

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE April 7, 2009**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The committee meeting was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, APN, FRE, Executive Director, at 9:03 a.m., at the Board of Nursing offices via videoconference 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  
Diane Allen, RN                      Lisa Mantkus, RN  
Judith Carrion, RN                  Susan Moore, RN  
Marti Cote, RN                        Joseph Rosich, RN  
Gayle LaChance-Bulger, RN

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Betty Carlgren, LPN, Board Liaison  
Kelly Benway, RN                      Linda Morton, RN  
Cathy Dinauer, RN                      Diane Smith, RN, MHA  
Cheryl McKinney, RN                      Karen Winter, RN

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Chris Sansom, BSN, RN, Dir. of Operations                      Dana Balchunas, RN, WCS District  
Lark Muncy, RN, NSBN, Investigator                              Adrina Cohen, RN, Lyon County SDistrict  
Amy Clark, RN, NSBN, Investigator                                Denise Engel, RN, SANE-A  
Fred Olmstead, Board Counsel

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by D. Scott at 9:03 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** D. Balchunas brought information back to the committee regarding confidentiality issues for minor reproductive health and contraception, but underscored the importance of nurses doing what is reasonable when they are confronted with a dilemma about confidentiality. The outcome of her research was based on federal laws governing confidentiality.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—February 10, 2009:** The minutes of the February 10, 2009 meeting were reviewed, and approved with corrections.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Board meetings follow up: March, 2009 Board meeting: D. Scott reviewed the highlights of the Board meeting, specifically the Board's approval of the

advisory opinion regarding protocol, standing orders, and preprinted order set. She announced that Nevada State College was awarded full approval by the NSBN. The Board also discussed requiring national certification for APNs in Nevada.

2. Update on the Advisory Opinion: “Operational Definitions for Protocol, Standing Orders, and Preprinted Order Set”: D. Scott announced to the committee that this Advisory Opinion had been approved by the Board and was being forwarded along with the Disciplinary Actions List to all Nevada Chief Nurses.

### **C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Legislative update: F. Olmstead gave a legislative update regarding the ongoing 2009 Legislative Session, specifically discussing the medication aide-certified bill, AB106, the Whistleblower Protection bill for nurses, AB10, and other nursing related bills. He encouraged all attendees to participate in legislative activities as they were able.
2. Review, discussion, and action regarding the role of the LPN in PICC line management: A. Clark gave a powerpoint presentation regarding her practice decision request defining the role of the LPN in PICC line management. Discussion ensued related to the education preparation of LPNs for competence in this area of practice. The committee had varied opinions on whether this task should be within the scope of practice for LPNs. She reported that 10 out of 50 states stated that LPNs have drawing blood from a central line within their scope of practice. In addition, 17 out of 50 states said that LPNs can access a central line for treatment. The committee distilled the issue to the need for more information about how to define IVs, PICCs, and Central lines and then to look at what is safe practice for LPN level preparation, specifically addressing the potential for infection. A. Clark and L. Muncy will bring back further information to the next NPAC meeting in May.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding the use of the term “RN” vs “School Nurse” in the Board’s School Nurse Advisory Opinion Grid: D. Balchunas presented suggestions from a subcommittee that was formed to update the language in the NSBN School Nurse Advisory Opinion. She reminded the committee that “School Nurse” is a protected title in Nevada and the committee recommended the advisory opinion use this term as appropriate. The committee responded to the drafted language and approved the suggested changes. The committee directed Board staff to present the proposed changes to the Board at its May, 2009 meeting.
4. Review, discussion and action regarding Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Certification: D. Engel presented this agenda item, requesting to open the discussion about how the Board’s Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Practice Decision might be fine tuned to better serve the state. Ms. Engel reported that there are ten SANE certified nurses in Nevada, three who are actually working in Northern Nevada who have from 10-50 cases/month and about 2.5 in Southern Nevada who have 60-90 cases/month. She states that Nevada is the only state that requires SANE certification for nurses to perform sexual assault victim examinations. She is requesting that the practice decision be revised to allow nurses to become certified after two years of

practicing as a SANE. D. Scott invited the SANE nurses to discuss this issue further with Board staff so that the needs of the state might be met, while still maintaining the standard of certification for the expanded scope of practice performed by SANEs. This issue requires further research at this time.

5. Review, discussion, and action regarding the Board's current practice decisions regarding agenda item B.2 from the February 10, 2009 meeting – prostaglandin administration in obstetrics and term pregnancy: D. Scott presented two of the Board's practice decisions, one giving guidance for vaginal speculum examination and specimen collection/evaluation, adopted by the NSBN in September, 1994 and another related to administration of prostaglandin or other cervical ripening agents in term pregnancy prior to labor induction approved by the Board in September, 1997. The committee took the recommendations made at the previous NPAC meeting and incorporated some of their own revisions to the practice decisions, approving the proposed changes. They directed Board staff to forward the proposed changes to the Board for approval or other action.
6. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: The committee members suggested that the issue of LPNs and PICC lines be brought back to the committee in May. They also suggested that the SANE issue be brought back for further review.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.