee reinforced the requirement that APNs must practice within the scope of their certified specialty. The committee recommended the guidelines be revised to reflect appropriate APN practice with accountability being monitored through practice audits. The committee further recommended the guidelines be developed into policy for Board approval.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.