

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 12-13, 2012

The Meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing was called to order by President Tish Smyer, DNSc, RN, at 9:00 a.m. on September 12, 2012 at Tuscany Suites, 255 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89169.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tish Smyer, DNSc, RN, President
Rick Carrauthers, LPN, Vice-President
Sandra Halley, Consumer Member
Doreen Begley, MS, RN, Member
Rhigel Tan, DNP, RN, APN, Member
Jennifer Snidow, CNA, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kelly Espinoza, MSN, RN, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director
Chris Sansom, MSN, RN, Director of Operations
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Dean Estes, Director of Finance and Technology
Gail Trujillo, Executive Assistant
Roseann Colosimo, PhD, RN, Education Consultant (9/12)
Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Operations Supervisor (9/12)
Jeannette Calderon, Management Assistant (9/12)
Sophia Long, Deputy Attorney General, Board Counsel

CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, identified as items: A.1., A.2.a.-c., D.2.a.-q., D.3.a & b., D.7.a. and D.8.a.-b. **MOTION CARRIED.** Items removed: D.7.a. & D.8.b.

ACTION

A. BOARD GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Approval of Board meeting minutes: July 25-27, 2012: Approved under the Consent Agenda.
2. Conference and seminar report: Approved under the Consent Agenda.
 - a. Tish Smyer, Doreen Begley, Sandy Halley, Debra Scott, Chris Sansom, Fred Olmstead: 2012 NCSBN's Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX
 - b. Rhoda Cope, Demi Hays: Customer Service: Practices, Reno, NV
 - c. Gail Trujillo: The Indispensible Assistant, Reno, NV

- 3. Progress report on FY12/13 goals and objectives: D. Scott presented specific objectives created by Board direction and suggestions by executive staff. It was moved and seconded the Board approve the objectives as written. MOTION CARRIED.
ACTION
- 4. Review statistics and trends: C. Sansom presented information and responded to Board member questions regarding statistics and trends in scope of practice inquiries, licensure, certification, discipline and investigations, and compliance.
- 5. Review, discussion and action regarding Board meeting dates and schedule for 2013: It was moved and seconded the Board approve the following 2013 Board meeting dates: January 9-11, 2013, March 27-29, 2013, May 15-17, 2013, July 17-19, 2013, September 18-20, 2013, and November 6-8, 2012. MOTION CARRIED.
ACTION
- 6. Review, discussion and action regarding Board Member Roles and Responsibilities Policy: This agenda item was presented by F. Olmstead, General Counsel. It was moved and seconded to approve the Board Member Roles and Responsibilities Policy as revised. MOTION CARRIED.
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B. LICENSURE PROGRAMS

- 1. Review, discussion and action regarding staff denial of RN examination application for licensure for Restie D. Alejandro: This agenda item was removed.

C. CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

- 1. Review and discussion regarding the implementation of the Medication Aide-Certified regulations: R. Colosimo informed the Board that the MA-C test pool item selection process was completed in August with the assistance of Board staff, D. Scott and P. Shutt, and certified nursing instructors who volunteered their time and expertise. The skills exam will include the administration of topical, eye and ear medications. R. Carruthers asked how many agencies would be involved and R. Colosimo responded that she visited four skilled care facilities that were interested, however, they must be approved by the Board. In addition, R. Colosimo explained that D. Estes is assisting with the technology requirements for the testing services and F. Olmsted is assisting with drafting NSBN's contract with Diversified Technologies.

