

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE October 8, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, at 9:02 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
Gail Alexander, RN M. Jeanne Hesterlee, RN, COS-C
Lisa Mantkus, RN Lori Roorda, RN (via teleconference)
Judith Carrion, RN Zona Hickstein, RN
Vicky Hardaway, RN Cynthia Gorham, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Carrauthers, LPN, Board Liaison
Marti Cote, RN Gayle LaChance-Bulger, RN
Leighanne Shirey, RN Margaret Konieczny, RN
Tracey McKinney, DNP, NNP-BC, CWCN

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Patty Shutt, LPN Site Operations Supervisor
Sherri Twedt, Investigator
Lisa Murdock, Director, Gov. Affairs, American Diabetes Assn.
Noreen Dentscheff, UHC, NV
Kate Gausmann, UMC
Irma Pumphrey, CCSD

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by D. Scott at 9:02 a.m.

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the August 6, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board meeting follow up: D. Scott reported the highlights of the September 18-20, 2013 Board Meeting.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Orientation of new committee members: There were no new committee members to orient.
2. Legislative update: F. Olmstead presented the legislative update which included changes to the RN/LPN/APRN application process: a mandatory minimum data set survey is part of the renewal process, affirmations are required related to knowledge of safe injection practices and mandatory reporting, and a question about whether the individual has a business license. These questions are in response to new legislation passed during the 2013 Legislative Session. He highlighted the requirements for AB456 which speaks to healthcare providers identifying themselves and their credentials to their patients, including wearing a name tag, posting of credentials at their practice sites, and truth in advertising. On October 18, 2013, at 3pm, there will be a public workshop for nursing regulations for the implementation of AB170, a law passed regarding APRN practice in Nevada. F. Olmstead encouraged all in attendance to check the NSBN website for information on a weekly basis to keep abreast of news regarding the Board.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding the role of an RN performing organ recovery procedures: The current stance of the Board on this issue is that the position of organ recovery coordinator does not need to be a licensed professional nurse. This position was approved based on information that the committee received in 2005 related to the duties of the coordinator which included taking referrals and identifying suitable organ donors using standard medical criteria, obtaining consent, donor management, organ placement, assistance with the surgical recovery, packaging and shipment of donated human organs, and follow up with hospital staff and donor families. The practice described by Kate Gausmann, University Medical Center, includes other duties for the coordinators that may be outside the scope of an unlicensed person, ie. giving orders to nurses who are caring for the patients before and/or after implantation. The coordinators are stating that they are working from “protocols” but the nurses who are caring for the patients have not been provided the protocols. D. Scott suggested that the nurses contact their Chief Nurse for further discussion and offered to assist as needed to clarify the role of the nurses in relation to taking orders from a coordinator. She suggested that they also include the current director of the Nevada Donor Network to clarify the role of the coordinator. The committee members verbalized their opinion in support of the nurses in attendance. The nurses committed to contacting their leadership and to keep the Board updated on this issue. This item will be agendaized for the next NPAC meeting in December.
4. Review and discussion regarding proposed regulation of the State Board of Pharmacy LCB File No. R014-13: D. Scott reviewed the changes in the proposed BOP regulations.
5. Review and discussion regarding the article titled *Supreme Court Decision on Insulin Injection Shapes the State's use of the School Nurse*: D. Scott reviewed the recent California Supreme Court decision on insulin injection in public schools which gives the schools the right to allow unlicensed, but trained, school personnel to administer prescription medication to children, specifically insulin. Irma Pumphrey, CCSD School Nurse, shared her opinion that only licensed nurses should be administering insulin to children while in the school setting or during school field trips based on safety concerns. She stated that hypoglycemia is much more of an emergency than hyperglycemia and that unlicensed persons are not skilled in assessing and responding to this emergent situation. In Nevada, administration of insulin is currently not a delegable task to a qualified person. This topic will be discussed at the next NPAC meeting in December.

6. Review, discussion and action regarding the Practice Guidelines for the Telenursing Practice Decision: D. Scott reviewed the current Telenursing Practice Decision approved by the Board in May, 2002. Noreen Dentscheff, Chief Nurse for United Healthcare commented that since the Board approved the current decision, telenursing has evolved tremendously and the language in the decision is somewhat outdated. In addition, she asked what the decision requires when it states that all telenursing interactions....must be electronically recorded. The committee and the chair agreed that this does not require an actual audio recording, but the intent was that the interaction needs to be electronically documented. All also agreed that telenursing must be done by RNs rather than LPNs or Medical Assistants based on the expertise, education, and skill needed for assessment of the patient. D. Scott asked if Noreen would volunteer to suggest verbiage and content changes to the current Telenursing Practice Decision to be sent to the Board in the next 3 weeks so that the NPAC may review her suggestions at the December NPAC meeting to send to the Board for consideration at the January, 2014 Board meeting in Las Vegas. She commented that she is willing to suggest the needed changes.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: The committee recommended that the following agenda items be included on the next NPAC agenda: administration of insulin in the school setting, possible revisions to the School Nurse Practice Decision, recommended changes to the Telenursing Practice Decision, and the outcome of clarification of the role of the organ donor coordinator in relation to managing the patient in the hospital setting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – L. Murdock, Director, State Government Affairs, American Diabetes Association, thanked the Board for working closely with her organization during the 2013 Legislative Session on a bill that would have allowed unlicensed individuals to administer insulin in the school setting and expressed interest in being part of the future discussions related to this issue in Nevada. She offered to submit legislation/practice guidelines that other states have implemented to allow this practice in their respective states. D. Scott offered to send her the agenda to the next NPAC meeting so that she is aware of when the discussions will take place.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.