

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

April 24, 2009

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Disability Advisory Committee was called to order by Kathleen Reynolds, BHS, RN, at 9:30 a.m. at the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Ste 300, Reno, NV 89502 and via videoconference with other committee members at the Board of Nursing, 2500 W. Sahara, #207, Las Vegas, NV 89102.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kathleen Reynolds, BHS, RN, Chair	Judith Slaney, RN, LADAC
Jan Brethauer, RN	Mary Culbert, MS, RN
Cookie Bible, BSN, RNC, APN	Mattie Harris, RN
Ann Testolin, EdD, MS, BS, RN	Judy Vogel, BSN, RN
Patricia Durham-Taylor, RN	

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Sandra Halley, Board Member Liaison  
Kariene Rimer, RN  
Virginia Deleon, RN  
Peggy Cullum, RN  
Deborah Martz, RN  
Sandra Deveny, MSN, APNC  
Susan O'Day, BSN, RN, CPAN

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director  
Chris Sansom, BSN, RN, Director of Operations  
Doreen Begley, MS, RN, Board President  
Christie Daliposon, Management Assistant  
Roseann Colosimo, PhD, RN  
Amy Clark, BSN, RN, Investigator  
Linda Aure, BSN, RN-BC, Sr. Investigator  
Lark Muncy, RN, Investigator

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—October 24, 2008:** The minutes were approved as written.

### **B. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Review, discussion, and action regarding the evaluation of the October 2008 semi-annual meeting: K. Reynolds presented this item.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding the compliance statistics: This item was presented by K. Reynolds. The statistics presented were through March 2009. As complaints have increased, the number of individuals on probation and monitoring are

reflected in the numbers. The total number of individuals on Temporary Voluntary Surrender, Agreement for Monitoring and Agreement/Order of Probation is 128.

3. DAC calendar revision for 2009: Due to conflicts with the Board meetings and holiday schedules, the following DAC meetings have been changed from June 11, 2009, June 16, 2009, and September 10, 2009 to June 18, 2009, June 23, 2009 and September 17, 2009.

### **C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review, discussion, and action regarding Chair's report presented by K. Reynolds:
  - Information regarding "Rational Recovery", an independent/non-traditional model versus 12-step recovery program was presented and discussed.
  - Presentation on the National Organization of Alternative Programs (NOAP) conference held on April 1-3, 2009. Major areas of interest discussed were emerging technologies in drug testing, various testing panels for hair, urine, and blood, and the risk factors for health professionals. Additional information of interest was the "internet pharmacy" and the trends in prescription drug diversion and abuse. The conference was most helpful in the challenges involving compliance.
  - The Alternative Program and the Chemically Dependent Nurse presentations: An annual invitation to speak on this subject is sent to the Deans and Directors of Nevada's nursing programs. A review of completed as well as future presentations was presented.
  - DAC's Recommendation Check List was presented. This tool will be used during the DAC meeting days to give rationale to the Board as a basis for decisions.
2. Presentations on Board approved recovery programs:
  - Larry Espadero, LADC, Las Vegas, described the Monte Vista Recovery Center's in-patient and intensive outpatient program. This program is one frequently attended by impaired nurses in the Las Vegas area.
  - Jennifer Bowler, RN, LADC presented Renown's Behavioral Health chemical dependency treatment components and the specific content relating to impaired nurses.
3. D. Scott, Executive Director, presented the current legislative agenda. She also presented the Commitment to Ongoing Regulatory Excellence (CORE) 2007 report for Nevada. The information discussed was the performance measurements and benchmarking system for nursing regulation. CORE provides and compares data that can be used for performance measurement and organizational enhancements by Boards of Nursing.
4. C. Sansom, Director of Operations, discussed the medication aide legislation. Though this bill will not be acted upon this session, there is potential for future certification of these aides with the expectation that the Board will have jurisdiction over them.

**D. EVALUATION OF MEETING:** Evaluation forms were distributed and completed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.