Nevada State Board of NURSING

MINUTES OF THE
NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 11, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, at 9:00 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
Rick Carrauthers, LPN, Board Liaison

Cathy Dinauer, RN	Gail Alexander, RN
Zona Hickstein, RN	Gayle LaChance-Bulger, RN
Marti Cote, RN	Diane Allen, RN
Judith Carrion, RN	Margaret Konieczny, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Vicky Hardaway, RN	Leighanne Shirey, RN
Lisa Mantkus, RN	Lori Roorda, RN

Cynthia Gorham, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Doreen Begley, RN, Board Member
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Operations Supervisor
Sherri Twedt, RN, Nurse Investigator
Kaylene Upperman, RN, NHA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: D. Allen announced her retirement from the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance stating that she has appreciated her tenure on the committee and that the Bureau will be appointing a new representative to the NPAC in the near future.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October 30, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board meeting follow up: November 2012 Board meeting: D. Scott presented the highlights of the November Board meeting including the approval of two facilities to utilize Medication Aide-Certified s and the Board's approval of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Practice Decision as written. The decision was revised to allow SANEs to practice within their specialty without requiring national certification by the International

Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN), although the Board continues to require that SANEs complete an IAFN-approved certification course.

2. Review, discussion and action regarding subcommittee's report concerning RNs performing amniotomies: The chair of the subcommittee was not in attendance. The committee discussed the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) Position Statement regarding Amniotomy and Placement of Internal Fetal Spiral Electrode through Intact Membranes. Based on the discussion, the committee unanimously decided to recommend the Board withdraw the 1984 practice decision which adds amniotomy to the RN scope of practice, to be presented to the Board at its January, 2013 Board Meeting in Las Vegas. The committee members stated their rationale for rescinding the current practice decision is based on the AWHONN official position which is *that, in most clinical situations, artificial rupture of membranes (amniotomy) should be primarily performed by qualified physicians, certified nurse-midwives, nurse practitioners, extended class registered nurses (Canada) or other health care providers qualified/licensed by state or provincial law or regulations. Perinatal nurses should not routinely, independently perform amniotomy, since complications such as prolapse of the umbilical cord that may necessitate emergency medical intervention may occur.(JOGNN, 38, 740; 2009. DOI: 10.111/j.1552-6909.2009.01076.x)*

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Orientation of new committee members: There were no new committee members to orient.
2. Legislative update: D. Scott highlighted some of the legislative initiatives that may be presented during the upcoming legislative session beginning on February 4, 2013. D. Allen summarized some initiatives that may be presented by the Health Division.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding PICC line repositioning: This item was continued until the next NPAC meeting on February 12, 2013.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Agenda item, C.3 will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – M. Konieczny announced a forum presented by the Rising Above Partisanship (RAP) group on February 12, 2013 in Carson City and invited anyone interested to attend. D. Begley announced the NSBN 90th Anniversary Celebration to be held during the 2013 calendar year and to check the Board's website for upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.