

MINUTES OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE February 1, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, at 9:12 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

Vicky Hardaway, RN

Gayle LaChance-Bulger, RN

Cynthia Gorham, RN, BSN, MHA

Holly Carpenter-Filson, RN Lisa Mantkus, RN

Judith Carrion, RN Leighanne Shirey, RN, BSN

Margaret Konieczny, RN, MSN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marti Cote, RN Zona Hickstein, RN Gail Alexander, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Operations Supervisor Gail Trujillo, Executive Assistant

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: P. Shutt reported that she had received calls from nurses who were questioning whether or not they could take orders from doctors via text to and from personal cell phones.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the December 14, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Board meeting follow up: D. Scott reviewed the decisions made by the Board at its regularly scheduled January, 2011 Board meeting.
- 2. Subcommittee's report on allowing RNs to administer sedation and monitor patients for "short term" procedures: C. Dinauer presented the work that was done by the subcommittee thus far. She thanked J. Carrion and C. Gorham for their help in gathering information for the committee to discuss. She stated that it was impossible to find documentation defining "short term". The committee discussed how to

improve the Board's current practice decision to give better direction to nurses who are involved in administering and monitoring procedural sedation. It was decided that the words, "short term" should be deleted from the first paragraph of the practice decision and the wording should be, "It is within the scope of practice of an RN to administer medication for the purpose of induction of minimal or moderate sedation for therapeutic, diagnostic, or surgical procedures." The subcommittee provided a Practice Policy: Considerations for Policy Guidelines for Registered Nurses Engaged in the Administration of Sedation and Analgesia from the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). The policy references the Joint Commission on Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations' standard definition for the four levels of sedation and anesthesia. These include:

Minimal sedation where the patient responds normally

Moderate sedation/analgesia (conscious sedation) where an airway and
cardiovascular function is maintained

Deep sedation/analgesia, in which the patient is not easily aroused **Anesthesia**, in which patients require assisted ventilation

The committee directed the subcommittee to return to the next committee meeting in April to present their proposed revisions to the Board's current practice decision.

C. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Orientation of new committee members: Since there were no new committee members since the last committee meeting, D. Scott asked if any of the current members had any questions about the expectations of the Board for their work on the committee and asked about the members' expectations of the Board and Board staff in support of their volunteering their time to this work.
- 2. Legislative update: D. Scott and F. Olmstead presented a legislative update related to issues that may affect the NSBN. Topics included medication aides, safe injection practices, consolidation of boards, and certification of emergency personnel. She also related some new services through NURsys that are available to the public, which increased the Board's ability to protect the public.
- 3. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: The members requested that the regular items, legislative update, orientation of new members, and Board meeting follow continue to be on the agenda and to include a report from the subcommittee at the next NPAC meeting.

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