D. DISCIPLINE PROGRAMS

- 1. Applications (initial and renewal in question)
 - a. Birch, Kristina, CNA applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for certification and the Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol. MOTION CARRIED.
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 - b. Bown Jr., John, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure. MOTION CARRIED.
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 - c. Carroll, Joann, CNA012985: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the renewal application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal convictions and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
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 - d. Carroll, Lakeysha, CNA022086: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the renewal application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation and order the denial become part of the

- ACTION applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- e. Eger, Gregory, CNA020702: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the renewal application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION f. Fleischmann, Monica, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for certification. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION g. Grimes, Paula, CNA015322: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the renewal application for certification. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION h. Kaune, Karen, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION i. Mannino, Michael, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION j. Painter, Summer, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure and the Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal conviction and (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION k. Rowe, Stephen, RN applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the application for licensure for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol and (1)(m) action in another state and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION l. Royce, Carolyn, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure and that she take and successfully complete the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Nevada Nurse Practice Act course within six (6) months or the application is automatically denied without further proceedings for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(m) action in another state. A denial of licensure would become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION m. Salazar, Araceli, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for certification. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Settlement agreements

- a. Baumeister, Sally, RN33008: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol, (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (18) diversion of equipment and/or drugs. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
- b. Hansen, Larry, RN61394: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol, (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (18) diversion of equipment and/or drugs. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
- c. Tomic, Dragana, RN57306: Contract for Temporary Voluntary Surrender of License for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol, (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (18) diversion of equipment and/or drugs. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.

- d. D Bayan, Karen, CNA012702: Agreement for Reprimand, Fine of \$50, and classes for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
 - e. Collins, Tari, RN61178: Agreement for Fine of \$200 for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (37) practicing without an active license. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
 - f. Hoffman, Susan, RN21102: Consent Agreement for Fine of \$200 Renewal Applicant for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application and (1)(b) criminal conviction. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
 - g. Hurley, Jennifer, RN51177: Agreement for Reprimand and fine of \$1200 for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (37) practicing without an active license. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
 - h. Marquez, Linda, RN63588: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol, (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (27) customary standards of practice. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
 - i. Neilson, Rochelle, RN10897: Consent Agreement for Fine of \$200 Renewal Applicant for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application and (1)(b) criminal conviction. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
 - j. Pineda, Margaret, RN51903: Agreement for Fine of \$200 for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application and (1)(m) action in another state. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
 - k. Resch, Judy, RN40696: Agreement for Fine of \$200 for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application and (1)(m) action in another state. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
 - l. Magee, Deborah, CNA012059: Consent Agreement for Fine of \$100 Renewal Applicant for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application and (1)(b) criminal conviction. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
 - m. Jokela Willis, Sari, RN59430: Contract for Temporary Voluntary Surrender of License for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal conviction and (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
 - n. Nagy, Diane, RN66403: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal conviction and (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
 - o. Potesta, Christine, RN30876: Contract for Temporary Voluntary Surrender of License for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol, (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (9) impaired practice. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
 - p. Stone, Michael RN64050: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol, (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (27) customary standards of practice. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
 - q. Landers, Linda RN26069: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (16) failing to properly document controlled substances and (27) customary standards of practice. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
3. Successful completion of probation
- a. Ervin, Susan, RN12047: Termination of Monitoring accepted under the Consent Agenda.

- b. Sergent, Seth, RN62693: Termination of Monitoring accepted under the Consent Agenda.

4. Reinstatement of licensure/certification – No business

5. Formal administrative hearings

- a. Abebe, Eskdar, CNA026288: Respondent was not present. Pursuant to NAC 632.923, it was moved and seconded the Board find the allegations of the complaint to be true and find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (22) patient abandonment. It was moved and seconded the Board reprimand the respondent, order an administrative fine of \$100, and that she take and successfully complete a Board approved legal ethics in nursing course and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Nevada Nurse Practice Act course within sixty (60) days or the certificate is automatically revoked without further proceedings. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent’s permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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- b. Blakesley, Deborah, RN67917: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Stipulation of Facts and Liability and find the Respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application and (1)(m) action in another state. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the renewal application for licensure and that the disciplinary action become part of the respondent’s permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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- c. Champe, Colleen, RN71617: Respondent was not present. Pursuant to NAC 632.923, it was moved and seconded the Board find the allegations of the complaint to be true and find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application and (1)(m) action in another state. It was moved and seconded the Board revoke the respondent’s license. Respondent may not apply for reinstatement for two (2) years. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent’s permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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- d. Frey, Riveka, RN17487: Respondent was represented by counsel. It was moved and seconded the Board grant a continuance of this matter to the next Board meeting currently scheduled in January, 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

