

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

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MINUTES CNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 26, 2012

The committee meeting was called to order on April 26, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. by Chris Sansom, MSN, RN, Director of Operations via videoconference at the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 2500 W. Sahara Ave, #207, Las Vegas, and the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, #300, Reno, Nevada.

The CNA Advisory Committee advises and reports to the Board on matters related to Certified Nursing Assistants.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Sansom, RN, Director of Operations, Chair
Mary Brann, RN Barbara Cavanagh, RN
Marie Fish-Dewitt, RN Rhonda Meyer, RN
Elizabeth Mongeau, RN Branden Murphy, CNA
Carla Wright, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Snidow, CNA, Board Member Liaison
Teresa Stricker, LASW

OTHERS PRESENT

Doreen Begley, MS, RN, Board Member
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel, NSBN
Roseann Colosimo, RN, Education Consultant, NSBN
Patty Towler, Sr. Certification Specialist, NSBN
Christie Daliposon, Management Assistant, NSBN

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of February 2, 2012 CNA Advisory Committee meeting approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report on Board meeting outcomes: C. Sansom gave highlights of the March 2012, board meeting including Board approval of the Guidelines For a CNA to Deliver Medications Prepared and Packaged by Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) Central Pharmacy That are Designated as Keep on Person Medications to Inmates in Lock Down Units Advisory Opinion; Board approval of the Guidelines for Proposed Safe Injections Practices Policy; the Milan Institutes of Sparks was approved to open a nurse aide training program; and, Purrfect Nursing, Western Nevada College, and Sierra Nevada Job Corps were all granted continued full approval.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Program reports from Prometric: C. Sansom and R. Colosimo provided the quarterly report from January 1, 2012 through April 1, 2012, discussed the pass rates and answered member questions. Reports reflect decline in some program scores, and the committee discussed the impact of transition to the revised test and the weighting of test questions. There was further discussion regarding the length of time from program graduation to testing. C. Wright informed the committee that the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) is offering a CNA refresher program open to all CNAs or applicants through the Office of Workforce Development. She further informed the committee that CSN offered two testing dates in January, and will be offering two dates in July to meet demand.
2. Review and discussion regarding CNA training program applications presented by R. Colosimo.
 - a. Dr. Colosimo informed the committee that the Milan Institute has applied to open a second program in the Las Vegas area. Committee members expressed support for this application. C. Wright informed the committee that CSN will be offering a Train-the-Trainer program in May for CNA Instructors if there are enough applicants. Dr. Colosimo will share this information with the southern Nevada training programs.
 - b. Dr. Colosimo informed the committee that Southwest Technical Academy has applied to provide a training program in Las Vegas. This program was previously approved by the Board, but has not graduated any students in the past year and therefore must reapply. The committee discussed previous pass rates from this high school based program. Dr. Colosimo informed the committee that historically, high school based programs have lower testing scores because fewer number of students apply to take the exam. Lower numbers of test applicants statistically alters aggregate pass scores for a program.
3. Discussion regarding legislative and media issues: C. Sansom informed the committee that the interim legislative committees are meeting and how to access the legislative website for agendas and to view live meetings via the web.

- F. Olmstead stated that the Interim Health Care Committee and the health care regulatory boards have concerns regarding unlicensed person's providing health care in Nevada and are collaborating to ensure public protection. F. Olmstead answered member questions regarding issues and trends related to nursing.
4. Review and discussion regarding MA-C program: R. Colosimo advised the committee that the MA-C regulations have been codified and are now effective. She provided a brief discussion of the qualifications for instructors that include a current certificate as a CNA Instructor, completion of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Nevada Nurse Practice Act course, completion of a six hour course provided by the Board of Nursing, and attestation that they have recently passed medications or have shadowed a medication pass in long term care. One training program application will be presented at the May Board meeting. Dr. Colosimo stated there is still work to be done, and funding may be available through the Nevada Health Care Association Perry Foundation.
 5. Suggested items for future CNA agendas:
 - Prometric reports
 - Board meeting outcomes
 - Legislative and media issues
 - CNA training program applications
 - MA-C training programs
 - Suggested items for future CNA agendas

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.