

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES CNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 28, 2010

The committee meeting was called to order on January 28, 2010, at 9:05 a.m. by Chris Sansom, BSN, RN, Director of Operations via videoconference at the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 2500 W. Sahara Ave, #207, Las Vegas, and the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, #300, Reno, Nevada.

The CNA Advisory Committee advises and reports to the Board on matters related to Certified Nursing Assistants.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Sansom, RN, Director of Operations, Chair
Leslee Hoffler, RN Elizabeth Mongeau, RN
Terri Shoemaker, CNA Teresa Stricker, LASW
Carla Wright, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Carrie McMurray, CNA, Board Member Liaison
Cheryl Becerra, RN Barbara Cavanagh, RN
Mary Brann, RN C. Ryan Mann, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, RN, Executive Director, NSBN
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel, NSBN
Patty Towler, Sr. Certification Specialist, NSBN
Linda Aure, RN, Sr. Investigator, NSBN
Amy Clark, RN, App. Coordinator, NSBN
Cindy Peterson, RN, Investigator, NSBN
Sherri Twedt, RN Investigator, NSBN

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the October 22, 2009, CNA Advisory Committee meeting were approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report on Board meeting outcomes from the November 2009 and January 2010 Board meetings: C. Sansom reported that Carrie McMurray was reappointed as the committee liaison, and Mary Brann and Elizabeth Mongeau were reappointed to second terms as committee members. She reported on annual training program surveys approved by the Board. The Board also approved a proposal to enter all licensure data into Nursys, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing databank. This would allow for greater efficiency in obtaining and sharing licensure and disciplinary information with other boards of nursing. D. Scott reported on the Board approval to go forward with a regulation change that would require all individuals who complete a program designed to prepare an advanced practitioner of nursing after June 1, 2014, to obtain national certification.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review, discussion and action regarding the Train the Trainer manual and requirement for CNA Instructors: C. Sansom presented this item and shared written testimony from Roseann Colosimo, PhD, RN, Education Consultant, NSBN. Dr. Colosimo has offered to update the manual and has made the following recommendations:
 - a. Program history and description – update fees and requirements for renewal of a certificate.
 - b. Pertinent statutes and regulations – keep the content and add an objective for the teacher/trainer to understand the importance of the law and be able to teach the appropriate regulations to the students. Add current examples and resources for latest teaching tools on abuse.
 - c. Program and responsibilities – It is important for the teachers to understand the framework they are operating in and update this section.
 - d. Teaching tools – Section needs complete revision with more information on adult learners and teaching. Include examples of class outlines, lab flow and teaching assignments.
 - e. Communication – Resources need to be updated, and also include information on different generations and learning theories along with more information on English as a second language.
 - f. Evaluation Form – needs updating.
- T. Stricker offered to provide information and assist with revising the sections related to elder abuse and rights and made the following recommendations:
 - a. Elder abuse laws need to be updated, and this section should include information on various forms of abuse including sexual abuse, self-neglect, and financial exploitation.
 - b. Include information on warning signs to be able to identify abuse/neglect such as malnutrition and dehydration.
 - c. Update the statistics on the Truth About Modern Aging.
 - d. Update the name of Division of Aging Services to the Aging & Disability Services Division.

- e. Include information about admissions and discharges related to patient rights, choice and appeal processes.

The committee members present supported the recommendations and that revision of the manual should go forward.

2. Discussion regarding legislative and media issues: No business.
3. Program reports from Prometric: C. Sansom and P. Towler provided the reports from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, and discussed the pass rates. The program reports indicate high rates of success for most training programs. The reports support a trend in improvement of passing scores with only one training program below the 80% range. The efforts of Dr. Colosimo to routinely survey and offer assistance to the training programs and the dedication and diligence of the program coordinators are believed to be contributing factors to the high rates of success.
4. Review, discussion and action regarding proposed Advisory Opinion regarding qualifications for CNA hours of employment to renew a certificate: C. Sansom presented this item and provided a draft of the proposed advisory opinion. Additional titles of unlicensed personnel were suggested and will be added to the opinion including: Companion, Personal Care Assistant, private duty, Health Unit Coordinator, and Home Health Aide. The committee also discussed making a recommendation to have a phasing in period should the Board approve the opinion to allow for education of CNAs and employers. It was moved and seconded to approve the Advisory Opinion as revised and submit it to the Board at the March 2010 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.
5. Suggested items for future CNA agendas:
 - Report on legislative and media issues
 - Quarterly Prometric reports
 - Report on Board meeting outcomes
 - Train the Trainer review and discussion
 - Update on the Proposed Advisory Opinion regarding qualifications for CNA hours of employment required to renew a certificate

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.