

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES CNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, October 17, 2013

The committee meeting was called to order on October 17, 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, MSN, Director of Operations, Chair
Rhonda Meyer, RN Elizabeth Mongeau, RN
Marie Fish-Dewitt, RN Branden Murphy, CNA
Carla Wright, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Snidow, CNA, Board Member Liaison
Teresa Stricker, LASW Barbara Cavanagh, RN
Ruby Flores, LPN

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel, NSBN
Roseann Colosimo, RN, Education Consultant, NSBN
Christie Daliposon, Management Assistant, NSBN
C. Ryan Mann, RN, BSN, Application Coordinator, NSBN
Cindy Peterson, RN, Investigator, NSBN
Patty Towler, Sr. Certification Specialist, NSBN

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. Ms. Sansom informed the committee that Barbara Cavanagh's tenure on the committee has ended and her contributions will be missed. Ms. Sansom also informed the committee that this is Elizabeth Mongeau's last meeting and she was thanked for her service to the committee.

Carla Wright has been approved by the Board as the first and only member that is conceptual to this committee due to her expertise. There was no other public comment. C. Sansom called for public comment at the end of the meeting and there was none.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the July 11, 2013 meeting were approved written.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report on the July and September 2013 Board meeting outcomes: C. Sansom reported on highlights of the board meetings. R. Colosimo informed the committee that the CNA Instructor Policy that was approved at the last committee meeting will be taken to the November 2013 Board meeting.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Program reports from Prometric: R. Colosimo presented the report, discussed the pass rates and answered member questions. It was noted that more high school students took the exams during this past quarter. Pass rates for specific programs were discussed and R. Colosimo will be monitoring the scores and collaborating with the programs directly. C. Wright requested the committee's opinion on whether or not the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) should limit and reserve spots during each testing session for applicants that need to do retakes, or keep the current practice of first come first serve basis. CSN has two test dates a month, and both of the days of testing are generally full. The committee opined that as the test site administrator, the decision to limit testing spots was at the discretion of CSN, although they did support a first come-first served process. Discussion ensued regarding students testing late in the process. P. Towler indicated the Board encourages early testing and works with the applicants to schedule testing. C. Wright and B. Mongeau also informed the committee of concerns regarding customer support from Prometric on the weekends. F. Olmstead informed the committee that if a testing company does not meet the needs of test sites in Nevada, the Board may intervene to ensure compliance with contracts or to seek other vendors. P. Towler will have the test dates from the colleges for 2014 today and will distribute them and email a copy to Prometric as usual.
- *2. Review, discussion and action regarding the 2014 calendar year committee meeting dates: The dates of January 7, April 3, July 8, and October 2, 2014 were approved.
- *3. Review and discussion regarding CNA training program applications:
 - a. R. Colosimo informed the committee that Majen Nursing Assistant Training Program, which is affiliated with St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, is applying for a training program. Their application will go to the November 2013 Board meeting. Their academic administrator is REMSA.

4. Review and discussion regarding MA-C program: The committee was informed that there are currently no updates regarding MA-C programs or facilities requesting to have these types of employees in their facilities.
5. Discussion regarding legislative and media issues: F. Olmstead presented information the regulation workshop on October 18, 2013 from 3-5 p.m. This workshop is in regards to implementation of AB170 concerning APRN regulations. Information is on our website, and the regulation hearing will be held at the January 2014 Board meeting. C. Sansom informed the committee that the Board is celebrating its 90th Anniversary at the November 8, 2013 Board meeting in Reno at the Tamarack Junction at 10:00 a.m.
6. Suggested items for future CNA agendas:
 - Prometric reports
 - Board meeting outcomes
 - Legislative and media issues
 - CNA Instructor Policy update
 - Suggested items for future CNA agendas

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.