

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE October 13, 2009

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, Board Executive Director, Chair
Diane Allen, RN Zona Hickstein, RN
Judith Carrion, RN Susan Moore, RN
Holly Carpenter, RN Diane Smith, RN
Cathy Dinauer, RN Gayle LaChance-Bulger, RN
Vicky Hardaway, RN Lisa Mantkus, RN
Marti Cote, RN Christine Peterson, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Betty Carlgren, LPN, Board Liaison
Kellie Benway, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Sansom, BSN, RN, Dir. of Operations
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Linda Aure, BSN, RN-BC - Sr. Investigator
Amy Clark, BSN, RN, NSBN, Investigator
Sherri Twedt, RN, CLNC – NSBN Investigator
Cynthia Peterson, RN, CRRN, CLNC, CHCQM, FAIHQ – Investigator
Denise Engel, NV Coalition Against Sexual Violence
Margaret Tole, REMSA Care Flight
Andrea Sundberg, NCASV
John Mohler, RN, REMSA Care Flight
Jeanette Belz, Lobbyist, Nevada Psychiatric Assn, Academy of Ophthalmology,
and Society of Anesthesiology

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—June 9, 2009: The minutes of the June 9, 2009 meeting were reviewed, and approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board meeting follow up: July and September 2009 Board meetings: D. Scott reported the highlights of the Board's July and September meetings, including the Board's approval of the OB/GYN practice decision proposed revisions and the change in the LPN scope of practice to allow them to draw blood from PICC lines. She announced the Board's plan to discontinue hard card licenses/certificates and to begin fingerprinting nurses in Nevada who have never completed fingerprints for the Board. She reviewed other recommendations regarding advanced practice nurses as described in the NCSBN *Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education*. The Board also approved the latest advisory opinion regarding the practice of APNs in the Veterans' Administration System. In addition, she reported that the Board has added three new members to the Nurse Practice Advisory Committee, Holly Carpenter, Zona Hickstein, and Christine M. Peterson.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review, discussion, and action regarding Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Certification: D. Scott presented this agenda item with testimony from Denise Engel, RN, SANE, Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence. Ms. Engel proposed that sexual assault nurses should be able to develop their own course for training SANE nurses in Nevada. Based on the committee's further discussion of the current advisory opinion regarding education and certification requirements for SANE in Nevada, the committee voted to support the interpretation of the current advisory opinion that there must be supervised practice until deemed competent by another SANE or physician and certification through IAFN's process which includes successful completion of their examination. This item will be placed on the next NPAC meeting agenda for further discussion.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding the scope of practice for nurses regarding suturing: No one was present to address this agenda item. The committee had concerns about individuals representing themselves as an MA/RN, since the Board doesn't regulate medical assistants. They stated that this would be very confusing for patients and for other healthcare professionals. D. Scott will send a letter to the nurses who submitted the letter for review by the committee that will also be copied to the NPAC members.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding Nevada's requirements for renewal of EMS-RN licenses: D. Scott and S. Moore presented this agenda item, discussing the requirement for EMS-RN certification as related to NRS 450B. The desire of the committee and the Board is to make sure the application reflects the intent of the law for nurses to have the increased scope of practice that is afforded RNs who have the Board certification of EMS-RN. S. Moore volunteered to convene and lead a task force to make recommendations to the Board regarding the EMS-RN application, the development of orientation criteria, answer the question about intrafacility transporters' need for the EMS-RN certification, and review statutes and regulations to ensure that the application and the subsequent awarding of the certificate meets the intent of the law. This item will be further discussed after the task force meets.

4. Discussion regarding legislative and media issues: D. Scott gave this update which included the medical assistant media attention, reminding the committee that MAs are regulated by the Board of Medical Examiners and that the NSBN refers any questions regarding their scope of practice to their respective board. She also reminded the committee that the NSBN has the authority to cite and fine anyone who represents himself as a “nurse” since this is a protected title, but that the Board must have a written complaint with substantial evidence that the individual actually represented himself as a nurse in order to issue the citation and resulting fine.
5. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: The committee requested the following items be listed on the next meeting’s agenda—an update from the EMS-RN task force, the issue of nurses doing suturing in a physician’s office, and the SANE issue.

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