

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

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MINUTES DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING April 19, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Disability Advisory Committee was called to order by Kathleen Reynolds, BHS, RN, Chair, at 11:02 a.m. via videoconference at the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, #300, Reno, Nevada, 89502 and the Board of Nursing, 2500 W. Sahara, #207, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89102.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathleen Reynolds, BHS, RN, Chair
Mattie Washington-Harris, RN
Judith Vogel, BSN, RN
Susan Hubbard, MS, BS, RN
Karienne Rimer, RN (via teleconference)
Cookie Bible, BSN, RNC, APN
Ann Testolin, EdD, MS, BS, RN
Susan O'Day, BSN, RN, CPAN
Jan Brethauer, RN
Toril Strand, RN
Mary Culbert, MS, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Peggy Cullum, RN
Sandra Halley, Board Member Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director
Chris Sansom, MSN, RN, Director of Operations
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Ryan Mann, BSN, RN, Application Coordinator
Wendy Dostal, Management Assistant
Mary-Ann Brown, MSN, RN, Board member
Sheila Leslie, MA, BA, Specialty Courts Manager 2nd Judicial District Court

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by K. Reynolds committee chair.

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2012 meeting as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review, discussion, and action regarding the evaluation of the October 2012 Semi-Annual meeting. K. Reynolds presented this item.
2. Review and discussion regarding compliance statistics and trends from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012 presented by K. Reynolds:
 - Trends to note: increased nurse and cna monitoring statistics for July 2011 through June 2012 reflect the addition of those agreements for drug testing only. Statistical reporting in the future will show a separate category for these agreements. Probation statistics show an increase in cna agreements/orders for probation; to note that these probation contracts can be for one to five years.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review, discussion, and action regarding Chair's report. This item was presented by K. Reynolds.
 - Affinity Drug Testing: April 1, 2013 was the implementation date for Affinityhealth. All Nevada nurse participants in the drug testing program were successfully enrolled with Affinity prior to the implementation date. K. Reynolds explained the enhanced drug testing services and improved detailed reporting capabilities. The immediate advantage is the ability to generate more comprehensive reports, the ability to send and receive messages for the participants and daily alerts e-mailed from Affinity of abnormal specimens. Drug testing is the first phase of the project. The next phase will be the implementation of Affinity's case management services which will assist in achieving a paperless system for the compliance department.
 - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) issued a revision to the 2006 Substance Abuse Treatment Advisory, The Role of Biomarkers in the Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorders. The advisory was distributed to the DAC members and discussed. K. Reynolds explained the revisions were necessary due to increased scientific knowledge about biomarkers (physiological indicators of alcohol exposure or reflecting the presence and use of alcohol) and by requests from clinical and judicial professionals for greater clarification of biomarkers. The major use of biomarkers is screening for alcohol problems, motivating change in drinking behavior, and identifying alcohol relapse.
 - The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has published its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Disposal of Controlled Substances. Studies show that six million Americans abuse prescription drugs and the majority of those obtain the pain pills from friends/family through raiding family medicine cabinets. The regulations continue to allow law enforcement agencies to voluntarily conduct take-back events, administer mail-back programs, maintain collection boxes, and to allow authorized retail pharmacies to maintain collection boxes at long term care facilities.

2. Executive Director update: Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, provided information regarding:
 - The Nevada State Board of Nursing 90 Year Celebration: This year represents 90 years of nursing regulation in Nevada. The Board has created a display consisting of a custom Florence Nightingale lamp, a guestbook that welcomes every nurse's signature, story, or note and a poster that reflects how far the nursing profession in Nevada has advanced in 90 years. There also will be two scheduled open houses at the end of the year allowing past Board members, executive directors, all Nevada nurses and the public to celebrate the profession and regulation of nursing. One will be in Reno on November 8, 2013, at the Tamarack Junction located at 13101 S. Virginia Street and one will be in Las Vegas on September 20, 2013, at the Tuscany Suites and Casino located at 255 East Flamingo Road. The open houses will begin at 10 a.m. All DAC members are invited and should RSVP at least one month in advance.
 - Medication aides' update: To date, three individuals have completed the requirements for certification. Questions relating to medication aides can be directed to Roseann Colosimo, Education Consultant.
3. Board Counsel Update: Fred Olmstead, General Counsel provided information on the following:
 - Legislative bills of interest effecting nursing: AB170 regarding the Advanced Practice Nurse. This bill addresses allowing APNs to practice to the full extent of their education and competence independent of a collaborating physician. SB320 addressing the diabetic care aide position in the schools.
 - The significant role of DAC and how it supports the Board's activities to continually improve the way the Board does business. This is done through the evaluation of nurses and the recommendations to the Board.
4. Presentation by Sheila Leslie, Specialty Courts Manager for the Second Judicial District Court. Ms. Leslie discussed her background and reviewed the various types of courts that she manages: Adult Drug Court, Diversion Court, Prison Re-entry Court, Mental Health Court, Felony DUI Court, Veterans Court, Family Drug Court, and Juvenile Drug Court. Ms. Leslie explained the different aspects and challenges each type of court faces. Ms. Leslie also pointed out Nevada was a leading pioneer for establishing the Adult Drug Court and that the Mental Health Court was selected as one of five national learning sites. In addition, the Family Drug Court was the first of its kind in the nation.

D. EVALUATION OF MEETING: Evaluation forms were distributed and completed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no public comments at the end of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.