

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING December 3, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Advisory Committee was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, at 3:10 p.m. via videoconference at the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, #300, Reno, Nevada, 89502 and the Board of Nursing, 4220 South Maryland Pkwy, #B300, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89119.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, Chair
Jay Tan, DNP, RN, APRN, Board Liaison
Paul Kapsar, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP-BC
Gregory L. Peistrup, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP-C, CFRN, CEN, EMS-RN
Mary Betita, MD, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP-BC
Richard Talusan, MSN, FNP-BC, NEA-BC (via teleconference)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cheryl Broussard, MSN, FNP-BC
Alona Dalusung-Angosta, Phd, APRN, FNP, NP-C
Matthew Khan, DNP, FNP-BC, APRN
Arthur C. Savignac, CRNA, MHS
John Phoenix, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP-C

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Olmstead, Board Counsel
Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Operations Supervisor
Gail Trujillo, Executive Assistant
Jeannette Belz, JK Belz and Associates

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by D. Scott, at 3:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- G. Peistrup asked if the Board had a policy outlining the age limit for pediatric nurse practitioners and adult nurse practitioners. Debra explained that the Board does not have a policy; however, generally speaking patients 16 years old and younger can be seen by a pediatric nurse practitioner and adult nurse practitioners may treat patients 16 years old and above. She clarified that this is generally accepted however, the APRN must examine the parameters with each patient/situation to ensure their competency.
- P. Kapsar asked D. Scott if a family nurse practitioner could have a population focus within a specific specialty. D. Scott clarified that each APRN must document his or her competency in their area of specialization within their portfolio. Documentation could include training with a physician or completing continuing education courses within their specialty.

- D. Scott informed the committee that online renewal for APRNs is not currently available.
- M. Betita informed the committee that the Philippine Nurses Association National Convention will be held in Las Vegas on June 23, 2014 through June 27, 2014.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –The minutes of the August 6, 2013 meeting will be reviewed at the next committee meeting due to lack of quorum.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report from the July 2013 Board meeting: D. Scott reported the highlights from the November 2013 Board meeting.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding the implementation of AB170: The proposed regulation changes have been returned from the Legislative Counsel Bureau and have been issued LCB File No. R114-13. D. Scott reviewed each section of the regulation and solicited comments and/or suggestions from committee members. NSBN's AB170 Implementation Working Group will meet on Friday and provide additional comment and/or suggestions regarding the proposed regulation changes. A public hearing regarding LCB File No. R114-13 will be held at the January 2014 Board meeting. The proposed regulations will then be reviewed at the Interim Legislative Committee on Healthcare and the Legislative Commission. Board staff will keep committee members informed of future meetings regarding the implementation of AB170 and encouraged everyone to attend these meetings to give testimony or comment on the proposed changes.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Orientation of new committee members: There were no new committee members to orient; however, D. Scott asked members to let her know if they had any questions or concerns related to their membership.
2. Legislative update: No business.
3. Review and discussion regarding the Federation of State Medical Boards' Model Policy for the Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Chronic Pain: D. Scott provided the committee with a copy of the FSMB Model Policy for the Use of Opioid Analgesics in the Treatment of Chronic Pain and encouraged committee members to use the controlled substances task force database to be fully informed when they are prescribing controlled substances. She further explained that providers must be responsible for their prescribing practice, including being aware if their patients that are seeing multiple providers. D. Scott also informed the committee that the NSBN and the Board of Pharmacy representative will be speaking at a NAPNA seminar to be held on February 8, 2013 at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
4. Review, discussion and action regarding rural health care access: D. Scott explained that the committee will continue to monitor rural health care access throughout its future meetings. She also commended those APRNs that are currently working in Nevada's rural areas.
5. Review and discussion regarding the proposed regulation of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners: F. Olmstead explained that he attended a public workshop regarding proposed regulation changes related to collaborative agreement requirements with APRNs. He added that the Board expressed concern that the proposed regulation changes may create an unnecessary barrier for collaboration among health care providers. His suggestions were noted and will be reviewed at the public hearing. F.

Olmstead also explained that a numeric limit for physician's assistants was also discussed at the workshop by an employer of PAs and APRNs.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: There were no suggestions for agenda items for the next meeting which is currently scheduled on February 4, 2013.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.