

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE August 3, 2010**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The committee meeting was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, 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                      Vicky Hardaway, RN  
Gail Alexander, RN                  Judith Carrion, RN  
Holly Carpenter, RN                Gayle LaChance-Bulger, RN  
Marti Cote, RN                        Lisa Mantkus, RN  
Cathy Dinauer, RN                  Susan Moore, RN  
Zona Hickstein, RN                 Margaret Konieczny, RN, MSN  
Cynthia Gorham, RN, BSN, MHA

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kelly Espinoza, RN, Board Liaison  
Christine M. Peterson, RN

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel  
Amy Clark, RN, NSBN, Investigator  
Sherri Twedt, RN, CLNC - Investigator  
Cindy Peterson, RN, CRRN, CLNC, CHCQM, FAIHQ – Investigator  
Patty Shutt, LPN - Site Operations Supervisor  
Jeanette Belz, Nevada Psychiatric Assn.

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### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the June 8, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

### **B. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Board meeting follow up: July 2010 Board meeting: D. Scott and F. Olmstead reviewed actions taken by the Board at its annual business meeting in July and took questions from the members of the committee.

2. Review, discussion, and action regarding the proposed revisions to the NSBN's Cosmetic Procedures Practice Decision: L. Mantkus and D. Scott described the feedback from the Board members when the proposed practice decision was presented to them in July. They remarked that the format of the decision was somewhat confusing and requested that Board staff prepare a table to add to the document describing the two levels of scopes of practice for nurses who are certified and for those who are not. The revised proposal was presented to the committee who approved the revisions. The decision must be considered and approved by the Board prior to implementation.

### **C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Orientation of new committee members: D. Scott informed the committee that this agenda item would be included on future agendas when new members are appointed. She presented the statutes and regulations that allow the NSBN to do some of its work through the appointment and work of advisory committees—NRS 632.073, NAC 632.210-211. She also reviewed the NSBN policy and procedure for advisory committees which outlines the types of committees, the responsibilities of committee members and the procedure for conducting committee meetings. The committee members agreed that this is valuable information that should be included on a regular basis for education.
2. Review, discussion, and action regarding a schedule change of NPAC committee meeting from December 7<sup>th</sup> to December 14, 2010: The committee unanimously approved the schedule change of NPAC committee meeting from December 7<sup>th</sup> to December 14, 2010.
3. Review and discussion regarding utilization of unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP): D. Scott presented this agenda item for discussion. She cited NAC 632.222 and 224 clarifying the role of the RN in delegation and supervision. Chief nurses are held accountable for allowing RNs to delegate to UAPs. It was discussed that there are instances in Nevada where hospitals are allowing UAPs to fill positions where they may be working within the scope of a licensed nurse, ie. administering medications or working alongside the physician in radiology or surgery. Ms. Scott reminded the committee members to be cognizant of when this is occurring in their practice sites and to work within the system to encourage their chief nurses to be aware of Nevada's limitations on delegation by RNs. This discussion led to many questions and Board staff offered to give presentations to clarify delegation.
4. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: No items were suggested.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.