

Nevada State Board of NURSING

MINUTES OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 18, 2008

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 3:08 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, APN, Executive Director, Chair
Amy Booth, MSN, RN, APN Phyllis Suiter, MA, RN, APN
Tricia Brown, MSN, RN, APN Rhigel Jay Tan, MSN, RN, APN
George Cox, CRNA, DNP, MHS Susan VanBeuge, MSN, RN, APN
Ronnie Wing, MSN, RN, CRNA via teleconference

MEMBERS ABSENT

Belen Gabato, MS, RN, Board member liaison

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Olmstead, NSBN General Counsel
Beverly Driskill
Mary J. Reed, SNAMHS
Joan McCraw, RN, APN
Wanda Sheppard, SNAMH
Jeanine Swygman, Reno VA
Jeanette Belz, Nevada Psychiatric Association

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by D. Scott, committee chair.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jeanine Swygman from the Veterans' Administration Hospital presented several questions that the committee will consider at the next APNAC meeting. The primary questions were: 1. Is it legal for APNs certified in Nevada who are working in the VA system to collaborate with physicians who are licensed in another state? 2. If I am working under my Oregon APN license at the VA in Nevada, what is my scope of practice? 3. What is my scope of practice related to DMV certificates and death certificates? These questions will be on the committee's next meeting's agenda scheduled for February, 2009.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 20, 2008 and August 26, 2008: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of both the May 20, 2008 and the August 26, 2008 meetings of the APN Advisory Committee as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report from the September 17-19, 2008 Board meeting: D. Scott reported on the outcomes of the September Board meeting related to APN issues.

2. Discussion regarding national certification for APNs in Nevada: The committee has been considering requiring national certification for APNs in Nevada and how that might be implemented. Discussion arose about the requirement of a Masters in nursing to be able to sit for the national certification exam. The requirement for hospital credentialing often requires an APN to be nationally certified. The committee members voiced support for a regulation change that would add national certification as a requirement for initial and ongoing licensure/certification in Nevada. There was further discussion on how Nevada might implement this change, including “grandmothering” current APNs, especially those who graduated from their education program before the June 1, 2005, cut off for Nevada’s requiring a Masters in nursing to be certified as an APN. D. Scott outlined a timeline for proposing the concept and wording of this change to the Board at its July 2009 Business Meeting to give Board staff time to educate the current stakeholders via the website and the NSBN News magazine.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Legislative update: D. Scott gave the committee a brief legislative update, describing the issues which are on the horizon for the upcoming Legislative Session to begin on February 2, 2009.
2. Review and discussion regarding APNA and ANCC Collaboration: Achieving Consensus on Future Credentialing for Advanced Practice Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing: This item was a discussion of an article reprinted from the Journal of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association. It was noted that psychiatric nurse practitioners outnumber psychiatric clinical nurse specialists, but that the current education and scope of practice are very similar.
3. Review and discussion regarding NAPNAP Position Statement on Age Parameters for Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Practice: This item was a discussion of a position statement that was distributed by the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners which outlined a definition of “pediatric population” as all children from birth through 21 years of age, and in specific situations, individuals older than 21 years until appropriate transition to adult health care is successful. Discussion arose about what some of those specific situations might be, although the committee voiced that this position paper may be a useful resource for practitioners.
4. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: The committee suggested that the VA questions be put on the next agenda and an action item be included for parameters around national certification on initial and renewal applications.

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