

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 24, 2008

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	Deborah Martz, RN Doreen
Begley, MS, RN, Board Member Liaison	Chris Veach, MS, RN
Phyllis Ericksen, RNC, CCM	Judith Slaney, RN, LADAC
Jan Brethauer, RN	Susan O'Day, BSN, RN, CPAN
Cookie Bible, BSN, RNC, APN	Mattie Harris, RN
Sandra Deveny, MSN, APNC	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kariene Rimer, RN
Virginia Deleon, RN
John Malek, PhD, MSN, APN
Mary Culbert, MS, RN
Ann Testolin, EdD, MS, BS, RN
Judy Vogel, BSN, RN
Peggy Cullum, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, APN, Executive Director
Chris Sansom, BSN, RN, Director of Operations
Christie Daliposon, Management Assistant
Roseanne Colosimo, PhD, MSN, RN
Amy Clark, BSN, RN, Investigator

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—April 25, 2008: The minutes were approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review, discussion, and action regarding the evaluation of the April 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 number of nurses entering the Alternative Program

continues to increase from the previous year. The Compliance goal is to promote information and knowledge of the Program through presentation to medical facilities and nursing schools by the Executive Director, Director of Operations and the Compliance Coordinator. The number of nurses successfully completing probation has increased over the past year. Since the duration of probation can be 1-5 years, an increase in the number of successful completions would be expected due to the shorter time period than the Alternative Program. The orientation for new monitorees which educates them to the conditions of their agreement continues to make an impact on increasing compliance. The total number of cases for Temporary Voluntary Surrender, Agreement for Monitoring and Agreements/Orders of Probation is 107.

3. Review, discussion and action regarding the “The Eligibility for Board Alternative Program Policy Revision.” This item was presented by K. Reynolds. The policy revisions are in their final editing, having been again reviewed by the DAC members. Following the discussion, it was moved and seconded to accept the draft as written and present the policy to the Board at the January 2009 meeting.
4. DAC calendar revision for 2009: due to conflicts with the Board meetings and holiday schedules the following DAC meetings have been changed to: March 24, 2009, April 24, 2009, and October 20, 2009.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review, discussion, and action regarding Chair’s report presented by K. Reynolds:
 - a. Applications for initial and renewal licensure are now available on the NSBN web site as is information on this process.
 - b. A National Council of State Boards of Nursing article, “Discipline of Nurses: A Review of Disciplinary Data 1996-2006” was distributed. The trends of disciplinary actions and the characteristics of disciplined nurses were the focus of the study using 11 years worth of state boards of nursing Nursys data of license and discipline information.
 - c. New members for the Reno DAC committee are actively being sought due to retirement and relocation of some Reno DAC members.
2. D. Scott gave a report on current and future legislative activities. Ms. Scott also reviewed cost savings initiatives that have been implemented by the Board.
3. Presentation by: Melissa Piasecki, MD, Associate Professor Psychiatry, Assistant Dean, Office of Faculty Affairs and Development. Dr. Piasecki gave a presentation entitled, “A Brain-Based Understanding of Addiction” to the committee and answered many questions.

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

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