

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE August 9, 2011**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The committee meeting was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, at 9:00 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  
Zona Hickstein, RN                      Gail Alexander, RN  
Holly Carpenter-Filson, RN      Margaret Konieczny, RN, MSN  
Diane Allen, RN                      Leighanne Shirey, RN, BSN  
Cynthia Gorham, RN, BSN, MHA  
Gayle LaChance-Bulger, RN

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kelly Espinoza, RN, Board Liaison  
Cathy Dinauer, RN                      Lisa Mantkus, RN  
Marti Cote, RN                      Judith Carrion, RN  
Vicky Hardaway, RN

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Doreen Begley, MS, RN, Board President  
Christine Sansom, MSN(c), RN, Director of Operations  
Frederick Olmstead, General Counsel  
Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Operations Supervisor  
Sherri Twedt, RN, Nurse Investigator  
Cynthia Peterson, RN, Nurse Investigator  
Dana Balchunas, RN, CNO, WCSO  
Ken Chapman, Professional Nursing Consultant Services  
John Missig, Professional Nursing Consultant Services

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by D. Scott at 9:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the June 14, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

## **B. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Board meeting follow up: D. Scott reported the highlights of the July 2011 Board meeting, describing changes in Board policies and their future impact for nurses in Nevada.
2. Review and discussion regarding PICC Line Practice Decision presented by Ken Chapman: K. Chapman requested clarification of the recent changes in the PICC Line Practice Decision which requires the nurse who inserts the PICC line to obtain informed consent from the patient prior to the procedure. The committee members voiced their concerns about allowing floor nurses obtain consent. They stated that the expertise and competence of the PICC line nurse would be beneficial in obtaining consent. The importance of the PICC line nurse and the floor nurses, as well as physicians, working as a team was underscored. Patient teaching in preparation of the PICC line nurse obtaining consent and completing the procedure is key to a smooth process which enhances patient satisfaction and safety. C. Gorham described the process which is followed in her facility which includes both floor nurses and PICC line nurses in preparing the patient for the procedure. The committee supported maintaining the wording of the current practice decision and encouraged K. Chapman and J. Missig of Professional Nursing Consultant Services to discuss the intent of the decision with the facilities with which they have contracts. K. Chapman thanked the committee for their consideration and clarification of the issue.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding Cosmetic Procedures Practice Decision: F. Olmstead presented this agenda item recounting discussions that he has been having with representatives of the Pharmacy Board. It was identified that there is some clarification of the definition of “prescription” needed to ensure the legality of nurses in outpatient cosmetic practices working under protocols. In an abundance of caution, the committee decided to suspend numbers 8 and 10 of the procedure in addition to the paragraph in the table which states, the AAMEP Nationally Certified RN “May administer treatment based on protocols created and approved by the prescribing practitioner and the AAMEP nationally certified RN”. The committee recommended the Board suspend this portion of the practice decision until further clarification can be reached regarding the role of the RN in cosmetic procedures.

## **C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Orientation of new committee members: There were no new members to orient, however, D. Scott encouraged the existing committee members to review the material in their packets related to responsibilities of NSBN committee members.
2. Legislative update: D. Scott and F. Olmstead described the process that the NSBN will be completing in review of all Chapter 632 regulations as mandated by the Governor. In addition, regulations will be proposed to provide guidance for requiring national certification for APNs and for the regulation of Medication Aides-Certified. Both requirements were passed during the 2011 Legislative Session.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding utilizing a signature stamp for orders that are forwarded to school nurses: F. Olmstead presented this agenda item and discussion ensued with D. Balchunas, Chief Nurse, Washoe County School District. The conclusion the committee reached was that School Nurses may not accept orders utilizing a signature stamp. Nurses may telephone the physician to obtain phone orders or accept faxed orders with the physician’s actual signature. F. Olmstead reiterated that nurses may be charged with a felony if they administer medications without a

prescription. A prescription utilizing a signature stamp does not meet the legal definition of “prescription”.

**D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Items to be presented at the next NPAC meeting on November 8, 2011 will be: Continue to have Committee Member Orientation and Legislative Update.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.