

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE November 3, 2009**

### **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 3:07 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  
Kelly Espinoza, MSN, RN, Board Liaison  
David Burgio, MS, RN, APN  
Kate Sheppard, PhD, RN  
Susan VanBeuge, DNP, APN, FWP-BC

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

George Cox, MS, RN, CRNA  
Rhigel Jay Tan, MSN, RN, APN  
Ronnie Wing, MSN, RN, CRNA  
Amy Booth, MSN, RN, APN

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel  
Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Operations Supervisor  
Jeanette Belz, Lobbyist, Nevada Society of Anesthesiologists  
Michael Hackett, Nevada State Medical Assn.  
Scott Craigie, Nevada State Medical Assn.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by D. Scott, committee chair.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was no public comment.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** May 5, 2009: The committee could not approve the minutes of the May 5, 2009 meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

#### **B. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Report from the May, July and September 2009 Board meeting: D. Scott reported the highlights of the May, July, and September, 2009 Board meetings, including the new Board officers, the Board's plan for discontinuing hard card licenses (to begin January 1, 2010), and the Board's decision to begin fingerprinting those licensees/certificate holders who have not been fingerprinted for the Board in the past (no date of implementation at this time).
2. Review, discussion, and action regarding possible wording for regulation change for requiring national certification of APNs: The committee discussed the proposed regulation

change which would require that APNs in Nevada be nationally certified to maintain their certification as an APN in Nevada. The committee directed Board staff to request Board direction on how currently certified APNs in Nevada might be “grandfathered in” related to this requirement. D. Scott will take this matter to the Board at its November, 2009 meeting.

### C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Legislative update: D. Scott and F. Olmstead discussed the current legislative issues facing nursing at a state level and at a national level. The recent discussions related to medical assistants and unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) were recapped and Board staff reiterated that APNs may not delegate nursing tasks to UAPs based on the Nevada Nurse Practice Act. If an APN is working with a medical assistant, the physician or the physician’s assistant must be “in house” for the medical assistant to be able to perform the tasks that are delegated to them by the physician/physician assistant. Otherwise, the APN may supervise the medical assistant in performing simple patient tasks which don’t require a license or require the task to be delegated by a licensed professional.
2. Review, discussion, and action regarding DMV placards and the role of the APN in signing authorization for DMV disability placards: No further resolution has been reached regarding this agenda item since the law requiring a physician to sign the authorization for DMV disability placards is in the DMV statute and regulations.
3. 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.
4. Review, discussion, and action regarding possible wording for statute change for deletion of requirement for formal physician collaboration: D. Scott presented this agenda item, underscoring the importance of clarifying language to indicate that advanced practice nurses scope of practice includes advanced practice nursing, not medicine. APNs diagnose and treat health conditions while adhering to the scope and standards of care for advanced practice nurses across the nation. No action was taken on this agenda item due to the absence of a committee quorum.
5. Scheduling of APNAC meetings for 2010: The committee approved the following dates for 2010 APNAC meetings—February 23, May 25, August 24, and November 9, 2010. All dates are on the first Tuesday of the month. The meetings will begin at 3:00 p.m.: D. Scott presented this agenda item. Although those members who were present had no schedule conflicts with the proposed dates, the committee could not take action on this agenda item due to the absence of a committee quorum.
6. Suggestions for agenda items for the next meeting: The items which were not resolved due to a lack of a committee quorum will be added to the next APNAC meeting agenda, to include the wording for the “grandfathering” of existing APNs related to the requirement for national certification.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.