

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE October 5, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, at 9:19 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
Gail Alexander, RN Zona Hickstein, RN
Holly Carpenter, RN Margaret Konieczny, RN, MSN
Cathy Dinauer, RN Gayle LaChance-Bulger, RN
Vicky Hardaway, RN Lisa Mantkus, RN
Cynthia Gorham, RN, BSN, MHA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kelly Espinoza, RN, Board Liaison
Diane Allen, RN Marti Cote, RN
Judith Carrion, RN Susan Moore, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel	<u>Carson Tahoe Hospital</u>
Chris Sansom, BSN, RN, Director of Operations	Deborah Klipp
Amy Clark, RN, NSBN, Investigator	Laura Nevin
Sherri Twedt, RN, CLNC, Investigator	Leighanne Shirey
Cindy Peterson, RN, CRRN, CLNC, CHCQM, FAIHQ, Investigator	John Cerny, PNII Rural Clinics
Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Operations Supervisor	Katherine Barrett, PNII
Jeanette Belz, Nevada Psychiatric Assn.	Carson Mental Health
Carolyn Cramer, General Counsel, Nevada State Board of Pharmacy	Susan Haut, CPMII, Rural Clinics
Jenny Peterson, Elko Mental Health (via telephone)	Barbara Legler, CPM III Rural Services
Aurora Simsek, Winnemucca Mental Health (via telephone)	Roselyne Reynolds, NNAMAS, Agency Dir.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: A committee member, G. LaChance, expressed concern about the ease of printing a license on the NSBN website. D. Scott validated her concern and stated that she would bring those concerns to Board administrative staff. D. Scott reported on the IOM report, The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health that came out today. She encouraged the committee members to review the report.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the August 3, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board meeting follow up: September 2010 Board meeting: D. Scott and C. Sansom reviewed the highlights of the September Board meeting for the committee members and answered questions posed by the committee.
2. Review, discussion, and action regarding the proposed revisions to the NSBN's Cosmetic Procedures Practice Decision: D. Scott presented the latest revision of the practice decision, underscoring the additions based on feedback from a discussion with the Board of Medical Examiners' Executive Director, Doug Cooper. Some of the revisions clarify and underscore that cosmetic procedures are not performed independently by the RN and that an MD, DO, PA, or APN must assess the client and order the procedure prior to the RN performing the procedure. The committee verbalized their support for the proposed revisions and voted to recommend the Board approve the practice decision as revised.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review, discussion, and action regarding rural mental health clinics screening passing and medication to clients – Jenny Peterson to present: J. Peterson presented this agenda item posing questions about the role of the RN in the State Rural Mental Health Centers. The issues needing clarification were the role of the RN in furnishing medication to clinic clients and the role of the RN in client screening. There was intense discussion among attendees at the meeting and the committee members. The underlying question to be answered was what responsibility does the nurse have when unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) distribute prepackaged medications to clients. The committee agreed that the task of handing the prepackaged medication to the client does not constitute the practice of nursing so is not a delegated task. No liability exists for the nurse related to the UAP's handing the medication to the client. The process of screening clients in the clinics was described by S. Haut, clarifying the role of the RN. The practice described by Ms. Haut and within the screening policy submitted to the committee falls within the scope of practice of an RN.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding "Is it within the scope of practice for the RN to initiate an established protocol without an immediate order from the LIP?" –Cathy Dinauer to present: C. Dinauer, Chief Nurse, Carson Tahoe Hospital (CTH), presented this agenda item reviewing the information that she had previously submitted to the committee related to information that she had received from a Joint Commission conference. It appears that Joint Commission may have instituted standards that require an RN to have an immediate order from a Licensed Independent Practitioner to initiate a protocol. The committee reviewed the current NSBN Advisory Opinion which gives operational definitions for Protocol, Standing Orders, and Preprinted Order Set. D. Scott suggested that, since CTH has a policy in place which has been approved by medicine and nursing to follow the Board's advisory opinion, she wait until she receives actual documentation of the potential Joint Commission change and then explore if it is necessary to change her facility's policy. There is no requirement that agency policies and procedures be based on NSBN advisory opinions and practice decisions; agency policies may be more conservative but not more liberal than the guidelines set in Board decisions, regulation or statute.
3. Presentation regarding proclamation from the governor to declare October 3-9 as Latex Allergy Awareness Week – Margaret Konieczny to present: M. Konieczny presented the

Governor's Declaration to honor Latex Allergy Awareness Week in Nevada and described some of the symptoms associated with a latex allergy. She impressed upon the committee the extent to which this allergy can limit the activities of consumers, and more specifically nurses. The committee thanked Margaret for the information who distributed posters and documents to educate others about this condition.

4. Review, discussion, and action regarding a schedule change of NPAC meeting from February 15, 2011 to February 1, or February 22, 2011: It was moved and seconded the committee approve from February 15 to February 1, 2011 a schedule change of NPAC meeting: The February NPAC meeting date was changed to February 1, 2011.
5. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: No suggestions were made during the meeting, but D. Scott invited the committee members to email or telephone any issues before the next meeting so that they could be included on the next NPAC agenda.

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