

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 7th, 2006

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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 2:15 p.m., via videoconference at the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, #201, Reno, Nevada, 89502, and the Board of Nursing, 2500 W. Sahara, #207, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MS, RN, APN, Board Executive Director, Chair
Tricia Brown, MSN, RN, APN
Martha Drohobyczer, MSN, RN, APN, CNM
Amy E. Booth, MSN, RN, APN
Phyllis Suiter, MA, RN, APN
George H. Cox, MS, RN, CRNA
Susan VanBeuge, MSN, RN, APN
Jeanette DiChiro, MSN, RN, APN

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Burgio, MS, RN, APN, Board Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT

Roseann Colosimo, PhD, MSN, RN, Board Education Consultant
Fred Olmstead, Board General Counsel

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The committee set the dates for the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee meetings for 2007—February 13, May 29, August 28, and November 13. Meetings are at 2pm.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES— August 16, 2006: The minutes of the August 16, 2006 meeting were approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report from the September Board meeting: D. Scott gave an overview of the Board meeting outcomes from September, including appointments to committees and the Board's action on the proposed concept and wording for the revision of NAC 632.675.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding Guidelines For Protocols For APNs: P. Suiter presented this agenda item, describing the information distributed to the committee members. She included the information under agenda item C.2 regarding "Suggestions For Record of Practice." The committee agreed that all of the information in these documents would be helpful for new APNs or those who are endorsing from another state. P. Suiter offered to combine the documents into a handout that the Board could distribute in support of these individuals. She will bring the revised document to the next committee meeting in February 2007.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review, discussion and action regarding more accurate wording for the definition of "nurse midwife" in regulation to read, "nurse midwife means a registered professional nurse who has completed an organized formal program of training in the area of pregnancy, childbirth, the postpartum period, care of the newborn and the family planning, gynecological, and primary health needs of women": M. Drohobyczer and D. Scott presented the history behind this agenda item. M. Drohobyczer described the information from the American College of Nurse-Midwives, which describes the role of the nurse-midwife, which includes the more familiar scope of managing patients in pregnancy, during childbirth, during the postpartum period, the care of the newborn, and in family planning and gynecology. The addition of the scope of treating the primary health needs of women is more broad, but the committee agreed that this may be within the scope of a nurse-midwife, depending on her education, experience, and the practice setting. The committee accepted the concept of including primary health needs of women in the regulatory definition, but it seemed that how the regulation is worded in referring to the program of training, rather than the knowledge, skill, and abilities of the nurse-midwife may be limiting for practice in this role. D. Scott will work on the wording of the current regulation so that it reflects the opinion of the committee members and bring the proposed regulation change back to the committee at its next meeting in February 2007.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding "Suggestions For Record of Practice": See description in the minutes under agenda item B.2.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding guidelines for filling out FMLA forms and disabled placards: P. Suiter presented this agenda item describing the history and her interchange with Ginny Lewis, Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles. She explained to the committee that the existing law, NRS 482.384, states, a "licensed physician" can certify an applicant as a person with a disability, which limits or impairs the ability to walk. In her correspondence, Ms. Suiter suggested changing the language to "medical examiner" which is already defined in law to include among others, APNs and PAs. Since the Department of Motors Vehicles has several bill draft requests

in at this time, Ms. Suiter wondered if this change could be added to one of the existing BDRs. G. Lewis has acknowledged receiving Ms. Suiter's request and will discuss the issue with the respective administrators.

4. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: The members suggested putting the nurse-midwife regulatory definition, the DMV bill issue, and the revision of the documents for distribution to new APNs on the next meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.