

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE June 8, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, at 9:01 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
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
Vicky Hardaway, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kelly Espinoza, RN, Board Liaison
Diane Allen, RN
Zona Hickstein, RN
Christine M. Peterson, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Sansom, BSN, RN, Dir. of Operations
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Amy Clark, RN, NSBN, Investigator
Sherri Twedt, RN, CLNC, NSBN Investigator
Cindy Peterson, RN, CRRN, CLNC, CHCQM, FAIHQ, NSBN Investigator
Sheri McPartlin, CCSD
Diana Taylor, CCSD
Dana Balchunas, WCSD

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by D. Scott at 9:01 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 6, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board meeting follow up - May 2010 Board meeting: D. Scott and C. Sansom

- gave highlights of the Board meeting, including the Board's final approval of the proposed regulations regarding school nurses, advanced practitioners of nursing, and licensed practical nurses.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding confidentiality with student pregnancy: F. Olmstead presented this agenda item which resulted in an intense discussion of the school nurse's role in patient confidentiality related to student pregnancy. The committee agreed that students are considered patients of the school nurse. Nurses must protect the patient's confidentiality. The representatives of school nurses in Nevada who attended this meeting gave scenarios to illustrate the dilemmas that school nurses face when they have information that a student may be pregnant and the parent or guardian is unaware of the student's pregnancy. There is concern about the availability of the student's electronic health record to the parent in that the patient's confidentiality may be violated. The committee agreed that school nurses should be guided by their districts' policy and procedure in these matters, but that if a complaint is filed with the NSBN, the investigation would include consideration of how a reasonable and prudent nurse would intervene in the interest of the patient. F. Olmstead, the NSBN general counsel, requested that if the school districts' attorneys desire further clarification, they should direct correspondence to him in the form of a written request. He will then respond as appropriate. The committee recognized the difficulty and complexity of this issue for the school nurses and supported them in "doing the right thing for the patient" based on district policies and the law.
 3. Review, discussion and action regarding the proposed revisions to the NSBN's Cosmetic Procedures Practice Decision: L. Mantkus presented this agenda item, distributing the Arizona Board of Nursing's advisory opinion on dermatological procedures performed by RNs. The NSBN practice decision which was distributed to the committee members prior to the meeting did not have the previously recommended changes incorporated into the current decision. D. Scott verbally outlined the proposed changes which were similar to the changes that L. Mantkus was proposing and the committee approved the changes as discussed. D. Scott will distribute the final proposed practice decision to the committee and will forward the decision to the Board at its regularly scheduled July meeting. L. Mantkus offered to present the proposed decision to the Board at that meeting.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Scheduling of NPAC meetings for 2011: The committee unanimously approved the NPAC meeting dates of February 15, April 12, June 14, August 9, October 11, and December 13, 2011.
2. 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.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding changes to the School Nurse Practice Decision based on proposed regulation changes: D. Scott and D. Taylor presented this agenda item which suggests that the School Nurse Advisory Opinion wording should be changed to reflect the recent proposed changes in the school nurse regulations. D. Scott will submit the proposed changes to the Board after codification of the proposed regulations which may be at the September Board meeting. The changes are minimal focusing on item #4 which allows a parent or legal guardian to designate another person to perform required care for the student unless that person is employed by the school district.
 4. Review, discussion and action regarding “Does it make a difference if a nurse has an EMSRN when coming on to a motor vehicle accident on her own time?”: See discussion under agenda item #5.
 5. Review, discussion and action regarding “When can an EMSRN relinquish care of a patient?”: S. Moore presented this agenda item requesting clarification to the following questions:
 - (a) Off duty nurses without EMSRN licensure who stop to help at scenes of accidents or illnesses – what obligation do they have to continue care after EMS personnel arrive: Do they need to accompany the patient in the ambulance to the hospital?
 - (b) Off duty nurses WITH EMSRN licensure who stop to help at scenes of accidents or illnesses – what obligation do they have to continue care after EMS personnel arrive? Do they need to accompany the patient in the ambulance to the hospital?
 - (c) On duty nurses with EMSRN licensure who are called to a scene of an accident or illness – can they allow EMS personnel to transport patients to the hospital without accompanying them?

The consensus of the committee members was that this is a matter triage. A nurse with or without EMSRN licensure, whether he/she is on or off duty, can assess the patient and determine if he/she must accompany the patient in the ambulance. The nurse should make sure that the EMS provider agrees that the nurse does not need to accompany the patient. Of course, when EMSRNs are called to a scene as part of their jobs, they must follow company policy which may be more restrictive and require nurses to accompany patients to the hospital.
 6. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: There were no suggestions for future agenda items at this time, but committee members were invited to submit agenda items any time between now and the next regularly scheduled meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.