

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE October 30, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, at 9:10 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
Lisa Mantkus, RN Gayle LaChance-Bulger, RN
Cathy Dinauer, RN Gail Alexander, RN
Zona Hickstein, RN Lori Roorda, BSN, RN, CEN
Marti Cote, RN Leighanne Shirey, RN, BSN
Cynthia Gorham, RN, BSN, MHA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Margaret Konieczny, RN, MSN
Judith Carrion, RN
Vicky Hardaway, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Doreen Begley, MS, RN, Board Member
Chris Sansom, MSN, RN, Director of Operations
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Michael Hillerby, Legislative Liaison
Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Operations Supervisor
Sherri Twedt, RN, Nurse Investigator
Cynthia Peterson RN, Nurse Investigator
Jeri Dermanelian, Rose Heart
Bret Kandt, Nevada PAC
Debbi Robison, NCASV
Kari Ramos, NCASV
Lindsay Knox, NVOS
Dana Balchunas, WCSD
Heather Procter, Nevada AG
Kareen Prentice, Nevada AD

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by D. Scott at 9:10 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments at the beginning of the meeting.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the August 21, 2012 meeting were reviewed

and approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board meeting follow up: September 2012 Board meeting: D. Scott presented the highlights of the September Board meeting including the progress of the first class of Medication Aides-Certified and the reappointment of Zona Hickstein, RN.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding subcommittee's report concerning RNs performing amniotomies: The committee requested that this item be continued to the next NPAC meeting to allow the chair of the subcommittee and the subject matter expert, Vicky Hardaway, to present the agenda item. The chair of the committee requested that a representative from the Nevada Hospital Association, specifically Marissa Brown, be present for input at the next meeting.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Orientation of new committee members: There were no new members to orient; however, D. Scott reminded the members that there are documents available to answer any questions they may have regarding the role of the committee members and the mission of the committee.
2. Legislative update: D. Scott gave a brief update to the committee regarding nursing and healthcare issues in the legislative arena, including national licensure for telehealth and activities by the Nevada Advanced Practice Nurses Association, including autonomous practice and a change in titling for APNs.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) Practice Decision: Debbi Robison presented this agenda item, reviewing the standard of practice for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners based on several national nursing organizations and ANA's Standards of Practice for SANE. She reviewed states that have requirements for nurses who wish to practice within the SANE role, stating that Nevada is the only state that requires SANE-A and SANE-P certification. She underscored the importance of putting patient safety first and advocated for the Board to require the nurses to successfully complete an International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) approved education program to practice within this scope. She stated that the procedures that are required in this type of assessment are already within the scope of practice for RNs in Nevada. She gave examples of several CINAHL articles which address the RN's scope in the role of SANE. Further testimony in support of the revision to the Practice Decision was offered by Bret Kandt, from the Nevada Prosecution Advisory Council (PAC) and Kareen Prentice, Domestic Violence Ombudsman from the Office of the Attorney General. The committee members asked questions of D. Robison and verbalized their support of the revision to the Practice Decision. D. Scott stated that she will draft the revision to the Practice Decision including the recommendations proposed by D. Robison to be presented to the Board for possible approval at its meeting on November 7, 2012. It was moved and seconded the committee approve the proposed revision which passed unanimously. Later in the meeting, Jeri Dermanelian from Rose Heart in Las Vegas gave testimony cautioning the committee to be careful in removing the requirement for certification for SANEs. The chair instructed Ms. Dermanelian to put her concerns in writing to be read to the Board at its meeting on the 7th when they consider the proposed revision or to attend the meeting to give her testimony to the Board at that time.
4. Review, discussion and action regarding RNs changing sliding scales for insulin based bed side testing: This agenda item was presented by C. Gorham who stated that this

request came from a committee at Kindred Hospital, specifically from a physician who believes that it is not necessary for the nurse caring for the patient to call the prescriber when the patient's blood glucose is greater than 250 mg/dL as is currently required by the Kindred Hospital's Subcutaneous Insulin Protocol and Order Form. The nurse who would be making the decision based on the protocol could be either an RN or an LPN. The committee commented that the form was somewhat confusing as it is written and suggested some clarification. Additionally, the committee members verbalized concern in allowing a nurse to make changes to an insulin dose for a blood glucose greater than 250mg/dL for 2 or more readings in 24 hours without calling the prescriber. L. Roorda suggested that C. Gorham review the guidelines by the American Diabetes Association for nursing protocols related to sliding scale adjustment. The committee directed D. Scott to write a letter to C. Gorham outlining the committee's concerns related to nurses changing sliding scales for insulin based on bed side testing without notifying the prescriber.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

There were no recommendations for agenda items for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT - D. Balchunas gave public comment on the possible legislation which would require School Nurses to delegate administration of "epi" to students who, without necessarily having a diagnosis, present with possible symptoms of anaphylaxis. She stated she would keep Board staff updated regarding any legislation that may be proposed. C. Sansom gave public comment announcing the need for nurses who may be interested in becoming CNA instructors. She stated that the course will be offered soon and asked the committee to direct anyone interested to the Board's website for dates and times of the courses.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.