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- e. Lopez, Stella, CNA017283: Respondent was not present. Pursuant to NAC 632.923, it was moved and seconded the Board find the allegations of the complaint to be true and find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(o) failing to comply with a Board order. It was moved and seconded the Board revoke the respondent’s certificate. Respondent may not apply for reinstatement for two (2) years. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent’s permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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- f. McGowan, Tami, RN66482: Respondent was present with counsel. This matter was recessed until the next scheduled Board meeting.

- g. Moctezuma, Dinazar, CNA020156: Respondent was represented by counsel. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (28) causing harm to a patient or family of a patient and (34) neglecting a patient. MOTION CARRIED.

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ACTION h. Moncrief, Sue, RN66232: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board grant a continuance of this matter to the next Board meeting currently scheduled in January, 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION i. Montez, Gabriel, CNA021535: Respondent was not present. Pursuant to NAC 632.923, it was moved and seconded the Board find the allegations of the complaint to be true and find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(o) failing to comply with Board order. It was moved and seconded the Board revoke the respondent's certificate. Respondent may not apply for reinstatement for ten (10) years. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION j. Schofield, Robert, RN59134: Respondent was present. It was moved and seconded the Board find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(o) failing to comply with a Board order. It was moved and seconded the Board revoke the respondent's license. Respondent may not apply for reinstatement for two (2) years, and he must successfully complete a Board approved registered nurse refresher course. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION k. Sparcino, Patricia, RN21224: Respondent was represented by counsel. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Agreement for Reprimand for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (2) practicing beyond scope and (21) obtain, possess, furnish prescription drugs without authorization. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION l. Shchegolev, Andrey, RN67256: Respondent was not present. Pursuant to NAC 632.923, it was moved and seconded the Board find the allegations of the complaint to be true and find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal convictions and (1)(m) action in another state. It was moved and seconded the Board revoke the respondent's license. Respondent may not apply for reinstatement for five (5) years. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION m. Villano, Elsie, RN08591: Respondent was represented by counsel. It was moved and seconded the Board close the complaint. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION n. Watkins, Gwendolyn, LPN13255: Respondent was present with counsel. It was moved and seconded the Board grant a continuance of this matter to the October 2012 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

o. Westley, James, RN39143: Respondent was not present. Pursuant to NAC 632.923, it was moved and seconded the Board find the allegations of the complaint to be true and find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (24) failing to collaborate with health care team and (34) neglecting a patient. It was moved and seconded the Board order probation for three (3) years with all practice stipulations, and that he take and successfully complete a Board approved 30 CE legal ethics in nursing course, a 30 CE critical thinking in nursing course, and a 30 CE advanced assessment in nursing course within one hundred eighty (180) days, and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Nevada Nurse Practice Act course within thirty (30) days of execution of the order or the license is automatically suspended without further proceedings until all educational requirements are completed. It was moved and seconded the Board order

