

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES CNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, July 15, 2010

The committee meeting was called to order on July 15, 2010, at 9:02 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
Carrie McMurray, CNA, Board Member Liaison
Cheryl Becerra, RN Mary Brann, RN
Leslee Hoffler, RN C. Ryan Mann, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Elizabeth Mongeau, RN Terri Shoemaker, CNA
Teresa Stricker, LASW Carla Wright, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Doreen Begley, RN, Board President, NSBN
Roseann Colosimo, RN, Education Consultant, NSBN
Patty Towler, Sr. Certification Specialist, NSBN
Cindy Peterson, RN, Investigator, NSBN
Sherri Twedt, RN, Investigator, NSBN

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: R. Colosimo informed the committee that the Nevada Nursing Education and Practice Alliance is co-sponsoring a conference with the Nevada State Board of Nursing, and Nevada Workforce Connections. The conference theme is "Grow Our Own Safe and Competent Nurses," and it will be held in Las Vegas on July 29th and in Reno July 30, 2010.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the April 22, 2010 CNA Advisory Committee meeting were approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report on Board meeting outcomes from the May 2010 Board meeting: C. Sansom gave highlights of the board meeting including dates for 2011 board meetings, a presentation regarding Geriatric Course and Care by nursing students from University of Southern Nevada, winners of the Nevada Nurses Association Student Nurse Competition, two new CNA training programs were approved, and C. Wright was reappointed to this committee.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and discussion regarding the Train the Trainer manual revision: Roseann Colosimo, PhD, RN, Education Consultant, provided the committee with an update of the revision that is still in progress. The committee will be sent the newly revised manual when complete for review and discussion at a future meeting.
2. Program reports from Prometric: C. Sansom, R. Colosimo and P. Towler provided the reports from April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010, and discussed the pass rates. The program reports indicate the programs are doing well overall. Three programs have not renewed this year, but two new programs have been approved. The committee was reminded that students have the opportunity to take the exam three times and that one student failure can skew the overall pass rate of a program. R. Colosimo indicated the overall passing scores may identify programs that need to refocus education efforts and when needed this is addressed during site surveys. Further discussion was held regarding passing scores related to candidates admitted into programs and program settings.
3. Report on the National Council of State Board's of Nursing (NCSBN) Unlicensed Nursing Assistive Personnel Workshop: C. Sansom and R. Colosimo reported on the highlights of the workshop that included a discussion on standardization of CNA and medication aide training and testing on a national basis, the use of medication aides across the country, and the varied scope of practice from state to state. The NCSBN may look at forming an exploratory committee to look at development of national standards.
4. Discussion regarding legislative and media issues: The Interim Health Care Committee of the Nevada State Legislature meets next week. Agendas for all legislative committees are available on the state website.
5. Suggested items for future CNA agendas:
 - Quarterly and year end Prometric reports
 - Report on Board meeting outcomes
 - Train the Trainer review and discussion
 - Report on legislative and media issues
 - Discussion regarding whether CNA Training Program applications should be presented to the committee for review.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.