

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES CNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, May 7, 2009

The committee meeting was called to order on May 7, 2009, 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
Cheryl Becerra, RN Mary Brann, RN
Elizabeth Mongeau, RN Terri Shoemaker, CNA
Teresa Stricker, LASW Carla Wright, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Carrie McMurray, CNA, Board Member Liaison
Barbara Cavanagh, RN Leslee Hoffler, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, NSBN Executive Director
Fred Olmstead, NSBN General Counsel
Patty Towler, NSBN Sr. Certification Specialist
Linda Aure, BSN, RN-BC, NSBN Sr. Investigator

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Patty Towler informed the committee that there is a free magazine available titled, *Provider* that is published by the American Health Care Association and is focused towards long term care professionals. Their website is www.ahca.org/www.providermagazine.com.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the February 5, 2009, CNA Advisory Committee meeting were approved as written.

- B. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Report on Board meeting outcomes: C. Sansom reported on outcomes from the March 2009 Board meeting regarding topics and issues related to nursing assistants.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Legislative update: C. Sansom informed the committee that AB106 regarding medication aides-certified has not passed out of committee and will not be acted upon during this legislative session. Certified medication aids will not be a constant item on the committee meeting agendas in the future, but staff will bring any current information as received. D. Scott informed the committee that there have been numerous bills introduced related to the Hepatitis C crisis in Nevada, but many of those bills were not forwarded out of committee. AB121 regarding nurse staffing ratios was amended that instead of actual numbers, staffing would be based on a committee that must include nursing staff. This is currently active in the legislature; and, AB10 regarding whistleblower protections for nurses has been amended to include physicians and is currently active. Fred Hillerby, the Board's lobbyist, keeps the Board informed of issues related to nursing.
2. Quarterly program reports from Prometric: C. Sansom and P. Towler provided the report from January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009, and discussed the pass rates. The programs need to have an 80% pass rate for both sections of the exam. P. Towler stated staff is publishing the reports in more detail for the programs and will be sending them a report of how individual students scored on each skill they were tested on. The overall Exam Results by Location reports will be presented to the committee quarterly.
3. Discussion regarding the Green House Project: C. Sansom reported that the Nevada VA is looking into building a Green House Project and provided the Board with written material and a DVD, "Where Love Matters," which was played for the committee. The Green House Project is a model for skilled nursing and long term care that places the patient as the central focus, is based on 10-12 patients per home, and has a model for the role of a CNA that includes residence management, housekeeping, food service and other duties.
7. Suggested items for future CNA agendas:
 - Report on legislative issues
 - Quarterly Prometric reports
 - Report on Board meeting outcomes

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.