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- the disciplinary action become part of the respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- p. Panagiotou (Williams), Hope, RN19001: Respondent was represented by counsel. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.890 (24) failing to collaborate with health care team, (25) failing to observe/report and (27) customary standards of practice. MOTION CARRIED.
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- q. Woods, Darel, RN29731: Respondent was present. It was moved and seconded the Board find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application and (1)(m) action in another state . It was moved and seconded the Board reprimand the respondent, order an administrative fine of \$500 and order that he take and successfully complete the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Nevada Nurse Practice Act course within thirty (30) days or the license is automatically suspended without further proceedings until all requirements are completed. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
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- r. Wynn, Kim, RN67518: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application and (1)(m) action in another state. MOTION CARRIED.
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- s. Koster, Gail, RN37745: Respondent was present with counsel. It was moved and seconded the Board find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (37) practicing without an active license. It was moved and seconded the Board reprimand the respondent, order an administrative fine of \$1600 and order that she take and successfully complete the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Nevada Nurse Practice Act course within six (6) months or the license is automatically suspended without further proceedings until all requirements are completed. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
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- t. Lestarczyk, Donna, RN32110: Respondent was present. It was moved and seconded the Board find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation. It was moved and seconded the Board order an administrative fine of \$50 and that she take and successfully complete the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Nevada Nurse Practice Act course within thirty (30) days or the license is automatically suspended without further proceedings until all requirements are completed. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED. R. Tan recused himself.
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- u. Warden, Susan, RN29326: Respondent was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Stipulation of Facts and Liability and find the Respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.890 (2) practicing beyond scope, (24) failing to collaborate with health care team and (27) customary standards of practice. It was moved and seconded the Board order probation for two (2) years with all practice stipulations and an administrative fine of \$5000 to be paid prior to termination of probation. It was further ordered that she take and successfully complete a Board approved nursing assessment course, a critical lab

values course and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Nevada Nurse Practice Act course within 60 days or the license is automatically suspended until all educational requirements are completed. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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6. Board-directed investigations - No business
7. Ratification of staff denials – NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application
 - a. Dalmazzo, Ducchie, RN applicant: Applicant was present to appeal the staff denial. It was moved and seconded the Board ratify the staff denial of the application for licensure for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application and (1)(m) action in another state and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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8. Ratification of staff denials – NRS 632.320 (1)(b) convictions
 - a. Bessard, Clovis, CNA applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board ratify the staff denial of the application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal conviction and (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
 - b. McGrogan, Angelique, CNA applicant, RN applicant: Applicant was present to appeal the staff denial. It was moved and seconded the Board ratify the staff denial of the application for certification and the application for licensure for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal convictions and order the denials become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

9. Special Action
 - a. Halprin, Michael, RN72035: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board grant a continuance of this matter to the next scheduled Board meeting scheduled in November 2012. MOTION CARRIED.
 - b. Cheskiewicz, Salli, RN58381: Respondent was represented by counsel. It was moved and seconded the Board grant the request for reconsideration and schedule a hearing at a future Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

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E. EDUCATION

1. Review and discussion regarding G-4 NCLEX pass rates and current trends: R. Colosimo informed the Board that all Nevada nursing programs currently exceed the required 80% G-4 NCLEX pass rate for the 2012 calendar year. The third quarter trend for Nevada first time test takers is currently at 94% with 250 candidates. Kaplan LPN program and Western Nevada College may reach 100% for their current cohorts.
2. Discussion of Nevada's student nurse clinical placement software implementation: R. Colosimo held two meetings in August with the northern consortium to provide training regarding the use of the clinical placement software. The goal is for the north to utilize the system by the Spring of 2013. Southern Nevada is currently using the clinical placement software with the exception of a few agencies. All users like the message

board and appreciate the time and effort that Ann Burgess provides in their training. The southern Nevada consortium thanked the Board for purchasing the clinical placement software.

3. Review, discussion and action regarding Everest College associate degree in nursing program initial 18-month staff survey: D. Macdonald, Campus Director of Everest College, meets Nevada regulation requirements and was present to answer Board member questions. The Board was informed that Dr. Margaret Louis, PhD, RN, ANCC, CNE an external surveyor hired by the Board, and R. Colosimo found the college in substantial compliance during the 18-month survey. Mr. Fritz, Campus President, provided the Board with a statement of improvements to the environmental issues discovered at the college. D. Macdonald explained to the Board that Dr. Faucher will mentor D. Macdonald and she is also considering completing the NLN leadership program. T. Smyer expressed concern about the change in leadership prior to the first class graduating. D. Macdonald stated their goal is to receive full approval by September of 2013 and their first class will graduate on January 13, 2013.
4. Review, discussion and action regarding Kaplan College associate degree in nursing program theory change from online to on campus: R. Colosimo explained to the Board that Kaplan College requested the change to the curriculum for the third cohort. She approved the change immediately because it was clear that the online curriculum was failing. K. Cylke explained to the Board that the change was requested because students were requiring additional tutoring, support was being provided on campus and there was a 50% attrition rate for the first cohort. K. Cylke explained that there was some resistance and the second cohort voted to continue their theory instruction online. The third cohort was not given the option of continuing online instruction. It was moved and seconded the Board approve Kaplan associate degree in nursing program curriculum change to on campus instruction. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

