

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE April 12, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, at 9:01 a.m., at the Board of Nursing offices via teleconference between 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Ste. 300, Reno, Nevada 89502, and 2500 W. Sahara, Ste. 207, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, RN, Board Executive Director, Chair
Kelly Espinoza, RN, Board Liaison
Cathy Dinauer, RN Gayle LaChance-Bulger, RN
Zona Hickstein, RN Cynthia Gorham, RN, BSN, MHA
Lisa Mantkus, RN Judith Carrion, RN
Marti Cote, RN Gail Alexander, RN
Holly Carpenter-Filson, RN Margaret Konieczny, RN, MSN
Leighanne Shirey, RN, BSN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Diane Allen, RN
Vicky Hardaway, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Sansom, RN, Director of Operations
Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Operations Supervisor
Sherri Twedt, RN, Nurse Investigator
Cynthia Peterson, RN, Nurse Investigator
C. Ryan Mann, RN, Application Coordinator
Dana Balchunas, RN, CNO, WCSO
Jen Richards, RN, Renown Medical Center
Laura Nevin, RN, CTRMC

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by D. Scott at 9:01 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the February 1, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board meeting follow up: D. Scott gave the highlights of the March 2011 Board meeting, including the Board's new policy of fingerprinting licensees on renewal and the closure of Carrington-LV nursing program.

2. Review, discussion and action regarding the subcommittee's proposed revisions to the Board's current practice decision allowing RNs to administer sedation and monitor patients for "short term" procedures: C. Dinaur, subcommittee chair, presented this agenda item. She provided the committee with rewording of the current practice decision and definitions of minimal, moderate and procedural sedation. The committee agreed with the proposed changes. D. Scott will incorporate the changes into the current complete version of the practice decision, forward to the committee members and agendaize for approval at the next NPAC meeting scheduled in June. The committee members thanked the subcommittee for their good work on the revision.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Orientation of new committee members: There were no new members to be oriented; however, D. Scott reminded the members to review the information in their orientation packet so they are aware of the law and the policy related to committee membership.
2. Legislative update: D. Scott presented highlights of legislative activity during the current legislative session. She discussed SB205, a bill that would require APNs in Nevada to be nationally certified by 2014. She also informed the committee of SB411, which has been passed out of the Senate Committee with an amendment changing the title for this new type of provider to Medication Aides-Certified. Originally, SB419 would have required nurses, and other health care practitioners, to take 2 hours of instruction on safe injection practices annually. A proposed amendment, which passed out of committee, changed the bill to require nurses (health care providers) to attest on their renewal application that they are knowledgeable about the CDC requirements for safe injection practices and their practice complies with those standards. She discussed several other bills related to Boards, most of which have not passed out of committee at this time.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding PICC line practice decision: Jen Richards, Director of Nursing Education and Research for Renown Health Care Center, presented this agenda item. She proposed language to clarify that RNs who perform PICC insertion are responsible to obtain informed consent from the patient prior to the procedure. The Committee agreed with the proposed changes. Board staff will make the changes which are not substantive and publish the new wording on the Board's website.
4. Review, discussion and action regarding the EMS-RN's responsibility when two patients need to be transported to different hospitals after a flight transfer: Diane Pfauth, EMS-RN, Summit Air Ambulance, presented this agenda item, which asks the question, "Is it within the scope of practice for an EMS-RN to split the transport team of EMS-RN and EMT-P on a two patient transport, during the ambulance ride from the airport to the hospital?" She clarified that this may happen if the patients are going to different hospitals or cannot ride in the same ambulance. The Committee discussed the issue and agreed that the EMS-RN would be held accountable for the decision to delegate the transfer, but that the transport would be within the scope of practice of the EMT-P. D. Scott will send a letter to Diane stating the opinion of the Committee.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Items to be presented at the next NPAC meeting on June 14, 2011 will be:

1. The final version of the Procedural Sedation Practice Decision
2. A discussion of a newly proposed aesthetic nursing program
3. Regular agenda items—committee member orientation, legislative update, and highlights of Board meetings

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.