

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE December 10, 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 4220 S. Maryland Parkway Ste. B300, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, RN, Board Executive Director, Chair
Judith Carrion, RN Gayle LaChance-Bulger, RN
Lori Roorda, RN M. Jeanne Hesterlee, RN, COS-C
Zona Hickstein, RN Gail Alexander, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Carrauthers, LPN, Board Liaison
Vicky Hardaway, RN Cynthia Gorham, RN
Marti Cote, RN Margaret Konieczny, RN
Tracey McKinney, DNP, NNP-BC, CWCN

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Patty Shutt, LPN Site Operations Supervisor
Gail Trujillo, Executive Assistant
Cindy Peterson, Investigator
Lisa Murdock, Director, Gov. Affairs, American Diabetes Assn.
Irene Smith, American Diabetes Assn.
Lori Garcia, American Diabetes Assn.
Lynn Row, CCSD
Sheri McPartlin, CCSD
Dana Balchunas, WCSD
Adriana Cohen, LCSD
Bobbi Shanks, ECSD
Sheila Story, CCSD
Holly Pellett, MCSD
Jeannette Belz, JK Belz and Associates
Cheryl Blomstrom, NNA
Chelsea Capurro, GCG of Nevada

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

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October 8, 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.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding the administration of insulin in the school setting: D. Balchunas, WCSD, began the discussion and identified the intent of the regulation and proposed the question of how Nevada's School Nurses will work with the American Diabetes Association to ensure the health and safety of their students while delegating the administration of insulin? L. Murdock, Director, Gov. Affairs, American Diabetes Association (ADA) added that the ADA supports Nevada's School Nurses and is hoping to assist in any way possible to ensure that each school district in Nevada has a policy in place for the administration of insulin when a nurse is not available. She also explained that if proper care is being provided to the students then no change would be necessary; however, a general policy should be in place at all districts in the event that this is not the case. The committee unanimously agreed that Nevada's School Nurses should propose a general policy for all school districts to adopt and that each district would then be able to create a more detailed policy according to their district's needs. D. Balchunas agreed to work with Nevada's School Nurses and provide language for a general policy for discussion at the next NPAC meeting.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding possible revisions to the School Nurse Practice Decision: D. Scott informed the committee that a practice decision request was submitted asking, is it within the scope of practice for an RN to delegate to the nurse's aide (FASA) the responsibility of administering Solu-Cortef to a student in a life-threatening adrenal crises? The delegation would occur in a school setting to unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) to a student with adrenal insufficiency. L. Row, CNO for CCSD explained the procedure that would be followed in her district, which included enlisting the assistance of other licensed medical professionals within the community but unlicensed assistive personnel would not be able to properly assess the patient and administer Solu-Cortef; therefore, they would not delegate this procedure to UAP. The committee and School Nurses discussed other options, such as, seeking a resolution through a "504 meeting" with representatives from the school. Section 504 is a civil rights statute that requires the needs of students with disabilities to be met as adequately as the needs of the non-disabled are met. D. Scott will respond to the practice decision request and include contact information for D. Balchunas and L. Row who agreed to provide guidance to the parent and/or School Nurse.
4. Review, discussion and action regarding possible revisions to the Telenursing Practice Decision: D. Scott provided the committee with additional materials regarding telenursing. She explained that professional organizations and regulatory boards may have a different opinion on where the practice actually occurs. NSBN will not change its opinion that practice occurs where the patient is located, but will review the practice decision for its currency. The proposed revisions will be discussed at the next NPAC meeting.
5. This item was removed from the agenda.

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. She also asked that the committee members please complete their annual evaluation.
2. Legislative update: D. Scott informed the committee that NSBN's proposed regulation changes regarding APRN practice have been returned from the Legislative Counsel Bureau and have been issued LCB File No. R114-13. A public hearing regarding LCB File No. R114-13 will be held at the January 2014 Board meeting on Wednesday, January 15th beginning at 1:00 p.m. The proposed regulations will then be reviewed at the Interim Legislative Committee on Healthcare and the Legislative Commission.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: D. Scott asked committee members to send in any new agenda items for discussion prior to the next meeting.

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

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.