

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE August 12, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, APN, Executive Director, at 9:04 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
Susan Moore, RN, Lisa Mantkus, RN, Karen Winter, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Betty Carlgren, LPN, Board Liaison
Diane Allen RN _____ Linda Morton, RN
Kelly Benway, RN _____ Joseph Rosich, RN
Caroline Copeland, RN _____ Diane Smith, RN
Cheryl McKinney, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Sansom, BSN, RN, Director of Operations
Linda Aure, RN, NSBN, Sr. Investigator
Lark Muncy, RN, NSBN, Investigator
Fred Olmstead, Board Counsel
Kathie Lloyd, Renown, Renown Regional Medical Center
Michael Basinger, Renown Regional Medical Center
Denise Nelsen, Renown Regional Medical Center
Paul M. Mailander, MD, and Flora Gallegos, RN Sierra Anesthesia
Dana Balchunas, RN, Chief School Nurse, WCSO
Jeanette Belz, Nevada State Society of Anesthesiologists
Dr. J. Zucker, MD
Jose Gonzalez, RN

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—June 10, 2008: The minutes of the June 10, 2008 meeting were reviewed, but not approved due to the lack of a quorum in attendance.

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board meeting follow up: D. Scott gave the highlights of the July, 2008, Board meeting, including discussion about the Board's annual statistics, their consideration of using hearing officers for disciplinary hearings, and the presentations made to the Board by Kathy Apple, CEO, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, and Michelle Piasecki, MD, UNR Medical School.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding the practice question "Is it legal in Nevada for APNs or RNs to provide Expedited Partner Therapy?": F. Olmstead presented this agenda item, answering the question in the negative. After review of the existing Nevada laws (Chapters 441A, 632, and 629) and the authority given through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the legal opinion rendered by F. Olmstead is that APNs and RNs may not provide EPT in Nevada under the current laws. D. Scott will follow up with Rick Sowadsky of the Nevada State Health Division to inform them of the legal review regarding this practice.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding utilization of "standing orders" or "protocols" for certain procedures at the time of patient admission: The committee discussed this agenda item for direction. D. Scott explained that the Board had reviewed the committee's proposal in the form of proposed new regulations, but had referred the issue back to the committee. It was discussed that there may be more support for identifying national definitions for standing orders and protocols to be used in Nevada nurse practice. One committee members suggested that JCAHO definitions may be appropriate for a basis for further consideration of the item. D. Scott will review other sources for possible future consideration of this issue.
4. Review, discussion and action regarding the practice question "Is it within the scope of practice for an RN, in particular those who practice in the critical care settings such as ER or ICU, to insert an external jugular line for IV access?": J. Gonzalez presented this agenda item in the form of a draft practice decision which would place this practice within the scope of an RN in certain settings with evidence of education and ongoing competence. The committee directed that the draft practice decision with minor changes as described during the committee meeting be forwarded to the Board at its September, 2008 meeting for approval.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review, discussion and action regarding the administration of prostaglandin or other cervical ripening agents in term pregnancy, including the definition of "term pregnancy": This agenda item was presented by K. Lloyd who addressed issues of administration of cervical ripening agents. She plans to review the entire practice decision documentation for accuracy and return to the October, 2008 NPAC meeting to propose possible changes for update and clarification. D. Scott will review the current definition of "term pregnancy" for possible update in the current practice decision.

2. Review, discussion, and action regarding: Is it within the scope of practice for an RN to administer an epidural analgesic using narcotics and/or dilute local anesthetic solutions?: Several attendees presented various issues in consideration of this agenda item. M. Basinger presented the current procedure for epidural analgesic administration for laboring patients at Renown. Dr. Mailander described the current practice standard for this procedure and described the benefits of maintaining the current procedures, citing no untoward incidents for the past 20 years. K. Lloyd described the events leading to her asking about the Board's position on this issue, giving information about AWHONN's guidelines for the role of the RN in the care of the pregnant woman receiving analgesia/anesthesia by catheter techniques. Her concern encompassed making sure that Renown nurses are practicing within the current NSBN practice decision, the professional association guidelines, and underscoring patient safety. Dr. Zucker gave testimony regarding his experience in treating laboring patients with epidural analgesia/anesthesia which limited the role of the RN to a greater degree than the current practice at Renown. All individuals indicated their belief that a compromise could be reached to address all concerns. D. Scott proposed that the current practice decision which was approved in 1990 be reviewed for a possible update which might include addressing current nursing practice standards and addressing epidural analgesia/anesthesia in laboring patients and for other patients to identify any differences in the nurse's scope. A review will be completed and a possible practice decision revision will be brought back to the October, 2008 NPAC meeting.
3. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: Many items on this agenda will be brought back to the next meeting. Those agenda items include B.3, C.1, C.2. In addition, the scope of practice for an RN for inserting an arterial canula will be brought forward to be addressed by B. McNaughton at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.