

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE May 3, 2011

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Advanced Practice Advisory Committee was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, Chair, at 3:00 p.m. via videoconference at the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, #300, Reno, Nevada, 89502 and the Board of Nursing, 2500 W. Sahara, #207, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89102.

CALL TO ORDER **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, Chair
Doreen Begley, MS, RN, Board Liaison
Susan VanBeuge, DNP, APN, FWP-BC
Gregory L. Peistrup, MSN, RN, APN, FNP-C, CFRN, CEN, EMS-RN
Arthur C. Savignac, CRNA, MHS

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kate Sheppard, PhD, RN, APN-BC
David Burgio, MS, RN, APN
Joy Reineck, CNM, MS
Josh Hamilton, DNP, RN-C, FNP-C, MHNP-BC, CNE

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Operations Supervisor
Roseann Colosimo, Education Consultant
Diane McGinnis, DNP
Matthew Khan, Nevada Nurses Association
Melinda Hoskins

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by D. Scott, committee chair.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 22, 2011: D. Scott presented the draft minutes for the February meeting of the APNAC, although due to a lack of a quorum, the minutes were not approved.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report from the March 2011 Board meeting: Board staff presented this agenda item. Dr. Colosimo reported the status of several Nevada nursing programs and gave statistics on the NCLEX first time pass rates.
2. Review, discussion and action on proposed Advisory Opinion related to the use of the title "Doctor": D. Scott presented this agenda item for discussion. No Advisory Opinion has been written at this time. The committee discussed how the title "Dr." is used in various

settings for individuals other than physicians. Examples of where the title is used were in academic settings, clinical settings, and other healthcare settings. SB367, a bill currently being considered by Nevada's legislature, gives guidelines for information that must be presented to those who utilize healthcare services. The underlying premise in making decisions about using any title must be based on the assurance that the public is not confused about the person who is delivering healthcare services. Board staff will explore options in how to give guidance to nurses on how and when to use the title "Dr.". No action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.

3. Review, discussion and action regarding ultrasound guidance for regional anesthesia blocks presented by A. Savignac: A. Savignac described the discussion he had with the individual who posed the question about CRNAs utilizing ultrasound guidance for regional anesthesia blocks. He stated that the issue was truly a financial issue rather than a scope of practice issue and was based on Medicare's unwillingness to reimburse CRNAs for this procedure.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Orientation of new committee members: There were no new committee members, but D. Scott provided the orientation materials to some of the committee attendees.
2. Legislative update: S. VanBeuge gave an update on SB205, the bill currently in the legislative process which would require national certification for APNs in Nevada. Nevada is one of only 4 states which do not require national certification at this time. F. Olmstead, NSBN General Counsel, updated the committee on several bills including SB467, an Open Meeting Law bill, SB 411, a bill which would provide for the NSBN to regulate Medication Aides-Certified, SB419, a bill that requires health care providers to be informed about safe injection practices, and SB367 related to healthcare professionals providing accurate information about their credentials.
3. Discussion of the document, Clarification of Certification of Nurse Midwives: M. Hoskins provided testimony to the committee about the upcoming requirements being initiated by the American Midwifery Certification Board as described in a memo received by the Board. Effective January 1, 2011, all certificates awarded by the AMCB as "life-time" certificates will be transitioned to time-limited certificates, with a recertification cycle of 5 years. She described the history of the AMCB in its transition from the ACNM and ACC and provided insight into why the AMCB has changed its certification requirements. The committee discussed the issue and related the change to the reassuring the public of the continued competence of advanced practitioners of nursing.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

The items recommended for the next agenda include:

- Planning for an issue of the NSBN News to be focused on APNs
- Nurses utilizing the title "Dr."
- Legislative update

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.