5. Review, discussion and action regarding Kaplan College associate degree in nursing program initial 18-month staff survey: R. Colosimo informed the Board that Dr. Louis expressed concern about the lack of specific student outcomes in the course syllabi. In addition, a student evaluation of the courses concluded that space and equipment are a consistent concern to the students. The students gave the faculty high satisfactory scores for their teaching techniques. D. Begley expressed concern about space issues identified in the survey and J. Elsen, Campus President, responded that the campus has sufficient space due to the scheduling of classes and he added that capital improvements were being proposed for the student lounge areas. R. Colosimo also explained that faculty has limited access to the use of their vacation time and little preparation time is given between each semester. T. Smyer and R. Tan expressed concern for the students that have had a difficult time during the launch of this program. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the 18-month survey and order a resurvey to be completed by February, 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

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6. Review and discussion regarding Touro University nursing program: Dr. Rosemary Witt introduced Dr. Andrew Priest to the Board as the new Dean of Health Sciences. The Board welcomed Dr. Priest who gave a brief introduction including an explanation of his extended history as a physical therapist and his involvement in higher education. Dr. Witt stated that the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) has placed Touro University's Nursing program on a "Show Cause" because they failed to meet two standards. The report in response to the "Show Cause" is due on November 1, 2012, and Touro University has hired Mary Collins as a consultant for advisement. The results of this process will not be available until the Spring of 2013. Dr. Witt added that the current

cohort has a G-4 NCLEX first time pass rate of 96%. Currently, there are 27 students in the last cohort and 3 students are not progressing in the curriculum on schedule. Dr. Witt announced that she is retiring in November, 2012 but the campus has three promising and qualified faculty that may become the administrator of the program. D. Begley and T. Smyer agreed that the lack of permanent leadership for Touro University is a huge concern. T. Smyer also stated that she was concerned about data not being evaluated in order to meet the standards. Dr. Priest concluded that he expects to request admissions in November of 2013.

7. Review, discussion and action regarding policy requiring international nursing graduates to be licensed in their country of education: R. Colosimo informed the Board that this policy was created in response to Board staff receiving increasing information about possibly fraudulent education and transcripts being submitted by international graduates as a requirement for licensure. The Education Advisory Committee approved the International Graduate Policy which will require that applicants obtain licensure in their country of nursing education in order to become eligible to take the NCLEX for licensure in Nevada. D. Begley verbalized approval for this proposed policy because it is simple and enlists the help of each country's expertise to help reduce fraud. It was moved and seconded the Board approve the International Graduate Policy as written with an effective date of January 1, 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

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F. NURSING PRACTICE

1. Review, discussion and action regarding reappointment to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee: It was moved and seconded the Board reappoint Zona Hickstein, RN23410, to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

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G. REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

1. Nevada Advanced Practice Nurse Association (NAPNA): D. Scott welcomed Susan Van Beuge, Legislative Liaison and member of NAPNA. S. Van Beuge was present to speak to the Board about NAPNA and its mission for the next year. She explained that during this upcoming legislative session, NAPNA plans to enlist a sponsor to submit a Bill Draft Request (BDR) with wording to eliminate the requirement of a collaborative agreement for Advanced Practice Nurses. NAPNA has received positive feedback from its members and once the BDR is drafted, she will submit a copy to the Board for review with the hope of receiving support from the NSBN. NAPNA currently consists of 200 members which is approximately 28% of the APN population in Nevada.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Board President, T. Smyer solicited public comment at the beginning of each day and at the end of each day of the meeting. No public comment was offered.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2012.