

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES CNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday April 3, 2014**

The committee meeting was called to order on April 3, 2014, at 9:0 a.m. by Chris Sansom, MSN, RN, Director of Operations via videoconference at the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy, Ste B300, 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                      Branden Murphy, RN  
Carla Wright, RN                      Marie Fish DeWitt, RN, BSN  
Carole Wiseman, RN

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

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

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Cathy Dinauer, RN, MSN - Associate Director for Nursing Practice, NSBN  
Roseann Colosimo, RN, Education Consultant, NSBN  
Christie Daliposon, Management Assistant, NSBN  
C. Ryan Mann, RN, BSN, Application Coordinator, NSBN  
Patty Towler, Sr. Certification Specialist, NSBN  
Jeannette Calderon, Management Assistant, NSBN  
Faye Patton, Medicine Cup

**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 and there was none. C. Sansom called for public comment at the end of the meeting; C. Sansom announced to the committee that this will be M. Fish-Dewitt's last meeting as she is retiring.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 7, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

**B. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Report on the January and March 2014 Board meeting outcomes: C. Sansom advised that J. Snidow was reappointed as the committee liaison; that B. Murphy was reappointed to the committee as a RN member and that C. Wiseman was appointed to her first term on the committee. R. Colosimo gave an update on the site surveys that were presented, all site surveys were approved; Purrfect Nursing's biannual survey was approved. C. Sansom informed the committee that TMCC is developing a new program for students who are going into the medical field by offering a 2 credit course that teaches entry level skills for the medical field. This will create openings for students in the CNA program by having an alternate path for who do not intend to become CNAs, but who need to meet requirements for entry into some of the health programs offered.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review and discussion regarding quarterly Prometric reports: The reports were reviewed and discussed. It was noted that the number of oral exam applicants was higher this time for some programs. The challenges that the students who have English as a second language face was discussed.
2. Discussion regarding the Helping Caregivers and Providers Advocate for Resident Care Conference: R. Colosimo attended this conference and provided information on what was discussed. A focus was that activities for clients and residents need to be individualized to fit their needs. Communicating with Alzheimer's patients and the appropriate way to do it was also discussed. Videos were presented on aging, the effect on ones senses and changes that occur with aging. Information was also provided on guardianships. C. Daliposon will forward the links to the videos that were presented at the conference to the committee.
3. Review and discussion regarding CNA training program applications and surveys:
  - a. International Nursing Assistant Program: An application was received in the Board office today for this training program. The application will be presented to the Board when all requirements are met.
  - b. Freeway LLC: The Board has not received an application at this time from this training program, but they have met with Board staff to discuss qualifications.
  - c. Medicine Cup: The Board has received an application as of April 2, 2014. F. Patton, the owner of Medicine Cup, presented her program to the committee. F. Patton informed the committee that Desert Rose High School is going to be their academic administrator; their lead instructor has a Ph.D. and is bilingual. Two of their instructors have taken the Train the Trainer course at CSN. They have been in Nevada since 2007 providing home based care to clients; they are certified by the state to teach medication assistants and feeding assistants. Their program will be 200 hours; 48 hours will be in a clinical lab setting and 120 hours in the

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- classroom over the course of 12 weeks. They still need to obtain a CPE license and clinical contracts. Program costs were discussed.
- d. Homestead Schools: They are a provider of continuing education and have an LPN program in California. They are interested in opening a CNA and LPN program in Nevada. No applications have been submitted at this time.
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: C. Sansom informed the committee that the APRN regulations have been codified. No other legislative or media issues.
6. Suggested items for future CNA agendas:
- Prometric reports
  - Board meeting outcomes
  - Legislative and media issues
  - Patient safety and reading comprehension challenges for Nurse Aid Training Program students
  - Suggested items for future CNA agendas

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.