



**MINUTES OF THE
ADVANCED PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

August 16th, 2005

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Advanced Practice Advisory Committee was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, APN, Executive Director, at 2:10 p.m., via videoconference at the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Ste. 201, Reno, Nevada, 89502, and the Board of Nursing, 2500 W. Sahara, #207, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MS, RN, APN, Committee Chair
Tricia Brown, MSN, RN, APN
Martha Drohobyczer, MSN, RN, APN, CNM
Jeannette A. DiChiro, MSN, RN, APN
George H. Cox, MS, RN, CRNA
Phyllis Suiter, MA, RN, APN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Amy E. Booth, MSN, RN, APN
Richard Null, MSN, RN, APN
David Burgio, MS, RN, APN, Board Member Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel, NSBN
Donna Cowling, Education Consultant, NSBN
Robert Buck, Application Coordinator, NSBN
Jaemee Wenthe, Student Nurse, NSC
Nicole Evans, Student Nurse, NSC

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: M. Drohobyczer offered the question of what Board regulates the APN's authority to prescribe. Both the Board of Nursing and Board of Pharmacy have jurisdiction over the APN's prescribing privileges.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES— May 24, 2004: The minutes were approved as written. The attachments to the minutes were revised and will be discussed at the next Advanced Practice Advisory Committee meeting.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review, discussion and action regarding APN instructor hours: meeting the hourly requirements for renewal of APN certification: R. Buck presented the agenda item and the committee discussed the information. The committee requested that Board staff do more research and bring this agenda item back for the next committee meeting in November, 2005.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding the differences in the APN regulations concerning the hour requirements for continuous practice, renewal and prescribing privileges (NAC 632. 257, 260 and 291): R. Buck introduced this agenda item stating that items B.1.and 2. were brought before the committee because board staff had identified possible inconsistencies in how the law addresses requirements for nurses who are renewing their certificates in Nevada, the requirements for nurses who are endorsing into Nevada, and the requirements for nurses educated for APN certification and practice in Nevada. The committee had the resulting concerns: 1) The lack of an adequate definition of “active practice”, 2) The lack of the requirement for all APNs to be nationally certified in their role, and 3) The lack of consistency in requirements for practice across the United States. D. Scott summarized the discussion by stating that the committee had identified some concerns that may need further research for the committee to come to a consensus on its recommendation for concept and wording for regulation change in the future. This agenda item will be brought back to the next committee meeting with further information.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting. The committee members identified the need to discuss the previous old business agenda items as identified above at the next meeting, the CRNA regulations, and the remainder of the previously discussed regulations regarding advanced practice which are currently under revision.

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