

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES CNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, January 24, 2013

The committee meeting was called to order on January 24, 2013, 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
Jennifer Snidow, CNA, Board Member Liaison
Barbara Cavanagh, RN Carla Wright, RN
Rhonda Meyer, RN Branden Murphy, CNA
Elizabeth Mongeau, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Teresa Stricker, LASW
Marie Fish-Dewitt, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Roseann Colosimo, RN, Education Consultant, NSBN
Christie Daliposon, Management Assistant, NSBN
Cindy Peterson, RN, Investigator, NSBN
Barbara Tagge, CSN, Workforce
Sueun Kin, Kaplan LPN Student
Karl Villanueva, Kaplan LPN 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 and there was none. C. Sansom called for public comment at the end of the meeting and there was none.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of October 18, 2012 CNA Advisory Committee meeting were approved as written.
- B. OLD BUSINESS:**
1. Report on the November 2012 and January 2013 Board meeting outcomes: C. Sansom reported on highlights of the board meetings including approval of the Milan Institute, Las Vegas Nursing Assistant Training Program staff survey, comments by the Nevada Nurses Association regarding the need for increased education on substance use disorders for nurses and nursing students, and the Workforce Data Survey to create a standardized minimum data set across health care professions in Nevada.
- C. NEW BUSINESS**
1. Program reports from Prometric: R. Colosimo presented the report from October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, discussed the pass rates and answered member questions. It was noted that nine programs did not have any students test during the quarter.
 2. Review and discussion regarding CNA testing issues: This item was not discussed separately; however there was discussion of testing issues within agenda item C.1.
 3. Review and discussion regarding MA-C program: R. Colosimo informed the committee that as of November 2012, El Jen Convalescent Hospital & Retirement was approved by the Board to have MA-Cs working in the facility. In January 2013, North Las Vegas Care Center was approved to have MA-Cs working in the facility. The requirements for being able to take the MA-C course were reviewed, including the requirement for the applicant to have been employed as a CNA full time for 12 months out of the last 24 months. Seven students have tested, and one has passed the written and clinical portions of the exam. The students who did not pass the first time are eligible to retest in February 2013. The second training program for MA-Cs will be starting on February 8, 2013 at Purrfect Nursing in Las Vegas.
 4. Review and discussion regarding Dr. Colosimo’s serving on the High School Standards Writing Committee for statewide CNA training programs: R. Colosimo informed the committee that the number of high school CNA training programs has increased recently. Dr. Colosimo has served on the committee to create a statewide 3 to 4 course sequence for high school students to take over 3 years to prepare them to become nursing assistants. This course curriculum will go to the March 2013 Board meeting for approval.
 5. Discussion regarding Home Health Aides: C. Wright informed the committee that the College of Southern Nevada has been collaborating to develop a workforce and economic development training program for Home Health Aides. The graduates of this program will work in a non-medical home care agency. In this pilot program, the applicants will receive home health aide training and assistance in obtaining their GED. The program will be 120 hours and receive tuition support from community partners. Students are directed to the program from community agencies such as Job Connect. The pilot may lead to establishing

certification for these aides. R. Meyers discussed the use of home care aides in the state Medicaid program through the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy. The Division has oversight of occurrences or complaints in this area. C. Sansom informed the committee this item is for informational purposes only and Home Health Aides are not regulated by the Board of Nursing.

6. Discussion regarding legislative and media issues: C. Sansom informed the committee that there are no media issues to report at this time, but reminded the committee that the legislative session will start in February 2013. The 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, however this bill is not expected to be put forward in the legislative session. Nurses Day at the Legislature sponsored by the Nevada Nurses Association is February 28, 2013.
7. Suggested items for future CNA agendas:
 - Prometric reports
 - Board meeting outcomes
 - Legislative and media issues
 - Can CNAs with expired certificates who are required to retrain or retest to be eligible for renewal be issued a temporary certificate while completing requirements?
 - Suggested items for future CNA agendas

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.