

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES CNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, October 18, 2012

The committee meeting was called to order on October 18, 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, MSN, RN, Director of Operations, Chair
Barbara Cavanagh, RN Teresa Stricker, LASW
Rhonda Meyer, RN Branden Murphy, CNA
Elizabeth Mongeau, RN Carla Wright, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Snidow, CNA, Board Member Liaison
Marie Fish-Dewitt, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel, NSBN
Roseann Colosimo, RN, Education Consultant, NSBN
Jeannette Calderon, Management Assistant, NSBN
Christie Daliposon, Management Assistant, NSBN
Melanie Wiltfong, RN, Nursing Student

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: C. Sansom called for public comment at the beginning of the meeting. Ms. Sansom informed the committee that Mary Brann's tenure on the committee has ended and her contributions will be missed. There was no other public comment. C. Sansom called for public comment at the end of the meeting and there was none.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of April 26, 2012 CNA Advisory Committee meeting were approved as written.
- B. OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Report on the May, July, and September 2012 Board meeting outcomes: C. Sansom reported on highlights of the May 2012, July 2012, and September 2012 board meetings.
- C. NEW BUSINESS**
1. Program reports from Prometric: R. Colosimo presented the report from April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012, discussed the pass rates and answered member questions. Discussion ensued regarding effects of program location, test sites, and length of time from graduation to testing that may have greater impact on some high school and rural programs.
 2. Review and discussion regarding CNA testing issues: R. Colosimo presented this item to the committee. Current test sites have done an excellent job of providing testing; however, while there has been a decrease in facility based training programs, there has been an increase in private programs, which results in an increase in the number of students needing to test. Some students are traveling across the state to obtain a test date. A meeting was held with Board staff, representatives from Prometric testing services, training program instructors, and academic test site administrators in the state of Nevada to discuss supply versus demand of testing availability. Attendees at the meeting discussed various options to increase test availability, and shared current practices. A follow-up meeting will be held with the same group in December 2012. C. Wright and E. Mongeau informed the committee that College of Southern Nevada (CSN) has reviewed their program and have several proposed revisions awaiting internal approval that may provide increased testing in the south. Ms. Wright will provide official details at the meeting in December. Ms. Wright also informed the committee that CSN is holding a Train the Trainer course December 21 and 22 from 9-5 at the West Charleston Campus. The Board will post this information, in addition to any other training dates on the website, in the Board offices and in the NursingNews magazine.
 3. Review and discussion regarding MA-C program: R. Colosimo informed the committee that as of October 8, 2012, 8 students started the first MA-C training program in Nevada at Purrfect Nursing, and test questions and skills have been approved with Diversified Technologies as the test administrator. The Board has not received a request for approval from a long term care facility to allow MA-C practice. Current requirements of the MA-C training program were discussed, as well as possible changes based on federal programs that may become available to support an internship program. Dr. Colosimo and F. Olmstead provided a MA-C instructor training program in Las Vegas with approximately twenty in attendance. One school in northern Nevada has expressed interest in setting up a program for MA-C instructor training. The Board will continue to work with stakeholders to support safe transition and practice.

4. Discussion regarding legislative and media issues: C. Sansom informed the committee that there are no media issues to report at this time. F. Olmstead informed the committee that the legislative session is set to start in February 2013. At this time NSBN has one bill draft request submitted regarding changing the name Advanced Practice Nurse to Advanced Practice Registered Nurse to be consistent with most other states in the country and to provide clarity to the public.
5. Suggested items for future CNA agendas:
 - Prometric reports
 - Board meeting outcomes
 - Legislative and media issues
 - Home Care Aides
 - CNA testing issues
 - Suggested items for future CNA agendas

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.