

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE February 2, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, at 9:05 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, Executive Director, Chair
Diane Allen, RN Vicky Hardaway, RN
Judith Carrion, RN Zona Hickstein, RN
Holly Carpenter, RN Susan Moore, RN
Cathy Dinauer, RN Gayle LaChance-Bulger, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kelly Espinoza, MSN, RN, Board Liaison
Kelly Benway, RN
Lisa Mantkus, RN
Diane Smith, RN, MHA
Marti Cote, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Sansom, BSN, RN, Dir. of Operation	Colleen Reynolds, Banner Churchill Community Hospital
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel	
Amy Clark, BSN, RN, Investigator	Dana Balchunas, BSN, RN, MED, WCSO
Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Ops Supervisor	<u>Clark County School District Health Services</u>
Cindy Peterson, RN, Investigator	Kathy Clemens, RN
Linda Aure, BSN, RN-BC, Sr. Investigator	Diana Taylor, RN, Chief Nurse
Sherri Twedt, RN, Investigator	Debra Minagil, RN
Jeanette Belz, Lobbyist, NV Pyschiatric Ass.	<u>Nevada Department of Corrections</u>
Mark Bradbury, Administrator, XL Hospice	Terri Jacobs, RN
Becky Taylor, Dir. of Patient Care, XL Hospice	Mary Eaton, Chief Nurse
Caty Prinsen, Skin Cancer & Derm. Inst.	Sandy Snider, RN

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—October 13, 2009: The minutes of the October 13, 2009 meeting were reviewed, B.1. was amended to say “on renewal” and the minutes were approved with revisions.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board meeting follow up January Board meeting: D. Scott and F. Olmstead reviewed the highlights of the January Board meeting and answered any questions from the committee members.
2. Review, discussion, and action regarding Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Certification – Denise Engel, RN, SANE to present: This agenda item was continued since Ms. Engel was not present.
3. Review, discussion, and action regarding Nevada’s requirements for renewal of EMS - RN licenses – Susan Moore, RN to present: Ms. Moore updated the committee on the progress of the EMSRN Ad Hoc Committee in addressing how emergency medical services nurses are certified by the Nevada State Board of Nursing. She described the work of the committee to address how the Board ensures that nurses who work in hospitals and may accompany patients in an ambulance are clearly approved to do so. She stated the committee is attempting to clarify the requirement questions on the application to make sure that nurses who are awarded this advanced certification actually are safe to practice in this expanded scope. She stated that the committee was also looking at providing a course description for an orientation course for EMSRNs that is required for certification. The committee members and Board staff complimented Ms. Moore on her work with the Ad Hoc committee and all those who are participating and thanked them for this very important work.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review, discussion, and action regarding delegation of gastrostomy device venting by UAPs in the school setting: D. Taylor presented this agenda item, referring the committee to the minutes of the February 6, 2007 NPAC minutes where it was approved to include LPNs in the practice of reinserting a gastrostomy device in an emergency situation with the goal of maintaining the opening. For this agenda item, D. Taylor requested that an unlicensed assistive person, or Qualified Person, be able to vent a gastrostomy tube in an emergency. The committee members unanimously concurred that UAPs should be able to perform this task in an emergency and recommended that this task should be added to the School Nurse Practice Decision delegation grid. The revision will be forwarded to the Board at its March Board meeting.
2. Review, discussion, and action regarding hospice volunteers providing assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) to patients: M. Bradbury, Administrator for XL Hospice, presented this agenda item. He stated that he had come from another state where volunteers were allowed to assist patients with ADLs in the hospice setting. D. Scott reviewed the gratuitous nursing statute, NRS 632.340, and the committee found that volunteers in this setting did not meet the definition of gratuitous nursing in law and thus would be required to have at least a certified nursing assistant certificate to give assistance with ADLs. D. Allen offered to contact the Idaho Bureau of Licensure to research the practice of volunteers in that state and M. Bradbury will return to the next NPAC meeting after conducting further research about the use of hospice

- volunteers in assisting patients with their ADLs.
3. Review, discussion, and action regarding, “Is it within the scope of practice for an RN to administer analgesic medications via an epidural catheter to a woman in labor? Are there any circumstances that this would be within the scope for an RN, such as a post operative surgical patient?” C. Reynolds presented this agenda item, requesting clarification for this scope of practice in her rural hospital. The committee reviewed the Board’s previous decision to direct nurses to follow the national standard for this practice that prevents nurses from administering epidural analgesia to a laboring patient. Furthermore, the committee supported nurses in this practice for post-operative surgical patients. D. Scott will write a letter to Ms. Reynolds to memorialize the committee’s response to her question.
 4. Review, discussion, and action regarding practice decision request questions from State of Nevada Department of Corrections Nursing Administration, “Is it within the scope of practice for an RN or LPN, delegated by the RN, to write renewal orders as a verbal order when their facilities’ local physician has provided a standing order allowing licensed nursing staff to renew orders on medications for chronic conditions that will be continued indefinitely and for gate medications on inmates finishing their sentences and leaving prison?”: M. Eaton, Chief of Nursing Services, North presented this agenda item. After extended discussion, it was decided that further clarification was needed and that Ms. Eaton would rewrite her policies entitled, “Provider Telephone, Verbal, and Renewal Orders” and “Medication Order Notation/Transcription”, submit them to Board staff for review, and possible return to the committee.
 5. Review, discussion, and action regarding confidentiality with student pregnancy: D. Taylor presented this agenda item. There was a robust discussion about what the role of the School Nurse is when s/he becomes aware of a student pregnancy related to patient confidentiality and patient safety. All agreed that in the school setting, a nurse/patient relationship is established between the School Nurse and the student. Consequently, patient confidentiality becomes the responsibility of the nurse and violation of a patient’s confidentiality may be grounds for disciplinary action by the NSBN. Confidentiality within this relationship is complicated when the student is an unemancipated minor and confides in the nurse about her pregnancy. Many opinions were expressed, but no clear conclusion was reached during this meeting. F. Olmstead, Board counsel, offered to contact the school district’s counsel, Bill Hoffman, to discuss the salient issues and bring some resolution back to the committee at its next meeting.
 6. Review, discussion, and action regarding administration of Imitrex by autoinjection: D. Taylor presented this agenda item, asking if it might be more prudent for the School Nurse Practice Decision to include specific medications when allowing a School Nurse to delegate “automatic devices for fixed dosage injection” to a Qualified Person. The committee concurred that the wording in the practice decision would remain as written, but that the school district could include the appropriate medications under policy and procedure.
 7. Review, discussion, and action regarding practice decision request of gastrostomy device; balloon inflation by LPN: D. Taylor presented this agenda item and the committee concurred that it was within the scope of practice for an LPN to reinsert a gastrostomy tube and that inflating the balloon was part of that task. The committee voted to recommend to the Board that the suggested wording be approved to allow the LPN to inflate the balloon on a gastrostomy tube.
 8. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: The committee suggested that

all of the items that were either continued or needed follow up should be included on the next NPAC agenda for its meeting on April 6, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.